

Gilah Nursery

8th February 2019

We celebrated Chinese New Year on Tuesday this week with special activities using rice and chopsticks. We ate sweet and salmon and noodles for lunch and stir fry vegetables with rice and fortune cookies for supper.

We have no room for 'ad hoc' lunches/pm school sessions on Tuesday's and Wednesday's this term as we are full for all session.

If you have not registered your baby, please do so if they were born this year. Our lists are filling up!

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR 30 HOURS CHILDCARE EVERY 3 MONTHS [www.gov.uk]

Follow links to childcare and parenting then choose childcare.

Next Term's Events

Parent Shabbat's are only for children who attend Gilah on a Friday

Fri 8th Feb – Shabbat for Caroline & Rachael's Groups

Fri 1st March – **NEW DATE** Olivia & Vikki's group

Fri 8th March – Shabbat for Richelle & Aziza's Groups

Fri 8th March – World Book Day – please come to Gilah dressed as a book character. £5 donation will include book to bring home.

Fri 15th March – Shabbat for Fran & Ella's Groups

Wed 20th March – **Finish at 2.00/2.15 for Fast of Esther**

Thurs 21st March – Purim

Friday 29th March – Shabbat for Club Room Groups

Fri 12th April – Pesach Production. 4's at 9.00 am. 3's at 10 am.

Please phone Room Mobiles as follows:-

Georgina, Caroline, Olivia, Vikki & Rachael's Groups:	07514 057765
Eve, Richelle, Fran, Aziza & Ella's Groups:	07599 549633
Anna, Claire & Rachel Groups:	07542 128133
Elise, Emma Hyman, Elissa & Emma Miller's Groups:	07514 052580

Please use these numbers if you wish to inform your keyworker if your child is ill, going to be late, has an appointment and won't be in. Also phone this number if somebody else will be picking up your child and you have not put this on the form. Please also use the numbers if you are running late and require your child to stay later at afternoon school. Please do not phone the office for any of the above reasons.

Please bring in a box of tissues, packet of baby wipes and make sure your child's spare clothes fit and are seasonally appropriate. Please make sure ALL clothes are named at the back of the neck/back of the waist, shoes named too please. If your child comes in wellingtons, please make sure your child has shoes to change into. Please make sure that spare clothes, nappies/wipes etc. and plastic bags are stored inside the Gilah shoe bag on your child's peg.

Gilah Fundraising

This year we would like to raise funds for an outdoor storage shed. The cost of the shed will be approx. £500, but the biggest cost will be the base and erection. If you know anyone who could help with this we would very much appreciate all offers, financial or practical.

WE ARE ALSO NEED OF OLD BUT STILL USEABLE iPHONES

Thank you for the first donation, it would be really helpful to have 3 more 😊

2's

This week we have celebrated Chinese New Year changing our role play area into a Chinese restaurant. We showed the children how to use chopsticks, they all really enjoyed using their imagination and pretending to eat the noodles.

We made fans and had great fun painting with chopsticks making lots of interesting different patterns and marks. Lots of fun using the play dough which this week was the colour red and the children added sparkles to the dough as well as sticking straws in to the dough.

We all enjoyed singing and movement with Debra and even a yoga session with Emma.

If you have not yet sent in photos of your families please please can you do so, if you add to tapestry we can print out. We will be discussing families after half term.

3's

We are still continuing with winter alongside investigation and had a lovely singing session with Ilyse on Monday making us move around in circles with lots of actions to "Cold and frosty morning" among other winter songs. On Tuesday we enjoyed celebrating Chinese New year with wooden chop sticks, red and gold table covering, small red bowls and wool, string and paper for noodles. Some of the children were able to use the chopsticks to make their own noodle and seaweed salad yummy!! This week we have been looking at colours and what happens when you mix different colours together. To do this we did finger painting firstly blue and yellow which made green, red and yellow making orange, and red and blue making purple the children enjoyed seeing and making it happen themselves, plus making a print of their own patterns some will be on the wall for display. We have also been discovering that different items can sink and float when put in water and had great fun guessing which would do what. In sports with Josh he used four different coloured barrels spread around the room, in the middle he had a large hoop filled with tennis balls the children had to move as quickly as they could filling up the barrels and guessing which barrel had the most balls, this game caused lots of laughter. Finishing off with their favourite "What's the time Mr Wolf".

4's

This week in the Rising 4's we have been talking about Chinese New Year. We enjoyed a sensory rice tray using chopsticks, sieves, bowls and ice cube trays to sort and move the rice around. Creating an opportunity to strengthen muscles in our fingers, practice fine motor skills and play imaginatively with peers. The Chinese lanterns were independently drawn and cut with scissors which we have displayed in the classroom.

Also we have made paper plate cats and learned the nursery rhyme Hey Diddle Diddle and Kitty Kat Kitty Kat Where Have You Been.

Our focus book The Gruffalo inspired us to make Gruffalo crumble again strengthening fingers by using foil to wrap the biscuits before smashing them into crumbs and carefully unfolding the foil to tip it into the cup.

The RWI sound this week is o- o o o orange all around the orange.

Finally, for our STEM activity, we have been investigating what happens when coins are soaked in different liquids to see which cleans the coin best. We tried lemonade, cola, vinegar and water.

The vinegar and the cola worked well as did the lemonade which made the experiment inconclusive. The class did get to make predictions and learn through trial and error through the discussion.

Afternoon School

This week we have done lots of cooking and baking to celebrate the Chinese New Year where the children mixed egg with rice and cut up lots of different colourful vegetables to stir fry. We even made fortune cookies! The children have also been very busy exploring soapy water with their hands and using sponges and different size containers to pour. We built a tunnel and used black cardboard and chalk to do some wintery mark making. The children wrapped up warm and had lots of fun playing outside in the windy weather.

Birthdays

Thank you for the book donations from this week's birthday children, we really appreciate all donations of new books, especially those which your child has enjoyed.

We would love to have donations to buy a book for the nursery. Please send your donation in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'book'. Once we have bought the book and stuck in the label with your child's name and the occasion of the donation, we will send it home for you to read with your child and then return to Gilah for the other children to enjoy.

Mazeltov to Darcie Edel who celebrates her 4th birthday and Gadi Kapelowsky who celebrates his 3rd birthday.

We wish them a very Happy Birthday and a happy healthy year.

If you would like to bring in biscuits to celebrate your child's birthday please check with your keyworker which biscuits are suitable. Many Thanks.

We wish you all Shabbat Shalom