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Dear Parents,

Topic

A new half term and a new topic. In these final few weeks of the year, the children will be exploring the theme 'Shaping Up'. We will be thinking about ways to look after our health from various perspectives, including physical exercise and having a balanced diet. We have made a start this week with a project to research the sports clubs and leisure centres in the local vicinity and finding out about their facilities.

English

We have nearly completed reading our class book, Ice Palace by Robert Swindells. Just before we finish, the children are writing their own endings to the book. It will be interesting to see who gets closest to the real ending. More importantly, this is an opportunity for the children to bring together many of the components of writing that we have considered over the course of the year, including spellings, punctuation, paragraphs, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and sentence structure. Once completed, the children will have time to up-level their work with reference to this range of success criteria.

Maths

In Maths this week, Year 4 have finished the topic of fractions and started looking at numbers written to two decimal places.

Jewish Studies

This week we prepared for Shavuot by learning about the story of Ruth and how she was a really inspiring person who chose a very difficult life as she cared so much about her mother-in-law, Naomi. Ruth was rewarded by Hashem by becoming the great-grandmother of King David. We also made cheesecake with the children independently following a recipe which they all enjoyed. We started to work on a new way of reading Hebrew, with me working with a smaller group to support children to read with meaning. As we roll this out, the aim is for children to read a book at school first and to then work on their fluency at home. This should make Hebrew reading more enjoyable and meaningful for all.

Ivrit

Year 4 continued 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) חמוץ (Humous) פתה (Pitta) בננה (Banana) שוקולד (Shokolad – chocolate) פלאפל (Falafel) חלב (Chalav – milk) גבינה (Gvina – cheese) לחם (Lechem – bread) עגבניה (Agvania – tomato) מלפפון (Melafefon – cucumber).

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 96.07%. 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