



4 April 2017

Dear Parents

End of Term letter – Spring 2017

This term has undoubtedly had some challenges! Injuring my foot has meant I have not been in school for a period of time and I have had to rely on our excellent Senior Leadership Team to be my eyes and ears on the ground. I have been in touch with them daily and am extremely grateful for the efforts they have made. The school has been in capable hands and I have been able to stay closely involved even if I could not be there in person. We have also, of course, had to make arrangements for Year 6 with the departure of Mrs Ezekiel. Again thank you to Mrs Shlovsky in particular for agreeing to take over.

At the same time there been lots of really good things going on in school and the children have certainly been very busy. I am sure they have been reporting back to you everything they are doing.

Music Day

We held a fabulous Music Day whilst the Kodesh staff were at their conference with the children listening to the music of famous musicians such as Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Mozart. But perhaps the most inspiring part of the day was a concert organised by Mrs Shlovsky showcasing our own budding musicians – what a wealth of musical talent we have at Noam!

School Council

The School Council have been very active this year. They gave a presentation in assembly about the Amur Leopard which is an endangered species and followed this up by raising enough money to adopt two amur leopards.

Purim

The run up to Purim was very exciting with a Circusology day on Rosh Chodesh Adar which the children enjoyed immensely. Mrs Roberts came into school to do Purim art related activities and on Shushan Purim there was our very popular fancy dress parade and Purim related activities. A huge thank you to our amazing shpielers who raised a fantastic amount of money for the school.

PaJeS Awards

We were lucky enough to have two teachers nominated in the PaJes Awards this year - Mrs Aremband in the Deputy Head category and Mrs Shuck in the emerging school teacher category. Although they did not ultimately win in their categories I am sure that you will agree that that they were both very deserving candidates.

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Professional Development

The Kodesh staff attended the Annual Kodesh Conference and came back enthused and inspired by what they heard. Mrs Aremband attended the Bett Conference bringing back lots of interesting ideas to tell the staff. There has been SATS and moderation training across all the key stages.

Assemblies

We have had some interesting assemblies this term. As part of Holocaust Memorial Day Mrs Shlovsky gave a thought provoking PowerPoint demonstration on Anne Frank. Mrs Aremband gave an interactive assembly to mark National Safer Internet Day. We had a Circusology day starting with an assembly to explain some of the things they would be doing with the children and Lord Winston gave a science assembly to KS2 on the topic of forces focussing on gravity and performing experiments which involved raw eggs!

Sponsored skip

We held a very successful sponsored skip this year with half the money raised going to the British Heart Foundation and the other half going to Noam. The sponsored skip included workshops for each class provided by the British Heart Foundation.

Inter School Girls' Choir Festival

The girls performed beautifully at the Inter School Girls' Choir Festival and then went on to entertain the old people at Edinburgh House.

Outings

Y5&6 had a fantastic outing to the British Museum visiting the Rosetta Stone and The Colossal Bust of Ramses II amongst other exhibits, getting an in depth insight to these important historical artefacts from Mrs Shlovsky. Rabbi Cohen took the four Kohanim to the V&A Museum where they similarly benefited from his vast knowledge. Streetwise came into school to deliver an anti-bullying workshop to Y3&4. Rabbi Schuurder and Y4 had a wonderful time entertaining the residents of Edinburgh House.

Matza Bakery

The whole school had a fantastic afternoon when the Matza Bakery came into school last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves – I hope the matzas tasted good!

School dinner

By all accounts the School Dinner was once again a resounding success due in no small measure to the fantastic work of all the various committees involved. I am only sorry that I could not be there.

School Survey

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey earlier this term. It was extremely encouraging to see such an overall positive response, in particular over 90% of you said that your child was happy at Noam.

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We have carefully read through the comments with the governors. While the results seemed to be very positive we will want to see how we can use your feedback to make the school even better. It would seem that, if there was a theme, you thought we could do better at providing feedback and communicating and so we will see what we can do to improve over the coming months. I attach a copy of the survey results for you to see.

Many thanks for all your good wishes over my broken ankle. I am looking forward to the cast being replaced by the boot before Pesach and the next stage of my recovery.

Wishing you all a Kosher Pesach.

Kind regards

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Mrs Simmonds

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Noam Parents - Survey 2017





1. My child is happy at Noam.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		55.26%	42
2	Agree		39.47%	30
3	Disagree		3.95%	3
4	Strongly disagree		1.32%	1
5	Don't know		0.00%	0
			answered	76
			skipped	0





2. My child feels safe at Noam.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		51.32%	39
2	Agree		39.47%	30
3	Disagree		3.95%	3
4	Strongly disagree		1.32%	1
5	Don't know		3.95%	3
			answered	76
			skipped	0





3. My child makes good progress at Noam.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		43.42%	33
2	Agree		44.74%	34
3	Disagree		10.53%	8
4	Strongly disagree		0.00%	0
5	Don't know		1.32%	1
			answered	76
			skipped	0





4. My child is well looked after at Noam.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		52.63%	40
2	Agree		38.16%	29
3	Disagree		7.89%	6
4	Strongly disagree		0.00%	0
5	Don't know		1.32%	1
			answered	76
			skipped	0

5. In Chol, my child is taught well at Noam.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		46.05%	35
2	Agree		46.05%	35
3	Disagree		5.26%	4
4	Strongly disagree		0.00%	0
5	Don't know		2.63%	2
			answered	76
			skipped	0

6. In Kodesh, my child is taught well at Noam.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		63.16%	48
2	Agree		30.26%	23
3	Disagree		5.26%	4
4	Strongly disagree		1.32%	1
5	Don't know		0.00%	0
			answered	76
			skipped	0

7. In Chol, my child receives appropriate homework for their age.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		33.78%	25
2	Agree		51.35%	38
3	Disagree		9.46%	7
4	Strongly disagree		0.00%	0
5	Don't know		5.41%	4
			answered	74
			skipped	2

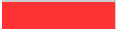



8. In Kodesh, my child receives appropriate homework for their age.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		43.24%	32
2	Agree		45.95%	34
3	Disagree		6.76%	5
4	Strongly disagree		0.00%	0
5	Don't know		4.05%	3
			answered	74
			skipped	2






9. Noam makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		33.33%	25
2	Agree		48.00%	36
3	Disagree		13.33%	10
4	Strongly disagree		1.33%	1
5	Don't know		4.00%	3
			answered	75
			skipped	1






10. Noam deals effectively with bullying.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		24.00%	18
2	Agree		36.00%	27
3	Disagree		13.33%	10
4	Strongly disagree		0.00%	0
5	Don't know		26.67%	20
			answered	75
			skipped	1

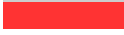




11. Noam is well led and managed.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		35.14%	26
2	Agree		37.84%	28
3	Disagree		14.86%	11
4	Strongly disagree		9.46%	7
5	Don't know		2.70%	2
			answered	74
			skipped	2






12. Noam responds well to any concerns I raise.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		32.89%	25
2	Agree		39.47%	30
3	Disagree		17.11%	13
4	Strongly disagree		9.21%	7
5	Don't know		1.32%	1
			answered	76
			skipped	0

13. I receive valuable information from Noam about my child's progress.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		26.67%	20
2	Agree		46.67%	35
3	Disagree		20.00%	15
4	Strongly disagree		1.33%	1
5	Don't know		5.33%	4
			answered	75
			skipped	1

14. Would you recommend Noam to another parent?

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		57.33%	43
2	Agree		21.33%	16
3	Disagree		10.67%	8
4	Strongly disagree		1.33%	1
5	Don't know		9.33%	7
			answered	75
			skipped	1

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond!