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Dear Parents,

It has been a short week with the General Election intervening. However, preparations for Chanukah are well underway. The children have been making clay chanukiot based on their own designs, but adhering to the requirements for a kosher chanukiah. They will be taking their chanukiot home before the end of term.

Following Etz Chaim's lovely tradition, we have also been decorating the class door for Chanukah and we hope to do well in the school competition for the most impressive class door display!

English

We have been learning about the features of play scripts and the children have been writing their own scenes for a short play based on our class book. They have understood how to write the dialogue and the stage directions. Some of the children have included a narrator in their scenes. We're hoping that there will be time to select a cast for some of these short plays and to see them performed.

Maths

This week, the class started the topic of symmetry. We have been identifying lines of symmetry in a variety of images including flags. It was interesting to see whether there were any lines of symmetry in the Union Jack. Many thought at first that there were some lines of symmetry, but it seems not on closer inspection. Next week, we will progress to completing an image around a given line of symmetry.

Jewish Studies

We have been making our clay chanukiot ready to paint for next week. We have also been learning some Chanukah songs and have been reviewing our gematria knowledge by playing with dreidels. We have learnt about the two miracles of Chanukah and why we eat oily foods.

Ivrit

This week, Year 4 learnt about Chanukah. We have practiced the phrases: חנוכה שמחה (Chanukah Sameach – happy Chanukah) and חג שמחה (Chag Sameach – happy festival) with each other. The children created sentences using these words: לביבה (Leviva- latke), לביבות (Levivot- latkes), סופגנייה (Sufgania – doughnut), סופגניות (Sufganiot – doughnuts), אוכל (Ochel – eating, male), אוכלת (Ochelet – eating, female), אוהב (Ohev – love, masculine), אוהבת (Ohevet – love, feminine), רואה (Roe – see, masculine), רואה (Roa – see, feminine), אוכלים (Ochlim – eating, plural, masculine), אוכלות (Ochlota – eating, plural, feminine), רואים (Roim – seeing, plural, masculine), רואות (Ro'ot – seeing, plural, feminine).

The class also learnt the song בָּאנוּ חֹשֶׁךְ לְגֶרֶשׁ (Banu choshech legaresh – we have come to shoo away the darkness) which you can find on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BdV9Kwc0FQ>

Reminders

- The attendance this week was 87.96%. 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 need to be returned by the end of the term.
- Please continue to read with your child and ask them questions to develop their comprehension skills.

Shabbat Shalom,
The Year 4 Team