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Dear Parents,

I hope you are well, and have had a good week.

Tu B'Shvat

This week, the students celebrated Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish holiday occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. It is also called Rosh HaShanah La'llanot, literally 'New Year of the Trees'. In contemporary Israel, the day is celebrated as an ecological awareness day, and trees are planted in celebration. The children learnt to identify the various parts of the tree and its value to us and to the animals. The learning compares Rosh Ha'Shana, humans New Year, and Tu B'Shvat, the trees' New Year. The students were taught which of the fruits growing in Israel compose the Seven Species, and which mitzvot (laws) and customs are observed on Tu B' Shvat.

The students also studied the various cycles existing in the world through the senses, with a special emphasis on the cycle of growth. Through the blessings and customs linked to each cycle, the students gained an understanding of how Judaism instructs us to treat the environment. The unit expands the study of the blessings applying to various plants, and teaches the children how to categorise these plants in different ways.

In culmination of the topic, all students celebrated by having a Seder represented by the different fruits we eat, their blessings and meaning. Every child also got to make their own plant to symbolise continuity in the cycle of a tree. Various activities were planned and enjoyed by all classes in celebration of Tu B'shvat. The students went home with a special cupcake treat, since no Jewish Festival ends without some kind of food treat.

Interfaith Week

As part of our mission to build meaningful ties with all, the whole school community has taken part in learning about different faiths to promote the aims of enhancing mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among all people.

Across the school, learning has been meaningful and vibrant. We've been delighted to host parents as guest speakers to talk to their children's classes about their faith, traditions and festivals, and give children an opportunity to ask questions. Student driven research projects have been carried out on diverse themes from exploring the power of prayer to finding out about and presenting on different faiths. Students have been expressing themselves through poetry, artwork and song.

At the end of the week, this creativity has manifested in a visually stunning Interfaith Display in our Heart Space, collaboratively created by the Primary School grades, and a Whole School Interfaith Assembly featuring outstanding song performances from K1 and K2 (on unity), Grade 2 Laurel (on different faiths), and poetry readings from students in Grade 4.

We were humbled to host an honoured guest, Ms. Magdeline Tan from the Ministry of Home Affairs, for our Whole School Assembly. Ms. Tan was deeply moved and impressed by the assembly, and invited the school to visit the Harmony in Diversity Gallery at the Ministry of National Development.

Our Assembly culminated in a crucial question: What can we do to ensure interfaith harmony? Our children and young people gave heartfelt responses revealing wisdom beyond their years.

Chingay Parade Participation

Congratulations to Danielle Shtanger (Grade 6) who performed in the iconic Chingay Parade last weekend. The Chingay Parade is a uniquely Singaporean tradition; it is one of Asia's largest street performances and float parades, a colourful epitome of the country's multi-cultural society, drawing an audience of around 30000 people.

Collection for Turkey Earthquake by Turkish Embassy

We have all been shocked and saddened to see news of the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. If you would like to donate to help victims of the earthquake, please find some online methods of donation below:

overwhelming response.)

Online Modes of Donation:

- **PayNow** : Go to "PayNow" > Click "PayNow to UEN" > Key in "S86CC0370EFR2" > Key in the amount you would like to donate > Input "Turkey Syria Earthquake" under Bill Reference.
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- **Cheque donation:** Please make cheque payable to '**Singapore Red Cross Society**', to be posted to Singapore Red Cross, 6 Fort Canning Rd, #02-01 YWCA, Singapore 179494. Please leave your **name, postal address, number / email address** and indicate "Turkey Syria Earthquake" at the back of your cheque.
- Make fund transfers to [Mercy Relief's](#) bank account (DBS: 054-900741-2)
- Rahmatan Lil Alamin Foundation (RLAF) fundraiser: Please donate via PayNow (UEN: 200910530ZRLA, indicate "TurkiyeSyria2023" in remarks) or bank transfer (OCBC: 601313315001), or by mailing a cheque to RLAF or the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore.

Purim Mishloach Manot

If you would like to buy mishloach manot for Purim this year please send \$100 to PayLah/Now to Chris @ 9877 7424 and e-mail questions to pta@smmis.edu.sg. Funds will be donated to [Mylsrael](#).

Wishing you all a Shabbat Shalom; have a restful weekend.

Ms Elaine
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day

teachers. Pre-nursery to K2 and G10 will continue lessons on-site.

Swimming Competitions

SMMIS vs Eton House School

Date: Monday, 20th February 2023

Location of Competition: SMMIS

Grade 5 & 6 only

Time: 1pm - 2.30pm

UPDATE: SMMIS vs Dover Court International School

Date: Monday, 27th February 2023

Location of Competition: SMMIS

Age group: Primary & Secondary Students

Time: 4pm - 5.30pm

SMMIS vs North London Collegiate School

Date: Thursday, 23rd March 2023

Location of Competition: SMMIS

Time: 4pm - 5.30pm

School Emergency Contact Number

9780 9141

Chingay Parade Performance
by
Danielle Shtanger G6

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Purim 2023

Sign-up by February 15th

Purim is a joyous Jewish festival commemorating the survival of the Jews from persecution in the ancient Persian Empire. Mishloach Manot—Sending food gifts to friends and family—is one of the four mitzvot performed on Purim. It is a heartfelt way to emphasise the Jewish unity that lies at the core of the Purim holiday, and to create meaningful connections within our own community at the same time.

This is an annual SMMIS tradition of both the mitzvah of giving mishloach manot and charity, which comes from the funds raised gifting Purim baskets. We encourage your participation in the giving and receiving of a curated gift basket within our school community for Purim while fundraising for a cause. The gift baskets are delivered to EVERY SMMIS family via the students on Purim Day (March 7th 2023). The funds raised this year will go to MyIsrael (<https://myisraelcharity.org>).

Here's how YOU participate:

- ~ \$100 donation per family and
- ~ \$72 additional donation if you wish to purchase an extra basket (only 20 basket available. First come first served)

PayLah/Now to Chris @ 9877 7424

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Cuisine	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Main Course	Beef bolognaise with Pasta	Chicken Schnitzel with Steamed Rice	Grilled Teriyaki Salmon with Fried Rice	Beef/Chicken Burger with Potato Wedges	Pizza, Pasta and Cheese
Side Dish	Steamed Broccoli	Cucumber and Carrot Corn Kernel	Beansprout with tofu	Corn on cob	
Vegetarian	Tofu Fritters Tomato sauce with Pasta	Tempeh with teriyaki sauce	Potato lentil patties	Vegetarian Burger	
Soup	Mushroom Soup	Egg-drop Soup	Corn Soup	Pumpkin Soup	
Daily Salad	A Healthy Variety of Salads, dressings and fruits				
After School Snack	Garlic Bun	Apple Cinnamon Cake	Fruits	Oat Chocolate Chip Cookie	Challah Roll
*This is a nut-free menu *Gluten-free and egg-free options are available for main course and after school snack *Every Friday is dairy day and the canteen does not serve meat options *White/brown steamed rice is served daily *Ting-tots, Pre-nursery and Nursery are offered with softer/smaller cut meat option					

Birthdays of the Week

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nobuto Fukasawa

Vedant Virkar

Eliya Shahar

Halley Ng

Tal Leitman

Birthday cake orders must be placed at least 5 working days in advance. We will place an order of the cake only upon receiving payment of \$30 per cake. To order a cake, please click [here](#).

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