

Dear Parents

This week has been Pesachastic in Reception!

On Monday the children had the best time at the Matza Bake! They listened to how the flour was milled and even had a go at it themselves. The children also watched the water be poured into the flour to make the dough. They then rolled it out and made lots of holes in it before it was baked. We saw lots of munchy crunchy matza being eaten at the end of the day!

The children have been rewriting the story of Pesach using puppets and small world toys. They have loved exploring Pesach books to see what they could draw and write about.

Our Maths focus this week has been doubling. The children have learnt the STEM sentence '**Double \_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_**' and have used that whilst working out double numbers. They picked a piece of Numicon and had to find the same piece, count them and say their sentence. They then extended this by writing their STEM sentence and using loose parts to show their working out. We are going to continue with doubling and halving after the break as well as subtraction.

The children have been super creative this week in making the 10 plagues. Their task was to 'be creative and make a plague' out of anything they wanted to. Some children made hail out of cotton wool balls, others drew people and put big red blobs on them for boils and of course we had lots of green frogs!

The highlight of the week for us was seeing so many of you at our Mock Seder. We really did the Mitzvah of telling the Pesach story through the generations as Grandparents, Parents and children. The children were great at singing the songs and participating with the Seder. What a great first Seder for them at Etz Chaim!

As well as the Seder, which was fantastic! The children also led the whole school assembly on Wednesday afternoon. They talked about their learning of plants and how they started school as tiny seeds and as they have learnt more and more they are growing into big. Strong, independent flowers. They wrote inside large flowers what they liked best about school and their favourite activity/learning.

Our week's attendance was 97.22%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom

Reception Team