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Dear Parents,

I hope you are well, and have had a wonderful Purim week. It's been another busy week at SMMIS. Today we enjoyed a beautiful Primary School assembly presented by the K2s, enjoy the photographs below.

Purim

We have had a fabulous festive week celebrating Purim at school. The students had a fantastic time at the 'Purim Around the World' theme celebration on Tuesday. Students and staff dressed up with an array of costumes that were original, fun and creative. They enjoyed the wonderful activities organised for them ranging from: fun games; bingo; photo booth; Hamentaschen making; art projects; karaoke, and much more. A huge thank you goes to all the staff at SMMIS in making the Purim celebrations a huge success, we are blessed with a wonderful dedicated staff who are always willing to go above and beyond.

Mishloach Manot and Amjalla

All students received a small package of Mishloach Manot from the school which includes \$10. The Sephardic custom of giving money on Purim is called 'Amjalla'. This idea is rooted in the concept of Matanot La-Evyonim (giving to the poor). Over time, the custom came to include gifts to children. This is a tradition Sir Manasseh Meyer practiced taking particular joy in giving this Purim gift to the children. The Trustees of the Abdullah and Flora Shooker Trust have committed to bring back this tradition in honour of the Shooker family and Sir Manasseh Meyer.

Mishloach Manot Annual Fundraiser

A big thank you, to the SMMIS PTA who worked incredibly hard in creating the beautiful Mishloach Manot baking sets which you have all received. We hope you get the chance to use them with your children while baking at home. We thank you for your generosity.

For our field trip this week, we went to Admiralty Park. We went there to do a science experiment involving forces. We were split into groups and had to find out which surface would create the most friction on different slides. The different materials were felt, cloth, plastic, bubble wrap, foil, and fabric. We taped the material to a 1 kg bag and slid our material down the slides and timed them to see how fast material went. As we completed each slide, we looked at the slope of the slide, if it was plastic or metal, and other characteristics that could effect the bag and the friction. When we finished the assignment, we ate our snack and played for a little while. In our classroom, we had a group discussion and compared our data in a table and discussed what we liked about the activity and what we would do differently for next time.

Pre-School Field Trip

The Preschool enjoyed a hands on interactive and meaningful visit to the Live Turtle and Tortoise Museum this week. The children were able to touch and feed these majestic reptiles, capturing the curiosity and wonder of everyone. Interactions with animals help children build a sense of connection to their environment and an appreciation for nature. Through positive experiences with animals, children develop a sense of empathy and understanding of the needs of animals. It was a unique experience enjoyed by all.

Pi Day

March 14th is International Pi Day. Pi was introduced by William Jones in 1706 and the symbol, π , popularised by Leonhard Euler in 1737. To celebrate Pi Day, students will be learning about circles and how Pi was invented. If you take the circumference, divide it by the diameter, you get $\pi = 3.14$. Throughout the school, students will be making, measuring, and playing with circles. Happy Pi Day!

Book Week

We are very excited to announce our upcoming Book Week celebrations in school which will run from 27th to 31st March. During this annual celebration there are activities planned throughout the week such as Speed Dating, Mystery Reader (where your support and participation will be much appreciated), authors visits, a 2-days book fair at our lovely Heart Space and ending the week with Dress-up as a Book Character on Friday 31st March. As always Book Week is a great way to celebrate our commitment to literacy and a true love of reading.

After School Activities

A gentle reminder that After School Activities resume next week. Please refer to the schedule below for the rest of the Semester:

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March: 13, 20, 27	March: 14, 28	March: 1, 15, 22, 29	March: 2, 23, 30	
April: 17, 24	April: 18, 25	April: 19, 26	April: 20, 27	
May: 8, 15, 29	May: 2, 9, 16, 30	May: 3, 10, 17, 31	May: 4, 11, 18	
June: 5, 12	June: 6, 13	June: 7	June: 1, 8, 15	
Activities:	Activities:	Activities:	Activities:	
Basketball (K2-G4)	K Pop (K2-G4)	Basketball (G5-10)	Badminton (G3-10)	
Football (G6-10)	Maths Olympiad (G3-7)	Creative Writing and Public Speaking (G1-4)	Boxing	
Chess	Volleyball (G4-10)	Football (G6-10)	Coding	
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu	Junior/Senior Swim Squad	Precompetitive Swimming	Drama (K2-G4)	
Precompetitive Swim	Football (G3-5)		Football (K2-G2)	
			Junior/Senior Swim Squad	

Wishing you all a Shabbat Shalom, and restful weekend ahead.

Ms Elaine

Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Parent Teacher Conferences

Primary & Secondary School: Thursday, 16th March 2023 & Tuesday, 21st March 2023

Time: 2pm to 6pm

School dismissal is at 11:45am on 16th & 21st March 2023. Please make arrangements for your children to be picked up at 11.45am if they are not going home on the school bus. Preschool remains open on these days. School resumes on the following day at 8:20am.

Preschool: Tuesday, 28th March 2023

Time: 12:30pm to 3:30pm (Nursery); 1:30pm to 3:30pm (Pre-Nursery)

School Photo-Taking

Date: Tuesday, 28th March 2023

Please remember to ensure your children are dressed in full school uniform: SMMIS blue polo t-shirt with the khaki bottom.

Swimming Competitions

SMMIS vs North London Collegiate School

Date: Thursday, 23rd March 2023

Location of Competition: SMMIS

Time: 4pm - 5.30pm

Community Events

Kites - Messages of Hope Competition

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winner will read their message at the live commemoration, as well as receiving a brand new Samsung tablet. Send your entry by Friday, 31 March 2023 to office@yadvashem.org.uk. For more information, please click [here](#).

Centre Stage Annual Dance and Musical Theatre Show

After a Covid imposed 3 year hiatus, Centre Stage is reviving their annual dance show. The children will perform at The Gateway Theatre on 21st May a blend of ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary and hip-hop with a little musical theatre blended in. It's a fabulous opportunity for the children to get in front of an audience and it is intentionally - dance for everyone - so there is no audition or selection process we group the children by age and preferred dance style; ballet, hip-hop, contemporary, jazz and tap. The show is themed around movies under the title Lights! Camera! Action! For more information, please click [here](#).

School Emergency Contact Number

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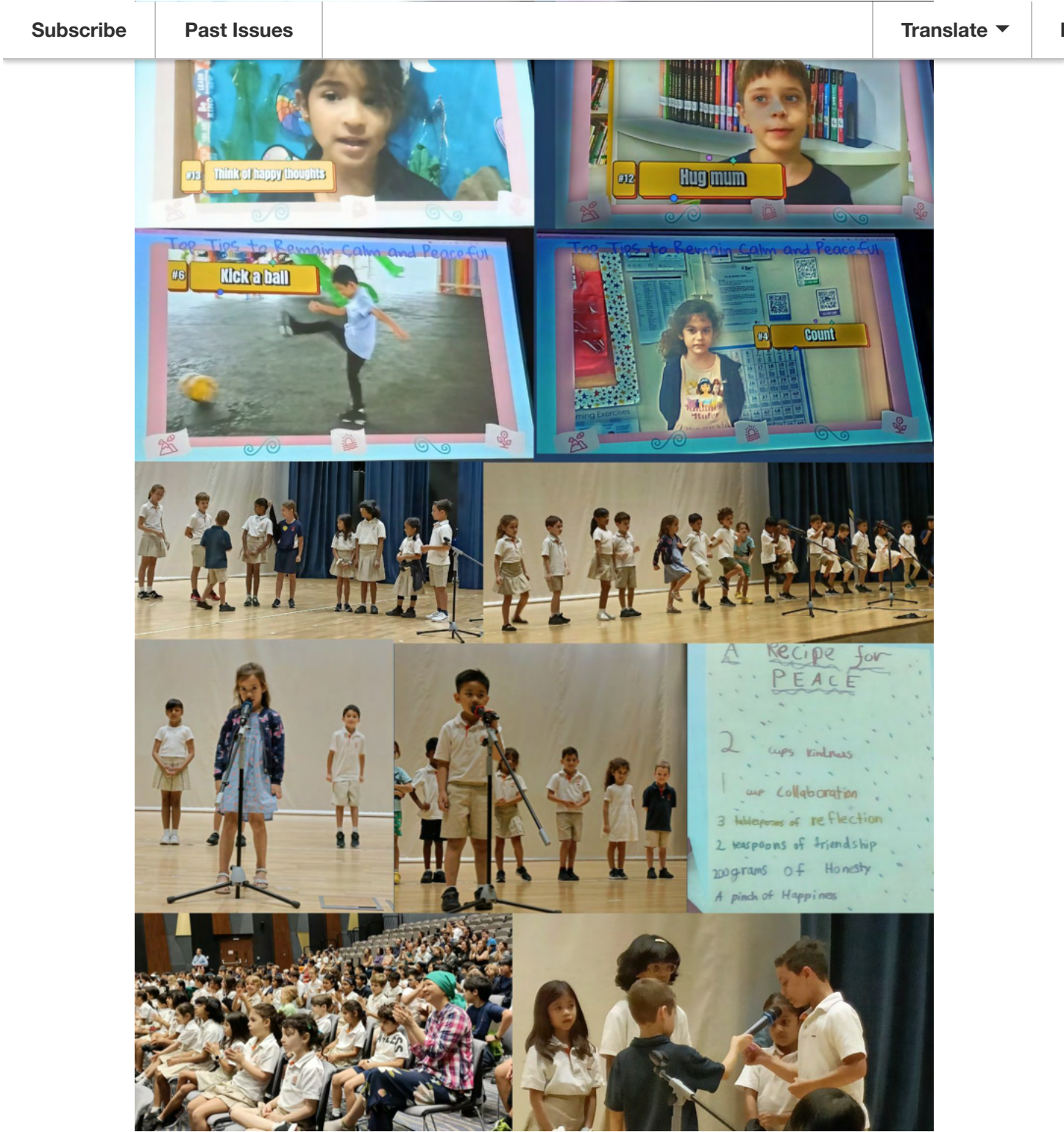




SMMIS Purim Carnival



Mathletics



K2
Peace Assembly



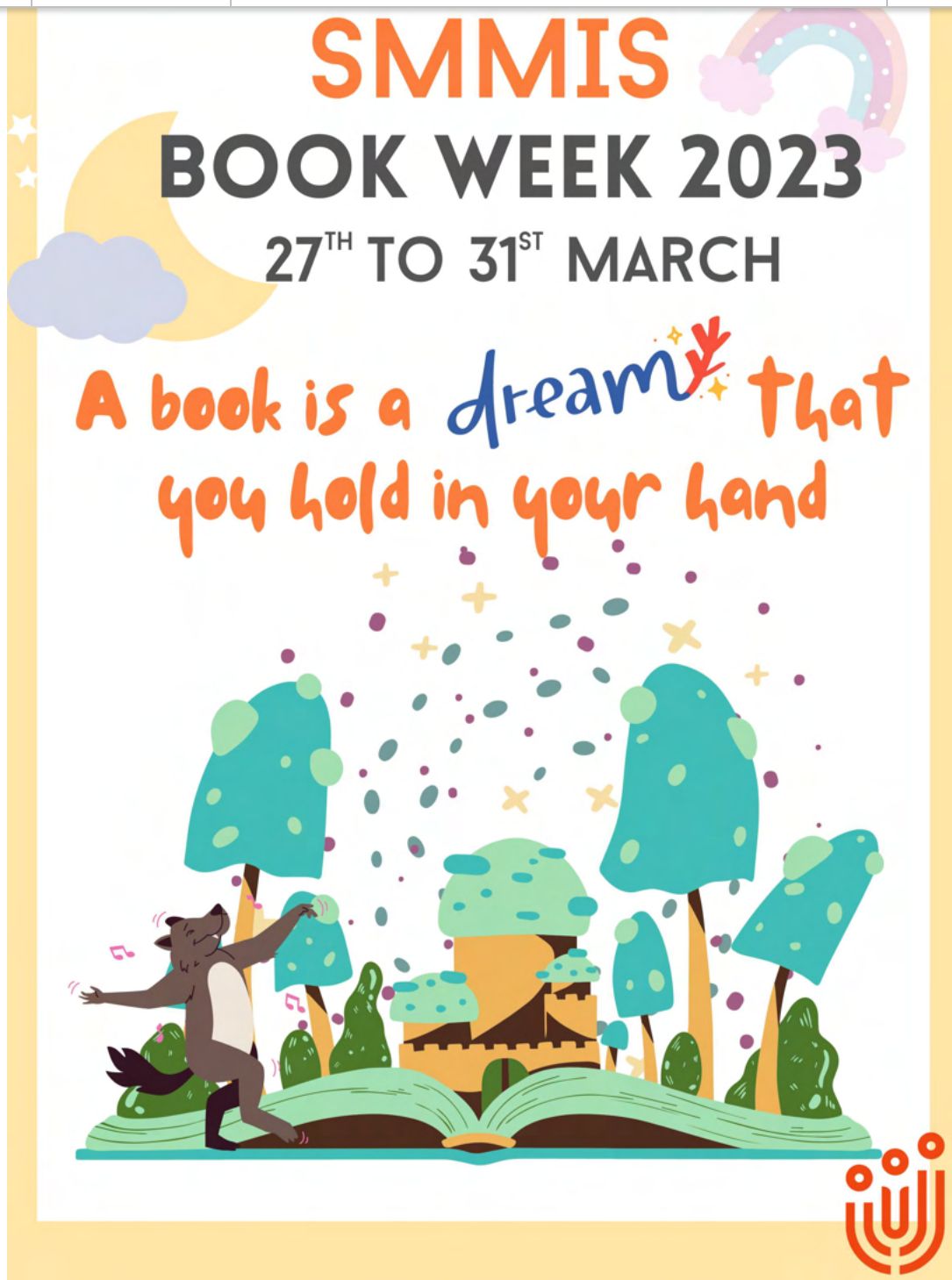
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G5 Field Trip to Admiralty Park



Pre-School Field Trip to
The Live Turtle & Tortoise Museum

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Book Week 2023
27th to 31st March

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Just as the sea gives a child
a toy, a boat, so the wind has
to give them a kite."

Janus Korczak

Kites

MESSAGES OF HOPE



Yad Vashem UK is running a competition based on Janus Korczak's kites. What message of hope would you like on your kite?

It can be a poem or a piece of prose remembering Janus Korczak, a lesson from the Shoah, or a prayer for peace for all and the end of hatred, antisemitism and racism.

The content is up to you, but should be between 120 and 150 words

How to enter



THE UK JEWISH
COMMUNITY
NATIONAL HOLOCAUST
COMMEMORATION

**YOM
HASHOAH**

17TH APRIL 2023
LIVE STREAM • 7.15PM

This year's commemoration is dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

The competition is open to students in years 6-9. Each entrant will receive their own mini-kite, and the winner will read their message at the live commemoration, as well as receiving a brand new Samsung tablet.

Send your entry to: office@yadvashem.org.uk
Entries must be made by Friday 31 March 2023:



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