

Dear Parents,

Wow, yet another busy week in Reception.

This week we have been talking about what the children want to be when they grow up. Lots of children wanted to be superheroes, others wanted to be footballers and teachers. The children drew a picture of what they wanted to be and wrote a sentence starting with 'I want to be ...' After this activity, as a class we discussed what the children had to do to achieve their goal, for example, "To be a teacher you have to learn lots and go to university".

The Reception teachers have been wowed by the children's maths skills this week! They learn to count in twos last week, and for an additional challenge they were taught how to count in tens this week! We started by reading the book 'One is a snail, ten is a crab', and talked about odd and even numbers. In the book they count in tens, the children loved counting in tens using their fingers all the way up to 100!! They then applied their new knowledge in to a fun Numicon activity, where they made number lines of ten pieces and wrote their own number line to 100 (or as far as they could go in tens).

We made our graggers for Purim (we hope you enjoyed them) the children loved shaking their graggers to hear if they could make a really loud sound - you will be pleased to know they could! We played a fantastic listening game, can you guess the instrument that was being played? The children were so quiet and they knew all the instruments, what a clever bunch! We made hamantaschen, mishloach manot which we gave to a friend (we drew lots, just like in the Purim story) and we of course had the best fun on Thursday with the Purim party in school. So with all that fun I am afraid we haven't had time to learn the letter of the week, apologies but a new letter will be taught next week and the worksheets will be sent home.

The children made their own Purim feasts by cutting out and drawing healthy and unhealthy foods to go on their Purim plates. The children also created their own Purim puppets, which they designed, cut out and stuck to lolly sticks and cardboard tubes. Reception are such a creative class! A few children asked to decorate the carpet area as a Purim palace, and acted out the story for the rest of the class. This then got the other children involved and soon the whole class were being the different characters from the story. We talked about how the different characters in the story might have been feeling, the children wrote 'I think that..... is feeling

This week Reception carried on learning to say words for Purim such as: לֵיטָזַן (Leitzan – clown, masculine), תֵּלִיצָנִי (Leitzanit – clown, feminine) מֶלֶךְ (Melech – king), הַמֶּלֶכֶת (Malka – queen) and מְפֻרֵּי שְׂחֻמֶּה (Purim sameach – happy Purim) and use them in sentences. The class learnt the song לֵיטָזַן קָטָן נֶחְמָד (Leitzan katan nechmad – nice little clown) which you can find on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4utHy2NMK0>

Our week's attendance was 97.23%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom
Reception Team

