

Dear Parents

The children in Nursery have had such a busy, fun-filled week! The theme this week has been E-Safety and Children's Mental Health Week. The children have learnt how to be safe on the internet and on their iPads, by listening to a 'Smartie the Penguin' story. Smartie the Penguin taught the children that they should always tell a grown-up if something goes wrong on the computer, iPad or phones. The children drew pictures of their favourite thing to do on their iPads and talked about how they can be safe.

The children understood why we had 'Inside Out Day' in school and we talked about how our feelings are on the inside, and even if someone is smiling they might feel sad on the inside. The children used Lego faces with different emotions on to talk about how they are feeling. They drew pictures and talked about how they feel and how people around them might be feeling.

The children have been very creative this week: They painted using chopsticks and cotton wool balls, and cut up lots of foil paper to make lovely pictures. Our Maths focus has been shapes. We read the story 'Circle' by Mac Barnett, and the children imagined a shape in their mind and turned it into a person. There were lots of funny shapes with ears, eyes, noses and legs.

Some children got out their Learning Journals to read together, they loved looking at the pictures from when they started in Nursery, and talked about all the things that they have learnt. They also talked about how to be kind, and decided to make biscuits for each other and the teachers.

This week we have been very excited learning about Tu B'Shevat and continuing our story of the Jews as they left Mitzrayim. For Tu B'Shevat we have learnt all about the growing sequence of a seed and we have planted our own sunflower seeds. We look forward to watching them grow and measuring their progress! We have also re-enacted the Jewish people running away from the Egyptians in the outdoor area. We had a blue sheet that acted as the sea and as we walked through it split in half!! We also had shakers as we learnt the Jewish people were so happy they played musical instruments as they crossed. Mrs Baron also brought in our favourite flowers... daffodils. The children drew lovely pictures of the flowers.

This week Nursery started learning words for Tu B'Shevat ט"ו בשבט. The class learnt the words עץ (Etz – tree) and עלה (Ale – leaf). The class also started learning the song חג לגן - ט"ו בשבט. You can find the song on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IErHuCvUZUE>

Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach
Nursery Team

