

Clore Tikva Newsletter From the Head teacher

Friday 8 January 2010

Wishing all pupils, parents, staff and governors a very happy, healthy and successful 2010!

I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday with your family and enjoyed your new year celebrations.

It was very special to celebrate Chanukah at school this year and I know the children gained so much from the communal candle lighting. Lighting the Chanukiah is all about Jewish education and reminding the children that the candle lighting is part of their heritage, which they will share with future generations.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the doughnuts, which were so generously donated by the PSA. My thanks go to the PSA for their kindness and all the efforts they put into making our school so successful.

Our term ended rather abruptly due to the very poor weather, but our text system of communication worked very well. (Please make sure the school office have your most up to date mobile phone number.)

I hope the weather did not cause you too much stress and everyone was able to get home safely if not speedily on what was the last day of term.

Please can I remind those parents who have not returned their Speedmark sponsorship money to school by Monday 11 January. Once all monies are collected we will be able to distribute the stickers and prizes to pupils.

The Spring Term is always an exciting one as it is often where we see our pupils make the most progress.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term, and being able to share celebrations for Tu Bishvat, Purim and Pesach.

PSA Kabalat Shabbat – Wings of Hope For Key Stage Two parents

Hopefully parents in Key Stage Two will have received an invitation to attend a special Kabalat Shabbat assembly on Friday 22 January.

The morning will begin with our normal Kabalat Shabbat ceremony followed by refreshments in the Music and Drama Room.

The refreshments will be hosted by boys from Ilford County High School and our School Council.

All proceeds will go to the Wings of Hope, which is a small, proactive charity working to provide free education for children living in poverty, orphaned or separated from their families. The support is currently for educational projects in India and Malawi.

The Wings of Hope also offers an Achievement Award scheme for the students at ICBS.

It is planned to be a very special morning enabling parents to socialise through the PSA, attend the spiritual ceremony of Kabalat Shabbat and complete the mitzvah of Tzedaka.

Years 3 & 4. 10.45

Years 5 & 6. 9.00.

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Quantam Theatre Performance By Miss Yvonne Shatter

Towards the end of last term our children enjoyed consolidating and revising their science learning about light and dark, through the Quantam Theatre's spectacular performance of "The lights and sounds of Tinsel town", sponsored by parental contributions which were very much appreciated. The children followed the adventures of Betty Beam and Cosmo Lens as they discovered the bright lights and dark days on their way to seeing their names in lights in Tinsel Town.

Through the Key Stage One performance, the children learned that light comes from different sources and that darkness is caused by the absence of light. The children learned that there are many kinds of sounds and explored how they travel and are heard. The children learned how a rainbow is formed and how shadows are made.

In addition, through the Key Stage Two performance, the children also learned that light travels in straight lines, that some materials reflect light better than others, looked at how the eye works and explored pitch.

It was a very successful morning where the children were involved in learning scientific knowledge through drama.



Dates for the Diary

Spring Term 2010

4 Jan	School closed
5 Jan	Term starts
22 Jan	Invitation for KS2 parents to Charity PSA Kabalat Shabbat Years 5 & 6 9.00.a.m Years 3 & 4 10.45.a.m.
28 Jan	3.15.PSA Tree planting ceremony
29 Jan	Tu Bishvat celebrations
1 Feb	Arts week
3 Feb	Family Day
3 Feb	Drugs Education evening for KS2 parents
9 Feb	Art Gallery for parents
10 Feb	Book Look
11 Feb	Year 4 Purim performance for parents
22 Feb	Parent Consultation Day
26 Feb	Purim celebrations in school
9 March	Sex education evening for KS2 parents – Curriculum & Policy
16 March	9.30. Reception & Year 1 Seder
17 March	Nursery Sederim
18 March	9.30. Year 2 Seder
19 March	9.30 Year 3 Seder
22 March	9.30 Year 4 Seder
23 March	9.30 Year 5 Seder
24 March	9.30 Year 6 Seder
25 March	End of term – school closes at 2.00. (Please note as part of our Ten Year Celebrations one parent per pupil will be invited to share in our Sederim)

Important DATE!

CLORE TIKVA TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Sunday 14 March	Alumni Purim Disco for ex-pupils
March 2010	Ladies Quiz Night
March 2010	Choir/Music afternoon
April 2010	Pesach model Seders one parent from each family to be invited
April 2010	Treasure Hunt
May 2010	Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebrations
May 2010	Are you smarter than a ten year old?
June 27 2010	Variety afternoon at Kenneth Moore Theatre
June 2010	Summer Fete
September 2010	Golf Day

NEW LOGO

First let me begin, my thanking parents for their patience and understanding in the delay in confirming the new logo.

As you know important decisions take time and consultation with the full governing body took place at the end of last term.

It was decided to maintain the new logo. However, we are very aware that the main concern was the prominence of the Star of David. Therefore, the decision has been made to colour the star on the school uniform, so that it is camouflaged into the green.

We have asked the uniform company to produce two sample shirts with the logo so parents can view them. These are shown on the display board by the playground door, for parents to select their preference.

Please let the school office know either by e-mail or a note indicating whether you prefer type A or type B.

We have photographed the shirts for your convenience, as well as the book bag, as some parents do not bring their children to school.



Proud of our school!

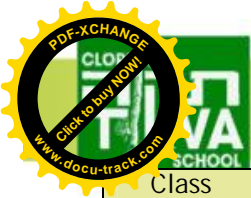
As a head teacher it is very easy to become involved in the day to management of the school and forget the big picture, so it gave me great pleasure on the last Monday of term to attend the King Solomon High School Prize Day.

It was wonderful to watch ex pupils receive prizes for both academic and sporting achievements, as well as hearing the beautiful voices of several ex-pupils including Alex Rose, Hannah Weigler and Hannah Lawrence.

To become involved in the development of past pupils, gives us great pride, watching them develop from children into successful young adults.

I was fortunate enough to read the study passage of past pupil, Hannah Lewis, on the occasion of her Batmitzvah. With the permission from her mother and great pride, I would like to share a paragraph with you. "I really started to learn and be interested in Judaism when I started Clore Tikva primary school. Doing Jewish Studies and celebrating the festivals made me think about how much I really enjoy being Jewish. The atmosphere at Clore Tikva, and the teachers who inspired me, really have made me who I am today, and made being Jewish very special to me. Now that I am continuing at King Solomon, I am sure that my love for being Jewish will continue."

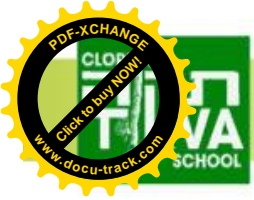
On the first Shabbat of the year I was fortunate enough to attend the Barmitzvah of Alfie and Aaron Rosen. They were so proud to stand on the Bimah and read their Torah portion with confidence and clarity. We wish Lisa Rosen and her family a hearty Mazeltov and hope the new year will continue to be filled with joyful celebrations.



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Class	Golden Awards							
Alon	Ben White	For playing kindly with his friends	Chama Anklam	For trying hard to count carefully	Amy Van Ballegooyen	For singing a lovely song in class	Carlotta Rosmarin	For thinking carefully about the sounds that letters make
Eshel	Jessica Bakhsh	For being a sensible talk partner	Joshua Essl	For excellent word blending	Jenna Cohen	For linking sounds to letters	Mathilda Steen	For having a good understanding of shorter and longer than
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Tamar	Katie Bennett	For trying hard in handwriting	Nathan Dalton	For excellent progress in reading				
Hadas	Kai Clayton	For working hard to add detail to his writing	Aaron Brooks	For trying hard in all areas of the curriculum	Harrison Lewis	For working hard to add detail to his writing	Isabella Levy	For great effort in all subjects
Erez	Zach Burke	For working hard on his vehicle	Mia Hooper	For always being enthusiastic about everything	Ava Frenkel	For working slowly and carefully	Ben Lewis	For a big improvement in his handwriting
Zayit	Daniel Clayman	For an excellent broadcast about birds	Ashley Zelman	For an impressive speech about his part in the Chanukah play	Ethan Levenson	For demonstrating excellent Numeracy skills at all times	Zainab Ahmed	For a big improvement in her writing this term
Dekel	To the whole class	For a wonderful Chanukah concert	Jake Jeakins	For showing determination to understand & complete tasks.	Daniel Zelman	For showing a good understanding of decimals with measurement		
Brosh	Jamie Pannick	For working hard in all areas of the curriculum	Simone Silver	For an excellent piece of artwork	Hannah Kieve	For a wonderful poem		
Livneh	Sasha Harris	For trying hard in all areas of the curriculum	Jamie Liddle	For a brilliant speech on whether sugar is bad for us?				
Aravah	Angela Ahmetaj	For an excellent effort in numeracy	Leah Redmond	For outstanding work in literacy on persuasive language	Nicole Zeffie	For an outstanding improvement in her reading & spelling	Ben Oldstein	For outstanding work in literacy on persuasive writing
Shkediya								
Ashuach	Ella Levene	For being a helpful member of class	Scott Webster	For making an effort to concentrate harder in class				
Charuv								



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