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Dear Parents,

### **Science**

This week, the children had an amazing opportunity to meet a NASA Flight Controller visiting from Houston. He talked to the children about his work at NASA and some of NASA's initiatives. He also brought with him samples of the food that astronauts eat in space! The children, as you can imagine, were fascinated and asked many interesting questions. There was also some discussion about career pathways to becoming an astronaut!

### **English**

We continued our class book this week, the Ice Palace by Robert Swindells. We have been doing some comprehension work involving close examination of the language used in the text. The children have been trying to understand the meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases from the context. They have also been thinking about reasons for the author's choice of language for effect.

### **Math**

In Maths this week, Year 4 have continued the topic of fractions and should be ready next half term to look at decimal fractions.

### **Jewish Studies**

This has been a very short week for Jewish Studies but we still managed to learn quite a bit about Lag BaOmer, with the children writing news reports, imagining they lived in the times of Rabbi Akiva and Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai and explaining why Lag Baomer was such an important day. The parasha this week is Behar and our middah focus is on helping others without thinking what we might get out of it for ourselves.

### **Ivrit**

Year 4 carried on their end of topic assessment task about food and drinks. They were assessed on all the words they learnt throughout this topic and how they create sentences with them. The words relevant to the assessment are: תפוז (Tapuz – orange) ביצה (Beitza – egg) ברוקולי (Broccoli) פיצצה (Pizza) לימון (Limon – lemon) תה (Te – tea) פסטה (Pasta) חומוס (Humous) פיתה (Pitta) בננה (Banana) שוקולד (Shokolad – chocolate) פלאפל (Falafel) מלפפון (Melafefon – cucumber) חלב (Chalav – milk) גבינה (Gvina – cheese) לחם (Lechem – bread) עגבניה (Agvania – tomato).

## **Music**

Year 4 also made a trip to Goldbeaters Primary School to take part in a rehearsal for the Barnet Music Festival. The rehearsal gave the children a chance to practise the songs with a number of the other schools and also gave them a taster of what to expect on the night.

## **Reminders**

- The attendance this week was 97.32%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.
- Please ensure that your child brings in his or her PE kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please also make a note in the green home liaison book if your child is unable to take part in PE for some reason.
- Library books can be changed each week during our library session on Monday. Please remind your child to bring in his or her library book.
- Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills.
- Please be reminded there are lots of photos on 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.
- 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:



Shabbat Shalom,  
The Year 4 Team