

Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents,

We had another great week in Year 2! The children participated in an exciting and interactive workshop about how we can look after our environment. This week's assembly also focused on our environment and how we can reduce, reuse and recycle waste. Congratulations to Harry for being our class winner for the story telling competition. Well done also to Saskia, Brody, Jaxson and Jake for being our runners up!

English:

We retold the story of Lila and the Secret of the Rain from Lila's point of view. The children worked really hard to sequence the story and to build suspense in their writing. We are so proud of every child's work. Everyone's writing reads so well! We have also been creating collages to compare Kenya, Antarctica and England. The children have really enjoyed sharing their facts and pictures with their friends.

Maths:

We learnt how to tell the time this week. We practised telling the time using little clocks and we understand what the different hands represent. Some of us were able to read a clock in 5 minutes intervals and even solve problems involving money!

Topic:

In Science, we loved looking at photos of ourselves from when we were babies. We discussed how we have changed since we were babies and thought about how we would continue to change once we become adults.

Jewish Studies

In our Jewish studies lessons this week we spoke about The Everlasting Light, which hangs above the Aron Kodesh in the Bet Knesset. This reminds us of the middle light of the Menorah in the Mishkan. The Kohanim, Leviim and Yisraelim have different responsibilities for the Mishkan. (tabernacle) The Kohen Gadol's responsibility is to care for the lighting of the Menorah. Nowadays the Kohanim, Leviim and Yisraelim also have different responsibilities in the Bet Knesset. They all have different aliyot in the Bet Knesset, the Kohanim bless the community and the Leviim wash the hands of the Kohanim.

Ivrit

Year 2 has learnt to ask and answer the question **אֵיפֹה?** (Eifo? – where?) and **הִנֵּה** (Hine – here). The class is learning the song **שְׁלִי אֱלֹהִים** (Elohim sheli – my God) which you can find here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=534t0Ny5iIA>

Reminders:

Please can you collect empty rolls from foil and cling film to use for a craft in school after half term. Thank you.

Our week's attendance was 97.78%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%

Please continue to read with the children and hear them read regularly.

Please use Mathletics to consolidate maths skills learnt in school.

Don't forget to visit the school website photo gallery, where you can see what the children have been doing and learning.

Barnet have asked all parents to be reminded about children travelling to and from school safely. Please remind your children of the 'stranger danger' rules and to tell a trusted adult if they do not feel safe.

Your turn! Please come to our **Parents' E-Safety evening** on Thursday 7th March! Book your place at the school office and pop it in your diary.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for our pupils in Year 2 upwards over the last two years. We are now delighted to announce that we have purchased a subscription to the Time Tables Rock Stars App. This will enable the children to access the resource with ease. If you would like to download the app for free, for use at

home with your child's login details (found in their home-school liaison book / diary), please look for the icon below:



Wishing you all a fantastic half term and Shabbat Shalom,

The Year Two Team