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# The YC

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## Message from the Headteacher

Last year, audiences were bowled over by the outstanding performances achieved by our Year 7 pupils in the whole-school production of *My Fair Lady*. In choosing to stage *Les Misérables* this year, Miss Landsman and Mrs Saunders were determined to mount an even more ambitious production. The pupils rose to the challenge and pulled off a brilliant performance at each of the four shows last week. It was hard to believe that we were watching Year 7 & 8 children mastering the complex music, commanding the stage with impressive assurance and displaying first-class teamwork backstage. We could not have been more proud of them.

Until now, *The YC* monthly newsletter has been posted to families. Now that the current and previous editions of the newsletter are available on our website, in colour, we are able to discontinue this practice and save the cost of stamps, stationery and labour. Parents will still receive a hard copy at the end of each month, but it will be sent via pupils.

If any parents are interested in working at Yavneh College, please note that we are advertising some posts in this edition of *The YC*.

Wishing you a *chag kasher v'sameach!*

## YOM HA'ATZMUT ASSEMBLY TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2008

G'veret Sharpe

The JNF Israel 60 Assembly provided a unique way of kick-starting the *Israel 60* celebrations at schools in which over 5,000 children took part.

The exciting, interactive video assembly explored various topics of Israel in a lively and informal way. Topics included Israeli food and drink, song and dance, sport, the Negev, technological advances and children in Israel. Participation from the pupils was wonderful and the JNF thoroughly enjoyed working with Yavneh College.



## BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE NEWS

Mr Slater is delighted to announce that the final two House sponsors have been found. ***Our grateful thanks go to Caterplus the new school caterers who will be the sponsors of Energy House.***



***Our thanks also go to the Kay and Epstein families who will be the sponsors of Inspiration House in memory of their sister and daughter, Janice Epstein.***

This completes the House sponsors who also include **Dedicated Doctors (Ethics House), St Giles Group (Venture House) and EGT Finance (Innovation House).**

The school council is currently discussing the House system and more details will be included in next month's newsletter.

## YEAR 7 VISIT TO CARE HOMES MONDAY 14 APRIL 2008

All of Year 7 went to visit a number of care homes for the elderly and one care home for disabled teenagers. Our pupils responded magnificently, eliciting many compliments from the residents, staff at the homes and from the staff who accompanied them on the trip. Here are some comments from the pupils on their return:-

*'I played draughts and performed card tricks involving mind-reading games which made some of the residents laugh'*

*'When I played the piano I noticed that some of the residents had their eyes closed and were smiling and others joined in'*

*'I helped a resident with a crossword'*

*'Residents told us about the jobs they used to do, one had been a cook in the RAF, one had been a president of two shuls, one had a husband who was a tailor, one was a fashion designer and one was a singer'*

*'Residents told us that they go to different activities during the week which include quizzes, dances in the afternoon and singalong sessions'*

*'We had a tour to some of their bedrooms and noticed that they had personalised their rooms with family photos and nick-nacks'*

## APRIL MATHS PUZZLES

A bat ate 1,050 mosquitoes in four nights. Each night she ate 25 more than the night before. How many did she eat each night?



I have only £10 and £20 notes in my pocket. There are three times as many £20 notes than £10 notes. I have a total of £490. How many £20 bills do I have?

Four students handed in their homework to a teacher, but none of them wrote their names on it. The teacher corrected the four papers and gave them back randomly. (Every student received only one paper). How many different ways can it happen that nobody gets his/her own paper back?



## Interested in working at Yavneh College?

Applications are invited for the following posts for September:

**SENCO** Qualified teacher, MPS/UPS Fringe plus TLR 1a (£6,829).

**Cover supervisor** To supervise classes who are set work to do when teachers are absent. No experience required. Training provided. SCP 26-32 (currently £16,104 - £19,484) according to qualifications and experience. Term time only i.e. 38 weeks per year. 5.1 weeks paid holiday.

**Science technician** SCP 26-32 (currently £16,104 - £19,484) according to qualifications and experience. Term time only i.e. 38 weeks per year. 5.1 weeks paid holiday.

**Technology/art technician** SCP 23-26 (currently £14,689 - £16,104) according to qualifications and experience. Term time only i.e. 38 weeks per year. 5.1 weeks paid holiday.

Information packs available from **29 April**  
from [pa@yavnehcollege.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pa@yavnehcollege.herts.sch.uk) or 020 8736 5580  
Closing date 13 May

## SECOND-HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

If parents have items of good-quality used uniform (including PE kit) that your children have grown out of, the school would very much welcome these to be donated to the school's stock of second-hand uniform.

The School Office

Should parents ever have any concerns about security in the vicinity of the school, Please contact the CST on **020 8457 9999**

## HOMEWORK CLUB AWARDS

During the spring term, Mrs Carter and Mrs Selwyn have set those pupils attending after-school homework club a challenge. Since the challenge began, pupils have been helping others with their homework, assisting Mrs Carter and Mrs Selwyn with various tasks; putting away laptops etc. The pupils that collected the most awarded marks were:

*Danielle Gold*  
1st place

*Ben Charbit and Kelly Waldorf*  
Joint 2nd place

The pupils were each presented with a book and pencil and in addition the winner received a gift voucher.

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## Important dates for your diary!

Spring Term ends	Tue 15 April
Summer Term Begins	Tue 29 April
Closed for Bank Holiday	Mon 5 May
Closed for Half Term	Mon 26 May to Fri 30 May inclusive
Closed for Shavuot	Mon 9 June & Tue 10 June
School starts at 09.30	Wed 11 June
Summer Term Ends	Fri 25 July

Please note that for the school year 2008/2009, Winter Fridays (school end 1.15pm) will commence on 24 October 2008 and will finish on 20 March 2009