

In the Torah, we find inspiration in the words, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). This verse reminds us that true strength comes not from physical force, but from the spirit and values that guide us.

> The messages of Chanukah resonate deeply within our school community. Just as the Maccabees overcame great odds, we too are reminded of the strength and perseverance that can be found in unity and faith. The lighting of the menorah each night serves as a powerful symbol of the enduring spirit, and the importance of bringing light into the world.

# **Announcements**

Return to school TUESDAY 7TH JAN 2025 We look forward to seeing you all!

Senior Mental Health Lead MR. MUSGROVE

Huge congratulations to Mr. Musgrove who has completed his training and is now a qualified Mental health lead at LJFS.



#### **Fond Farewell**

Rabbi Kleiman's tenure with us has been marked by his unwavering commitment to fostering a sense of and compassion. teachings have not only enriched our spiritual lives, but have also encouraged us to live with kindness and empathy. Through his words and actions, Rabbi Kleiman has taught us the importance of community, the power of faith, and the value of service to others.

## Bravo! İEnhorabuena!

**DUALINGO SUCCESS** 

The love of learning new languages is very much apparent and blossoming at LJFS. The students are continuing to amaze and impress with their dedication to learning Spanish, French, and Hebrew languages for fun and interest. The fruits of their labour are very much evident in their school work.

## Mid Year celebration Assembly

At LJFS, we believe that every step forward, no matter how small, is a milestone worth celebrating. Our students' journey through school is not just about the grades they earn or the awards they receive, but about the dedication, commitment, and kindness they show every day. Over 200 awards were given for achievements and endeavours, as well as 100% attendance. We also added a Staff nominations award, which allowed each year group to nominate a staff member for their hard work and dedication.











#### **Y9** Science

EXPERIMENTS FOR LEARNING

We have been fortunate to have a Science Technician working with us for the past few weeks. Miss. Shewaye has been sorting out the prep room, ordering new things and fixing the microscopes so they can be used. Y9 had a wonderful time investigating Onion cells.

### Bonjour!

MFL.

In MFL this term, we had some fun activities interspersed between grammar rules and sticky pronunciations! Y7 enjoyed listening to the 'Papaoutais' hit from Stromae, Y8 continued dancing on various French songs (pictured copying the 'J'aime les fruits' moves), and Y9 played a 'traditional' card game all in Hebrew. At the end, Y8 had a selfie with Mrs Fromm before she stops teaching in KS3.





## **School Council**





The full school council now has sub committees looking at Inclusion & Diversity, Eco issues and wider school needs. Their work this year has been invaluable to the changes that have taken place in the curriculum, sports, rewards and opportunites for all. We are all looking forward to the exciting ideas for 2025. Big thanks to Dr. Shaw and Mr. Musgrove for leading on this with our students

## PJ Day for Prom

In a delightful blend of comfort and community spirit, Year 11 students recently organised a Pyjama Day to raise funds for their much-anticipated prom. This creative initiative not only brought a sense of fun and relaxation to the school environment, but also showcased the students' leadership and organisational skills. The event was a resounding success, thanks to the enthusiastic participation of students and the generous support of the entire school community. To further boost the fundraising efforts, the Year 11 organisers set up a stall selling hot chocolate and cake. These treats were a hit, providing a cosy compliment to the pylama theme and drawing in eager customers during break time.









Students visited Harewood house as part of our faith and culture week. A wonderful time was had by all. We look forward to our next faith week in the new year.

As part of the whole school initiative to recognise and explore wider community traditions, Year 7 students have been busy making 'Diyas'. Traditionally made from clay, the lamps which are lit as part of the Diwali festival, have been an exciting part of the art timetable.









## TableTennis Star

Josh W has recently been selected for the Team GB Maccabiah table tennis team. Josh is an avid table tennis player, who attends his club every week to compete against other players. We are so proud of his efforts and wish him the best of luck when he competes!

Mrs Mason and Lilly (year 7) did a triathlon; 6.1KM run, 100 length swim and 10KM bike, to raise money for LJFS and a local children's Type 1 Diabetes charity. They raised f1200 in total. What an amazing achievement we are extremely proud of you!





LJFS proudly hosted its inaugural performance evening, the "Winter Warmer," a spectacular event that brought together students from all year groups to showcase their talents in drama, music, and comedy. The school hall was filled to capacity, buzzing with excitement and anticipation, as the community gathered to support and celebrate the diverse talents of our students.

As we reflect on the success of our firstever "Winter Warmer," we look forward to many more evenings of artistic expression and community celebration. This event has set a high standard for future performances, and we are excited to see how our students will continue to grow and shine in their artistic endeavors.









## ABI HOMELESS STREET ANGELS

Autumn, Mikey and Taylor have taken a remarkable step in addressing homelessness by participating in a significant initiative. Recently, exciting event was held at Abi House in Leeds, marking a pivotal moment in this effort. This initiative aims to provide support and resources to those experiencing homelessness, and the 3 pupils' involvement has been instrumental. We are incredibly proud of Autumn, Mikey and Taylor for their dedication and impact. Additionally, Autumn starred in the charity music video made by Danny Malin ('Rate my takeaway' on Youtube) to help raise money and awareness of homelessness in Leeds, through the charity Homeless Street Angels.









## **Mazel Tov Yara!**

We would like to wish Yara Mazel Tov on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah. Being a Bat Mitzvah is a time when an individual takes upon themselves the mitzvot of the Torah. Yara has shown through her dedication to our school values and ethos that she is 100% read for this. We are so proud of her achievements in the run up to the big day and especially by her d'var Torah that she gave during the morning Shacharit service. Mazel tov to all the family!

## A day of Remembrance



On Monday, 11th November, students at LJFS gathered to honor Armistice Day: a significant occasion marking the end of World War I. The event was a profound reflection on the sacrifices made by countless individuals during the war, and it was observed with a series of thoughtful activities that engaged both the mind and the heart.

The readings were carefully selected to resonate with the audience, capturing the somber yet hopeful spirit of Armistice Day. Students recited poems that evoked the imagery of war and peace, drawing on historical and contemporary works, that emphasised the enduring impact of conflict, and the collective yearning for a peaceful future. A minutes silence was observed - a tradition that holds deep significance as it allows individuals to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by those who served.

