

Dear Parents

We had a wonderful visit to Young Voices at Wembley Arena on Monday. Our children made us so proud with their fantastic spirit and participation. A big thank you to all the teachers who made it possible for us to leave school, to Mrs Bean, Mrs Scott and Mrs Lax who came with and of course to our amazing Mrs Levinson who taught our Young Voices choir the songs so beautifully. It was an inspirational and energetic evening with all of us out way past our bedtimes! Thank you to all parents who supported this very special experience and we look forward to returning in 2026!

Thank you so much to Rabbi Debbie, Rabbi Tanya and Rabbi DY for visiting us on Tu B'shvat and making this such a meaningful festival for us, and to all our families for providing fruit.

Shabbat Shalom and have a good weekend to all our families. Have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing everyone back in school next Monday.

OPAL update: Our new outdoor games toys were a big hit this week. We now have all the donations that we need for the moment, except for **cushions** which would be greatly appreciated if any parents have spare.

Punctuality Prize: Year 1 (for those who monitor the punctuality prize, and we do take these things very seriously I did not include the statistics of the day after Young Voices!)

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Camden for an AMAZING story! If you would like to see what we've been discussing in assembly, please click <u>here</u>.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Friday 14th February: Last Friday half day Monday 17th February: Half Term Thursday 6th March: World Book Day Friday 14th March: Purim Thursday 20th March: Parents Evening Wednesday 26th March: Parents Evening Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April: Seder (information to follow) Thursday 10th April: End of term and enrichment day (half day)

Sponsoring Kabbalat Shabbat

Thank you so much to all parents who kindly sponsor Kabbalat Shabbat. <u>If you send us this</u> donation on Arbor, please email admin to let them know, otherwise we do not realise it has been paid and we do not prepare a certiciate. Thank you so much.

Pencil cases

Your child will be sent home with their pencil case this half term. Please ensure that they are topped up with pencils, pens, rubbers and glue as needed and send them back on Monday 24th February.

World Book Day at Clore Shalom Thursday 6th March

You don't need me to tell you about the importance of books and reading. This year will be choosing one author and doing a whole school deep-dive on some classic books. We are asking all children to come to school dressed as a word. This does not require fancy dress. Children should choose a special outfit or accessory to wear and pick a word to pin/stick on themselves that describes it. For example – a sparkly top might be the word 'glittery' or 'shimmery'. A green scarf might be the word 'emerald', army style trousers might be the word 'military'. Think of the best word you can and get creative! Here are some ideas from the internet.



If your child has PE on that day, Mr Lopez is happy for them to wear their own clothes as long as they are able to participate easily in PE activities.

Upcoming Parent Event: Childhood Unplugged: The Power of Play, Presence and Community

I am so happy to welcome Eliza Kriegman into school for a parent event at 7.30 on Tuesday 29th April.

As we focus on improving the quality of play and ensuring our children are safe online, Eliza will talk to us about ensuring our children have quality, screen free play. I look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible to this important event.

Mrs Blaker's BOOK CLUB

Reception and Year 1

BUGS

Bothered by Bugs by Emily Gravett

Pete the Badger is trying to get on with his cooking, but there are bugs everywhere! Join Pete and his friends as they try to get rid of them. But with the bugs gone, the forest seems very different... Year 2-Year 4

Huxley and Flapjack: Race to the Rescue by Alan Macdonald and Francesca Gambatesa

Huxley and his best friend Flapjack battle to unmask the robber who is targeting the poshest store in town. But what happens when the two best friends get suspected of stealing themselves? Will they be able to prove their innocence?

(This is an easier read – confident Year 4s should read the Year 5/6 book)

Book Reviews

BETH LINCOLN MEDICAL STREETS MUSSIFIER MUSSIFI

Year 5 & Year 6

The Swifts by Beth Lincoln

Meet the Swift family – a magical, chaotic family united by their love of words and also their desire to find the ancient treasure buried by their ancestor that might just get their family out of financial danger. But as the family gather to solve the mystery of the treasure, someone is willing to do anything – even murder – to get their hands on the gold!

Isaac - How to be a Mensch by A. Monster Lola - Pugicorn and Hugicorn by Matilda Rose Sasha - Looshkin the maddest cat in the world! Samuel - Ted and his time travelling toilet by Steven Vinacour Sophia - George's Marvellous medicine by Roald Dahl



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