



Clore Columns

Attendance: 95% Our Target Attendance: 97%
 Punctuality: 99% Our Target Punctuality: 99%
 Class punctuality prize: Year 2

Dear Parents,

We've had a wonderful week in school as we wind down to the end of term. The highlight was of course our family Sedarim, and I would like to thank Mrs Goldsmith, Mrs Athersych, and of course Rabbi DY and Rabbi Tanya for organising such special events. I was so sorry to miss them. I spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the PAJES Headteacher conference. We did a lot of work around the continuing threat of antisemitism and the vital work of Jewish schools in inspiring our children to develop a strong and vibrant Jewish identity.

We are so sad to say goodbye to Mrs Athersych after six eventful years at Clore Shalom. Thank you for the care and love you have given our children and the inspirational teaching that has seen so many Clore children depart with confidence into secondary school. We will miss you and look forward to meeting the new addition to the family in the summer.

As well as saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Athersych we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Weir at the end of term. The job of school administrator is absolutely key not just to the smooth running of our school, but as the first point of contact into school for our parents, children and visitors. Mrs Weir exemplifies everything that is wonderful about Clore – her care for our children, her warmth, empathy, sense of humour and willingness to go the extra mile for everyone in our community has made her the heart of Clore. We will miss her so much, but of course will still be driving her mad on a regular basis – don't worry Mrs Weir you haven't got rid of us! I would like to thank her on behalf of the entire school community for everything she has done for us over the years and extend a personal heartfelt thanks for her support for me while I found my way around Clore (literally and metaphorically!) in my first months as Head.

Digital Devices

A reminder that children should not be accessing digital devices during school times. If a child needs a phone for safe walking to and from school it must be handed in to the front office where we will keep it safe. Basic smart watches are allowed in school, but watches that can take/make phone calls are strictly prohibited and will be removed until the end of the day if we find them in school.

A new school library

I am thrilled to let parents know that thanks to the hard work and generosity of our PTA, we will be re-locating our present library and greatly extending it. The new library will be housed in the old Year 1 classroom and we hope to extend our collection of books and open the library up to all our families and the wider community. The work will take place at the beginning of May. Please can children return any school library books that they have at home. Our library will be out of action for a while as we are re-cataloguing our books. You may need to visit your local library or book shop if your child is looking for books. Phonic readers will be sent home from Reception, Year 1 and 2 as usual.

Year 5

We are so excited as we continue to plan for our Haderech residential retreat in June. As soon as we have a detailed schedule we will send this to parents. Thank you also to all the Year 5 children who have applied to become a Diana Anti-Bullying ambassador. I have a lot of applications to read through, and will carry out interviews on Monday, letting children know who will be attending the training on Tuesday.

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Cole, Mia R, Rose, Blake, Jackson, Max, Luca, Albie, Isabella (year 4), Jessica, Jakey, Rafi W and Reece

If you would like to see what we have been talking about in assembly this week, please look [here](#).

I wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing Pesach and look forward to seeing you all refreshed and revitalised after the break.

Mrs Gemma Blaker

Passover Seder Gallery



Celebration Tea

- Reception: Sienna R
- Year 1: Zachary C
- Year 2: Frankie
- Year 3: Max G
- Year 4: Skyla
- Year 5: Jemma
- Year 6: Oren

Happy Birthday

- Johnny - age 9
- Daniel - age 9
- Anabelle W - age 8
- Noah - age 8
- Annabelle W - age 8

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Class Reminders

Reception:

Reception will be joining the whole school Kabbalat Shabbat service on a Friday from the summer term. Parents are welcome to attend on the Fridays listed in the parent dates for your diary document which will be sent home in due course.

Year 1:

*Please can you check if you have any library books at home and return them to school.

*The children will receive their lines for Chagigat Ha'siddur (Thursday 9th May). Please can you help them to practise and memorise their line/lines.

Year 3:

Just a reminder that swimming will start again in the new term, please send your child to school with swimwear (girls must wear a one piece swimming costume), swimming hat, towel and goggles (optional) in a named waterproof bag. Swim wear can be worn under school uniform. Children with long hair must wear a swimming hat.

Year 5:

We are busy planning our Haderech Retreat to Phasells Wood which promises to be a really special event. We will be carrying out fun activities and really considering our move to Year 6 in September through the lens of Jewish leadership. We will give parents a detailed schedule as soon as we have it.

Year 6:

On Wednesday 1st May, we will be investigating our heart rate during exercise. We can come into school in their PE kits and with a watch with a heart rate monitor.

MRS BLAKER'S BOOK CLUB

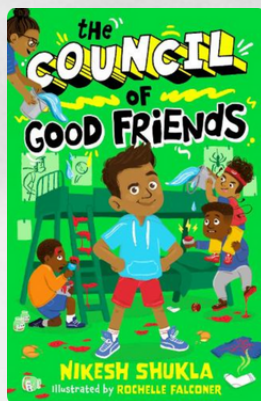
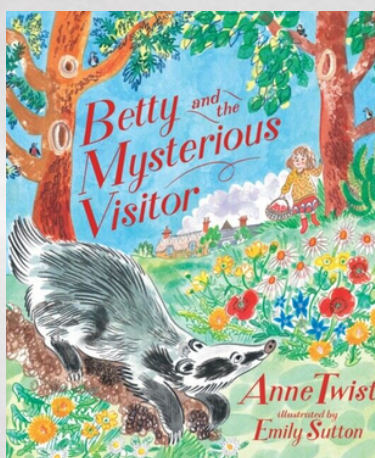
Mrs Blaker's Book Club

If your child has read the book club choice this half term, our meetings will be:

Reception and Year 1: in class

Years 2-4: Monday 15th at 12.15

Years 5 and 6: Monday 15th at 1 – children attending will go to the front of the lunch queue





What we are learning this week

Reception:

What a fabulous week we have had learning about Pesach. A highlight was learning about the 10 Plagues and the children made their own finger puppets and labelled them. In maths we were learning about composing and decomposing numbers. Another highlight was our matzah hunt, children worked in groups to read their clues to find the matzah. In phonics we continue reviewing sounds and learning new sounds we also enjoy practising our handwriting using *letterjoin*.

It has been amazing to see the children learn and grow. We are wishing you a fab break and make sure your children relax for another busy term! Next term we are learning about minibeasts and we are very excited.

Year 1:

English – This week we have been practicing how to write a simple sentence and how to spell the days of the week. We also unscramble scrambled sentences to develop our problem-solving skills, alongside reading and comprehension.

Maths – This week we recapped number bonds to 10, addition and subtractions within 20, measurements and number formation.

Religious Education (Christianity)- We have been learning about why and how Christians celebrate Easter. We also discussed similarities and differences between Easter and Pesach (Passover). We decorated eggs and went on an egg hunt.

During Spring term, the children learnt so much and showed significant progress with their learning. We are very proud of them all. Wishing you all a wonderful and restful break. Mrs Jacobs and Mrs Khan.

Year 2:

This week in Maths we have been recapping division and looking at the methods of grouping and sharing.

In English, the children have been planning their own explanation texts. They have been working on including imperative verbs and sequence adverbs in their writing.

In Science, we recorded the findings of our experiment investigating what plants need to grow and stay healthy. The children looked at the broad bean plants we planted three weeks ago and they found that the plant that had water, soil, light and the right temperature was the only one that grew into a healthy plant.

In Music, we focused on changing the timbre and dynamics of our voices and instruments to create emotion. The children composed their own pieces of music that used different timbres and dynamics and then performed them for the class.

Year 3:

This week in Maths, Year 3 have been learning about comparing and ordering non-unit fractions.

This week in English, Year 3 have been learning about adventure stories and used drama to gain a better understanding of the structure of the story.

Year 4:

Year 4 have had a very creative week! We designed car bodies for our Slingshot cars in DT and created our own hieroglyphics for a History project.

We have also been writing our narrative stories about 'The True Story of the Gigantic Mischievous Wolf and the Three Little Pigs'. In Maths we have finished our Fractions unit and have begun work on Decimals.

Year 5:

This week in Year 5 we finished wrote excellent mystery stories! Afterwards, we edited and typed them up after making changes to our stories. Previously in D.T we designed our pop-up books for reception, this week we have been making our pop-up books using our designs to help us. Finally, in Maths we started learning about perimeter and area!

Thank you to all the children in year 5 who have applied for this training opportunity. I will be interviewing all children who applied on Monday, and we will let parents know who will be coming on the course as soon as we come back from the holidays.

Year 6:

This week, we have started our revision lessons in English, maths and reading. During History, we have been learning about the Blitz, and the impact World War II had on women's lives. In PSHE, we were reading and discussing the story 'No Outsiders' by Nicola Davies. In science, we learnt how nutrients and water are transported within the body.

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This week in Ivrit

Year 1:

We have learnt the letter Shin ש. We also learnt Pesach songs and the meaning of the word Dayenu'

Year 2:

We learnt about the Pesach festival. We created Pesach seder plates and learnt about each item on the plate. We matched the picture with the word in Ivrit, then stuck it on the plate. The children enjoyed singing the Pesach songs 'Ma Nishtana' and 'Dayenu'.

Year 3:

We learnt about the Pesach festival. We created Pesach seder plates and learnt about each item on the plate. We matched the picture with the word in Ivrit, then wrote it on the plate. The children enjoyed singing the Pesach songs 'Ma Nishtana' and 'Dayenu'.

Year 4:

We played bingo with Pesach vocabulary in Ivrit. The children chose nine words relating to Pesach and wrote them on the bingo sheet. We also wrote notes for the Kotel that our shinshinit Mika will take with her to put in the kotel when she goes to Israel this week.

This week in Jewish Studies

Year 1:

We reviewed the story of Moses while answering true false statements and talked about the order of the Seder.

Year 2:

We arranged the sequence of the Passover story using cards and played heads up where we guessed the Passover related words and objects by given clues.

Year 3:

We discussed what goes on the Passover plate and made the food using play dough.

Year 4:

We looked for hidden Afikomans with some Passover related challenges.

Year 5:

Shared their creative Passover board games with Y2 and reception which was lots of fun.

Year 6:

We read the chapter in the Bible about crossing the Red Sea and designed a Passover game to play with Y1 buddies.