

Dear Parents

Hoorah! Chanukah has finally arrived! We have learnt all our songs, played and painted with dreidels and created our very own special Chanukiot. The children looked adorable on their Chanukah dress up day and it really created a wonderful atmosphere (ruach) in the classroom. The doughnuts on Thursday were particularly welcome and we enjoyed making the bracha. The children were so enthusiastic it really brought a joy to our Chanukah celebration. The children have spent the week creating their Chanukah door, which we are sure you will agree with us when we say how gorgeous it is! The children are so proud of the work they put in to creating the door, and have loved seeing it up and in action.

The children have been very busy this week painting their Chanukiot and creating their own 3D Dreidels – please see the video on Seesaw if you have not done so already - it's very sweet!

The children have been asking to do more Maths activities as they love numbers and have shown a great interest in counting and numbers. This week we counted to 8, and the children pretended to be candles. The children looked at our "squishy numbers" which are silicone number moulds and found the right amount of jewels to put inside. **In the Spring Term we will focus on shapes and patterns, as well as recapping on Numbers 1 - 5.**

The children are really enjoying our Write Dance sessions. These are physical activities to develop children's gross motor skills, their core muscle strength and their shoulder strength, which in turn will support their writing and mark making skills. This is done through our weekly PE sessions and also in short bursts during the day when the children need a wriggle and a jiggle. If you would like to continue with this at home, the videos that we occasionally watch can be found [here](#)

Thank you to the parents and families who have purchased us a gift from the PSA Chanukah gift list, if you haven't and would like to, you can find the link [here](#)

In nursery this week the children have learnt about Chanukah. They said חנוכה שמחה (Chanukah Sameach – happy Chanukah) and חג שמחה (Chag Sameach – happy festival) to each other. The children enjoyed learning the song סוב סוב סוב סוב סוב סוב (Sevivon sov sov sov – dreidel spin spin spin). You can find the song that they learnt [here](#)

Chanukah Sameach

Miss Genn and Mrs Talisman

