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Preparing for Israel's birthday

Year Five have been working hard to create their Israel Fair, an annual event that takes place on Yom HaAtzmaut - otherwise known as Israel's birthday. This is taking place next Tuesday 14th May, when children are invited to bring Blue & White clothes, to change into in school. We will be enjoying some delicious birthday cake!

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can bring up to £5 to spend in the Israel Fair gift shop.

Please note children should come to school in usual school uniform, boys must still have their capul (head-covering) in school and girls can bring skirts or dresses, but not trousers. Celebrations for Yom HaAtzmaut are focused on the learning activities the children always enjoy on this day. These activities are all taking place inside, not in the playground or back field. We will not include pictures of the children in the newsletter or on social media.

Usually we take part in the Walk to Israel fundraising event organised by Special Needs and Disabilities charity Ohel Sarah UK. However this isn't taking place this year, so we hope that all families will send in their £1 donations, which the school will send to Yad Vashem - the World Holocaust Remembrance Centre (see panel below).

Bring Blue & White clothes to change into, for Israel's Birthday party! Please bring in £1 donation for the educational charity

Supporting Holocaust education

This year we are supporting a cause very close to many people's hearts - Holocaust education. Both Mrs Cohen and Mr Langford have completed courses at Yad Vashem - the World Holocaust Memorial Centre - to ensure new generations learn about and from that darkest time in human history.

We invite all children to bring in a £1 donation on Tuesday towards Yad Vashem's essential work.



Let us never forget

On Monday it was Yom HaShoah - the day that Jewish communities across the world remember the horror of the Holocaust, and make a pledge to never again allow hatred, bigotry and intolerance to inflict such evil on mankind.



PTA coffee morning

Wednesday 15th May, 8:50am

Please join us for a coffee morning next

Wednesday (15th May) at 8:50am, in the Nest at the back of the school, for a cuppa, some chit chat, and to share ideas for fun activities that can enhance this term in school. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Y6 SATs breakfasts

Year Six are sitting their SATs end-of-Key-Stage tests next week, from Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May. It is important that they get plenty of rest, sleep and fresh air leading up to these tests, so they can perform to the best of their abilities. We are offering breakfast to the children of Y6 each day that week. They can arrive from 8:20am and receive some toast with jam, fruit and a drink, to boost those energy levels, and have a lovely, sociable start to the day.



Aspens

Contract Food and Support Services

Each day, bread, water and fresh fruit are available. There is also a daily sandwich option. The menu for next week is:

Monday

All day breakfast brunch - veggie sausage, egg, hash brown and beans;
Banana sponge cake and custard

Tuesday - Israel's birthday!

Baked potato bar with various toppings and green salad;
Birthday cake!



Wednesday

Roast beef with roast potatoes and gravy, or veggie sausages, carrots;
Apple crumble and custard

Thursday

Chicken stir fry and rice, or dairy free mac & cheese and sweetcorn;
Orange jelly

Friday

Golden fish fingers or veggie fingers, with chips and baked beans;
Vanilla ice-cream

This menu is dependent on availability of ingredients and is subject to change. All cream and custard is non-dairy.

Counting the Omer

הַיּוֹם שֵׁשָׁה עָשָׂר יוֹם שֶׁהֵם
שְׁנֵי שָׁבוּעוֹת וְשְׁנֵי יָמִים לְעוֹמֵר:

Today is the sixteenth day, making two weeks and two days of the Omer. According to the Torah (Lev. 23:15) Jewish people are obligated to count the days from Passover to Shavuot. This period is known as the Counting of the Omer.



Grammar school entrance exams

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham (entry to Year 7 in September 2025).

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below. The closing date for registering is 4pm on 28th June 2024.

The test will take place on 14th September 2024.

www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk



Friday night Kiddush

Every Friday afternoon the whole school comes together for a mock Friday evening Kiddush - the meal that brings in Shabbat (the Sabbath day). Tomorrow it is the turn of Year Five to help lay the table or sit and take part. All parents are warmly welcomed to join us for this assembly, which starts at 1:35pm.



Letters home:

No whole class letters this week

Coming up...

Friday 10th May, 1:35pm:

Shabbat kiddush, led by Y5

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May,

8:20am: Breakfast each day for Y6, ahead of KS2 SATs

Wednesday 15th May, 8:50am:

PTA Coffee Morning

Shabbat Shalom



Shabbat begins each Friday evening. During the summer months, local synagogues in Birmingham welcome in Shabbat at 8pm, even though the sun really sets later than that. Shabbat will end at 9:56pm on Saturday evening. In Synagogue this Shabbat, the portion of the Torah being read is "Parashat Acharei Mot". This gives us our Theme of the Week "Be proud of who you are", which we are linking to our KD STARS theme of *Kedu-sha*, which means **Holiness**.