

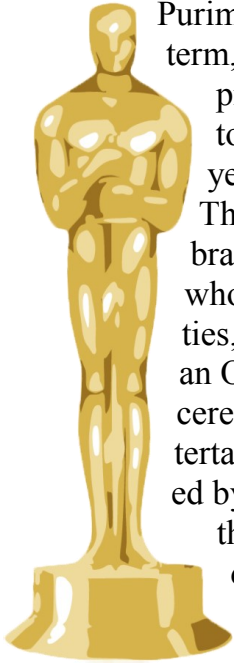
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Countdown to Purim



Purim is the Thursday straight after half-term, and already the classes are busy preparing for the big event. It's time to get out your poshest outfits, as this year, Purim is off to the Oscars! On Thursday 1st March, we will be celebrating the fun festival of Purim, with a whole day of activities, culminating in an Oscars awards ceremony, with entertainment provided by the children



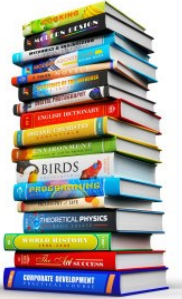
themselves. Children are invited to dress up for the day in smart clothes, suitable for a prestigious awards ceremony. Alternatively they could dress up as their favourite movie star or character. However please consider the practicality of any costumes, worn through the day, including outside at break and dinner times.

Parent Governor elections

Yesterday your child brought home the announcement and nomination papers for the forthcoming Parent Governor election. Miss Shahista Zamir has been a fantastic Parent Governor these last four years, most recently as the Chair of the Curriculum Committee and the Governor with responsibility for the Academically More Able provision. The end of her term gives an opportunity for any parent or carer of a child at the school to put themselves forward for election, to join this fantastic team of governors. The Governing Board has a leadership role in setting the strategic direction of the school, making funding decisions and in appointing staff. Please get your nominations in by Wednesday 28th February.

World Book Week

While everyone else is acknowledging World Book Day on 1st March, we will be very busy celebrating Purim. Therefore the School Council have asked if we can do a World Book Week instead! They are organising activities in classes, including reading and re-telling stories with their link classes. They also wish to run a second-hand book stall - see the insert below. Please support this fantastic initiative from the School Councillors.



The School Council are planning to hold a second hand book sale during the first week after half-term as part of our World Book Day celebrations. If you have any good quality, nearly new books that we can sell in school, please send them in during this week and the first three days of next half-term.

***Thank you
King David School Council***

Lunchtime Israel Club is back

Our keen Habonim students Ruby and Lauren are bringing Israel Club back to Friday lunchtimes - starting tomorrow (16th February). This is open to Years 4, 5 and 6, and sessions will be 40 minutes long, during the lunchbreak, with games, art projects, music and drama, all about the wonderful country of Israel.

Each day, bread, water and fresh fruit are available. There is also a daily sandwich option. This is the menu for after the half-term break:

Monday

Beef meatballs with pasta, or Quorn spaghetti bolognaise;
Lemon and orange cake

Tuesday

Homemade chicken or veggie burger in a bap with wedges;
Fruit shortcake

Wednesday

Roast beef with roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding, or veggie Toad-in-the-hole;
Rice pudding and sultanas

Thursday is Purim!

Jacket potato bar: Freshly baked jacket served with Quorn bolognaise, baked beans, tuna or celeriac slaw;
Hamantaschen

Friday

Baked fish goujons with chips or roasted vegetable risotto;
Chocolate iced sponge with chocolate custard

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



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 is Reception's turn to help lay the table or sit and take part. All parents are warmly welcomed to join us for this assembly at 1:30pm.



Letters to Parents

Letters home this week...

Parent Governor nomination forms (all classes)

Parent Forum update

The Parent Forum reps had a steering group meeting on Monday, discussing the current key topics. Highlights include:

- Feedback from parents who have tried **school lunches** has been quite positive, although there does seem to be a general demand from parents for stronger flavours. The School Council are identifying the favourite foods with their link classes, to put these on the menu more, while appreciating a healthy balance is still needed.
- There was animated discussion on the issue of children with **allergies**. All systems have recently been reviewed and you will have seen in last week's newsletter, a reminder to parents to let the school know if their child becomes diagnosed with an allergy. We will be publicising more about our provision for children with allergies in the coming weeks, as all staff have undergone update training and procedures brought in line with this.
- There continues to be many complaints from local residents about KD parents **parking** inconsiderably, blocking driveways.
- Teachers are always aware of the potential of **bullying**. If you have concerns for your child, please speak in the first instance to their class teacher. It is usually possible to see them during assembly in the morning.

Shabbat Shalom



Shabbat begins tomorrow evening at 5:04pm and ends at 6:16pm on Saturday evening. In Synagogue this Shabbat, the portion of the Torah being read is "Parshat Terumah", giving us our Theme of the Week "Respect for the contributions of women."

Coming up...

Friday 16th February, 1:30pm:

Shabbat Kiddush, led by Reception

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February:

School closed for half-term break

Wednesday 28th February:

Deadline for nominations for Parent Governor

Thursday 1st March: Dressing up for Purim Oscars