

# King David News



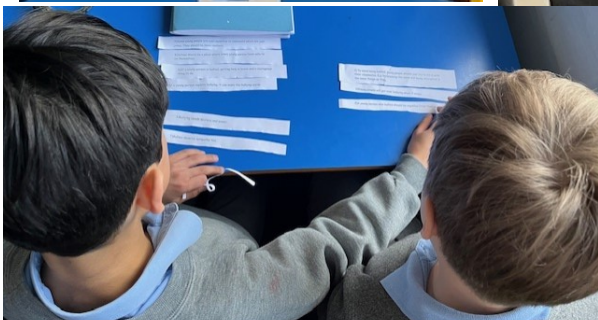
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## Learning with Streetwise



Streetwise is a fantastic organisation that arranges for young educators to visit Jewish primary schools across the UK, teaching lessons on a range of important topics. This week we were delighted to welcome back Gabbie, who on Tuesday led activities all about Anti-Bullying, and then she returned again today, to help the children understand the importance of Safety Online. Gabbie is so engaging with the children, and they always enjoy the sessions with her. Thank you, Gabbie, and thank you, Streetwise!



### City Council finances

Parents will no doubt have been hearing the news about the financial difficulties of Birmingham City Council, as it recently effectively declared bankruptcy. The Council are putting together a budget which does include cuts to local services. While school budgets are protected, the extra services that support families in need will come under extra strain. School budgets are currently stretched anyway, with many schools finding it difficult to meet the increasing specific educational needs of some children. We have had to make difficult decisions about what provision we can give to these children, while ensuring that other children in the class do not miss out on their own high-quality education.

### Nursery applications

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? Or have friends who do? Those children are eligible to start our Nursery this September. Please pick up an application form from the school office.





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

Monday

Meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta twirlers, or sweet chilli vegetable stir fry with whole grain rice, mixed salad; Toffee sponge and custard

Tuesday

Mild chicken curry or mixed vegetable korma with whole grain rice and green beans; Jelly and fruit slices

Wednesday

Roast chicken with roast potatoes and gravy, or super veggie pie with roasties and carrots; Tropical pineapple crumble and custard

Thursday

Dairy free cheese pizza with baked potato wedges, or tarka dhal curry with whole grain rice and peas; Orange cookie

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.*

*Did you know...?*

The Hebrew word "kasher" means "fit" or "proper". Kosher food is permitted and acceptable to be eaten or drunk according to Jewish law.

## Packed lunch guidance

With the increased availability of certified kosher products in supermarkets, we are able to give more options for children in their packed lunches. Guidance went out today to the packed lunch group, that children can bring in crisps that have either of these symbols, certifying that they are kosher:



Alternatively, any plain ready salted or salt and vinegar crisps are allowed, and these do not need to have the symbol.

Other flavoured crisps of any sort are NOT allowed, neither are any shaped varieties e.g Hoola Hoops, Disco's, Mini Chips, etc.

## World Book Day - 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, with a range of activities based around the wonderful world of children's stories. Children are invited to dress up as a book character. Please do not spend money on expensive costumes - you can find some great ideas on the internet on how to make your own. Please also think of the practicalities of your child spending the whole school day in costume!

## Shabbat Shalom

We will be lighting candles to welcome in Shabbat tomorrow evening by 5:16pm and Shabbat will end on Saturday evening at 6:27pm. In Synagogue this Shabbat, the portion of the Torah being read is "Parashat Tetzave". This gives us our Theme of the Week "Respect for what is holy", which we are linking to our KD STARS theme of **Kedusha**, meaning **Holiness**.



Letters home:

Acceptable packed lunches (Packed lunch group)  
World Book Day - dressing up (all classes)

## 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 Six 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.



**Coming up...**

Friday 23rd February, 1:35pm:  
Shabbat kiddush, led by Y6  
Tuesday 27th February:  
No multi-sports afterschool club  
Thursday 7th March: World Book Day -  
dress up as a book character