

TLC Nursery @ Nishmas  
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Parshas Nosso – נִשּׁוֹ

Parshas Beshalach

*“Children...Days filled with sunshine and clear skies. Days filled with playtime and merriment. Hope you enjoy your carefree days”*

Dear Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas

Hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend and a great Shavous!

This week we had our first sibling starting properly after his holidays – welcome to Gabe Lewis – already you feel right at home!

This week's sedra is Nossso. Hashem tells Moshe about a special mitzvah that Aharon and his sons have to give a brocho to/bless the Bnei Yisroel. We still do this in the shul in musaph at the end of Yom Tov services. It's called Birchas Kohanim. We asked the children who has seen this in shul – although a different type of brocho, one girl replied that her daddy gives her a brocho at home and she showed everyone with her hands how he did it.

**Tuesday:** What a lovely day today! So we spent a lot of it outside being physical! Balancing on wooden beams and jumping off, balancing on stepping stones, climbing, riding, water play, hula hooping and chasing and we even attempted a little skipping with skipping ropes! HOW MUCH FUN DID WE HAVE OUTDOORS TODAY CHILDREN?!

Today in our French lesson with Monsieur Leon, the children revised instructions and numbers 1-10 through fun physical play.

- Battez de mains (clap hands)
- Demi-tour! About turn(about turn!)
- Garde a vous! (attention!)
- Mettez les mains sur le nez/la tete (put your hands on your nose/head)
- En haut (up)
- En bas (down)

As well as revising the above, the children had an introduction to "The Three Little Pigs". Some phrases were learnt today such as *"maison de paille/bois/pierre"*(straw, wooden, stone, house). Nif Nif, Naf Naf and Nouf Nouf are the three piglet brothers. *Le grand mechant loup* (The Big Bad Wolf) who is portrayed as very silly! We also sang *"Un kilometre a pied"* *"Aloutte"* and *"Frere Jacques"*. THANK YOU MONSIEUR LEON FOR OUR FRENCH LESSON WHICH WAS FULL OF FUN WHILST WE LEARNT!!

**Wednesday:** Our Show & Tell day! The children were really excited and now look forward to showing off their precious items. Today we had a "bang bang" musical instrument, a Teddy Bear that is called "Tesco" because that is what the label says (this did make us teachers laugh)! A Bob the Builder Teddy, a magical ball that when dropped, it collapses and gets smaller in size - *"it's not mine, my big sister let me have it from her camp"*, a magical wand that is for "a princess", an elephant rattle, a Little Miss Chatterbox teddy, a syringe - *"it's for a medicine. We drink it and we have water"*, a mini Torah plush "Torah", a Dino mummy

book - "it's mummy's", a map of Rome - "There is the Collosium, that's a wiggly river, that's the train station and that's my Rome local park!" FANTASTIC!, Finally a very fascinating picture of one of our little boy's x-ray when he broke his arm - "The circle is where I hurt my self"

**CHILDREN...THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SHARING YOUR SPECIAL ITEMS! THEY WERE ALL LOVELY AND SO INTERESTING!**

Last week we seeded cress which has grown beautifully and the children did so well with nurturing and caring for them daily through understanding that water is needed! We will be sending the children home with a little each; they are so proud of growing it themselves!

WELL DONE CHILDREN!



**Thursday:** Today we used various pieces of resources and equipment to help children build on their gross and fine motor skills. We used a large piece of lycra material. We asked all the children to hold the edge of the lycra in a punch style grip (knuckles facing forward) and stretch the lycra as far as they could go. This develops the children's finger strength which will help them with their fine motor skills which, in turn, is needed for mark making and their pincer grip for when they hold a pencil. Also it is great for upper-body/shoulder/arm development and for lower body (hips particularly). It can be helpful in progressing those children whose lack of physical development impedes their ability to sit still.

We then used silk scarves which we threw into their air. We had to have our hands stretched high to catch them. And then finally, carnival sticks that we swirled round and round and shook - the possibilities were endless! Most children are not self-conscious like adults and they have few inhibitions when it comes to spinning, dancing, jumping and generally using their body in free explorative ways. They are naturally in tune with their bodies, but for the teachers to achieve that state of being in tune with them we must get down to the same level as them...which we do of course! This gives us the best opportunities to engage in and observe the play and learning which is happening for them. Therefore, these fun and practical ideas that the children did today with lycra, scarves and carnival sticks gives us a creative way into supporting the children with their physical, social and communicative learning. But, most importantly it gives them plenty of opportunity to share their playfulness and ideas with us, right across all areas of the EYFS.

CHILDREN, YOU FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS BEAUTIFULLY! WELL DONE!

**Friday:** Mummy and Daddy Shabbos today are: Aliza & Issac

Today was Dana's last day at TLC. The children made her a beautiful card and gave her lots of cuddles. We wish her all the very best and the children will miss her. Good luck Dana!

Book of the Week: A New House for Mouse (Petr Horacek Michael Rosen)

Have a lovely weekend and Shabbos!

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