



## Newsletter No.5

Friday 7th November

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a nice half term break with your families and were able to recharge your batteries! Our INSET Day on Monday was a very busy one with all staff competing their compulsory Safeguarding and Cybersecurity training.

We have had a calm and purposeful start to the second half of the autumn term, with our first school trip via coach taking place yesterday. The Year 3's had a wonderful day at The Hive and were full of stories about what they got up to today. Many thanks to the parents for accompanying the children. I hope you managed to get a well-earned rest last night.

Last night was the PA AGM where all of the fundraising efforts in the last year were shared. I have to say, I come away from those meetings feeling in awe of you all. I really don't know how you manage to juggle everything in life alongside giving of your time and talents to our school. An incredible **£50k** was raised last year which is well beyond what we were hoping for. More detail on how that money was spent is in the latter pages of this newsletter. Special thanks to the parents/caregivers who held specific roles on the PA for giving of their time and talents to our school.

This term is always a busy one with the lead up to Christmas so the revised dates of all the events are on the final page of the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Clare Campbell*



### Mark your calendars!

**Our festive Christmas Fair will take place at school. So many of you said how magical last year's was and how it was a great way to start your festive season! See PA flyer attached to this newsletter for details.**



# Parents' Association

# DONATION



The PA have generously donated £50,000 to the school.

Through fundraising events, cake and uniform stalls and donation schemes, the PA have spearheaded many a successful campaign fundraising impressive amounts of money to give back to the school.

We thank the PA for their generous and unflinching efforts as well as all in the community who support these ventures. We at SJA consider ourselves blessed to have such a stalwart support system.





Following the success of the campaign in 2024 – when over 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – this year, we'll empower children and young people to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins.

Bullying is when there is an action by an individual or group against another individual Several Times On Purpose (think of STOP). Children may not get on or

like each other and there may be one-off incidents of unkindness, but this mustn't be confused with bullying. It is hard to prove that actions are intending to inflict harm with the youngest of children and so that is why education is so important, so children learn quickly the impact their actions may have. Children with autism, ADHD or other neurodiversities may act impulsively at times and not through deliberate unkindness and again, education plays a vital role here.

That's why, this Anti-Bullying Week, we're empowering young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online.

This year the children will be invited to wear odd socks on Mon 10th to highlight the beauty of diversity as well as take part in assemblies, lessons and activities throughout the week that centre around the empowering children to stand up against bullying.

Lasting change needs all of us. From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones — we all have a part to play.

Together, we can use our Power for Good to end bullying — for good.



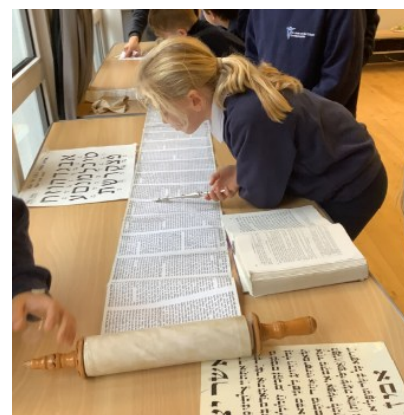
## Judaism Workshops

In October, Ruth Jampel visited SJA to deliver a range of educational and interesting workshops about the Jewish Faith.

She presented an assembly to Y1-6 about the covenant God made with the prophets and then delivered workshops for KS2 ranging

from the Synagogue to Passover. She

also provided an opportunity for pupils to sample some of the traditional Jewish foods as well handle Jewish artefacts. These workshops support the RE curriculum where learning about another faith is crucial to a Christian's faith and development.





### A sad goodbye to Ms Nel

The parents of pupils in RB were informed today that sadly Ms Nel, who has worked as one of our fabulous teaching assistants is leaving us at the end of the month. After a few years of London life, she is returning home to South Africa. Ms Nel has been an absolute joy to have as a member of staff – always so kind and considerate to the pupils in her care. We shall really miss her cheery presence but wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

With every goodbye, there is always a hello and welcome which is extended to Ms Yildiz, who has already started working in Class B and will be taking over from Ms Nel. Ms Yildiz comes with many years of early years' experience and will further strengthen our staff team.



### Parent Governor Elections

A big thank you to the parents who put themselves forward for this role. As communicated on Wednesday, Carolina Marenco and Aine Stewart have been elected to these positions. They bring experience of Education and Finance to our Governing Body which will enhance our strategic skill set.

### Parents Evenings – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November after school

The booking system for parents' evenings is currently open so if you haven't booked your appointment to meet your child's class teacher, please do so. These will take place in your child's classroom. Entry is via the main entrance on Northolme Road. Extended Schools is open as normal, with collection times remaining the same. If you are collecting your children from afterschool, you must walk round to the after-school entrance to collect them as normal.



### Extended Schools booking – Spring Term

Bookings for childcare and clubs go live on  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm.**

Can I please urge you to follow the booking procedures and only book places if you are going to use them? We had surplus places on some nights this term contrary to what was being communicated on the various whatsapp groups!



## Sports Captains

At the start of this half term, we saw new sports captains elected for each house. Congratulations to Blanche (Fleur de Lys), Leopold (Benedict), Sam (Domremy) and Azara (Rouen). The captains positions are very well deserved and they will be working hard promoting school sport, PE and physical activity this year.



## Islington Cross Country Champs

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, our year 4, 5 and 6 cross country team (consisting of 90 children!) raced over 1500m around Highbury Fields. The children had worked very hard training and trialling at school to be selected for the team. We were excited to compete against the rest of the borough and the team should be very proud of their efforts on the day. We had great team successes with our year 4 and year 6 teams both coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and being rewarded with bronze medals. Our year 5 team were unbeatable on the day and won gold medals. We also had some brilliant individual performances: Florence came 4<sup>th</sup> in the year 4 girls' race, Michael came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the year 5 boys' race, Cara came 4<sup>th</sup> in the year 5 girls' race, Blanche came 4<sup>th</sup> in the year 6 girls and Leopold came 5<sup>th</sup> in the year 6 boys' race. Most notable of all were Dominic who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the year 5 boys' race, retaining his title from last year, and Milan who bettered her 2<sup>nd</sup> place last year and came 1<sup>st</sup> in the year 5 girl's race. Our year 5 and 6 runners mentioned above have been selected to represent Islington at the London Youth Games Cross Country Championships in November. We wish them the very best of luck in this!



## Sports Clubs

Miss Campbell and Miss Newman have started a girls' athletics club for years 3-6 every Thursday morning. So far, the girls have worked hard on their fitness and agility and are impressing their coaches! Over the term, the girls will get to experience a range of track and field athletics events from long distance running and relay sprinting to speed bounce and foam javelin. After half term, there will be a new girls' football club starting at lunchtimes for years 1-6. We are very lucky to have both a professional coach and parent volunteers making this possible. As with all our new lunchtime clubs, children are encouraged to sign up in class by their teachers. We hope to encourage mass participation and for the girls' to improve their skills. Please note, if your child is attending a sports club, they must bring appropriate trainers to wear. Lastly, boys and girls in the juniors have been enjoying a netball club every break time run by KS2 teachers. The children are improving their skillsets and learning the rules of netball. Well done to all those children attending a sports club – you have been brilliant!





## Football House Tournament

This year all the juniors have the opportunity to compete for their house in our house sports championships. Every half term will see a different sports tournament held and organised by our sports captains. Last Thursday and Friday, we had lots of fun playing our year 3 and 4 football tournament and year 5 and 6 football tournament. The children played in 6 a side games and showed excellent sporting behaviour. Well done to Otto in year 4 who was chosen as a player of

the tournament showing 'head, heart and hands' qualities such as resilience, positive communication and courage. Congratulations to Rouen who won the 3 and 4 tournament and Fleur who won the 5 and 6 tournament! We are very excited to play our next house tournament of tag rugby in December and for a year of enjoyable interhouse sport.



Year 3 and 4 results	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rouen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Benedict
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Domremy
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fleur de Lys

Year 5 and 6 results	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fleur de Lys
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rouen
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Benedict
4 <sup>th</sup>	Domremy

## Remembrance Day

**Lest We Forget**

**Ever - Living God,**

**We remember those whom you have**

**Gathered from the storm or war**

**Into the peace of your presence;**

**May that same place calm our fears,**

**Bring justice to all peoples**

**And establish harmony among the nations**

**Though Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**



## NOVEMBER

### Week Beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Odd Sock Day 2025

- Class 1C trip to Gillespie Park

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Trip to The Tower of London

- Flu Vaccination – afternoon catch up session

- 6.30pm Reception Parent's Bingo Night

### Week Beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent Consultation

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent Consultation

## DECEMBER

### Week Beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – 3.30 - 5.30pm Christmas Fair in Playground

### Week Beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - 8.45am Infant Nativity Show (Nurs to Year 2)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - 8.45am Infant Nativity Show (Nurs to Year 2)

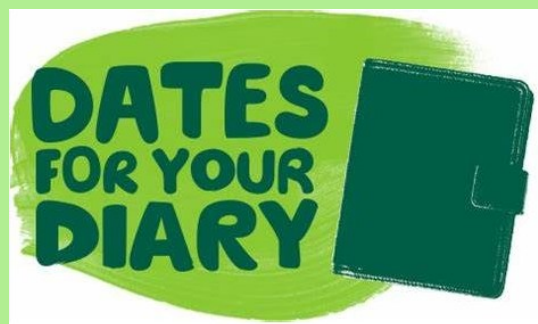
### Week Beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Whole School to see Christmas Pantomime

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Children's Christmas Jumper Day, Disco and Christmas lunch

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service in St Joan of Arc Church

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – 9am School Mass led by Class 6N



**School Closes  
for Christmas  
Holidays at  
1.30pm**



**St Joan of Arc  
Christmas Fair  
3.30 - 5.30pm**