



Bushey Gan Prospectus

Bushey Gan is a 76 place Nursery and we accept children from 2 years of age to rising 5's.

The Gan is often oversubscribed and offers an excellent educational base to children in the community. They will learn the basics of Judaism, which will provide them with essential knowledge for life in the context of Jewish beliefs and values.

By the time the children are ready to leave Bushey Gan, they will have acquired different skills, tools and knowledge, which will prepare them for the next stage of their development. This is achieved within the framework of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and through the seven areas of learning.

The Gan is registered with Hertfordshire County Council and OFSTED. The Gan is managed by headteacher Ms D Boder-Cohn and a management body answerable to Bushey United Synagogue Board of Management.



Premises



The Saplings is situated in the Bradley Krett Memorial Building behind the synagogue. The Elm, Willow and Oak Classes are housed in the main building. All the classes share an outdoor playground with safety flooring and also have dedicated indoor play areas and toilets, including nappy changing facilities.



School Hours



The Gan is open Monday to Friday mornings between 8:45am and 4pm Monday to Thursday and until 12:45pm on Fridays except on chagim, bank holidays and staff training days.

*** A minimum of three sessions is required for non-funded children. ***



Lunch Club



We offer a nutritious, hot catered kosher lunch



Early Birds



We now offer an optional early start, at additional cost, from 8:45am to 9:15am

Funding

We offer both 15 and 30-hour funding



Curriculum



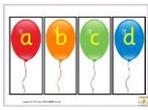
At Bushey Gan we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) set out by the Department of Education. Through our effective observations and planning, we are able to make sure that all our children are developing and progressing to reach their full potential, within the 7 areas of learning, which are:

3 Prime Areas

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development PSED
- Communication, Language C & L
- Physical Development PD

4 Specific areas

- Language L
- Mathematics M
- Understanding the World UW
- Expressive Arts & Design EA & D



Letters and Sounds Phase One



Letters and Sounds is a six-phase teaching programme designed to teach children how the alphabet works ready for reading and spelling.

Phase One is a completely oral programme of activities that concentrates on developing children's speaking and listening skills, phonic awareness and oral blending and segmenting. These activities are intended to be used as part of a broad and rich language curriculum that has speaking and listening at its centre, links language with physical and practical experiences, and provides an environment rich in print and abundant in opportunities to engage with books. The activities introduced in Phase One are intended to continue throughout the phases, as lots of practice is needed before children will become confident in their phonic knowledge and skills. Worksheets are not part of the programme and do not benefit the children in any way.

Phase One activities pave the way for children to make a good start in reading and writing. In order to enhance children's learning further by:

- ✓ Have fun with sounds
- ✓ Listen carefully
- ✓ Develop their vocabulary
- ✓ Speak confidently to adults and other children
- ✓ Tune into sounds
- ✓ Listen and remember sounds
- ✓ Understand that spoken words are made up of different sounds

Phase One of the programme consists of seven interlinking aspects that help the children tune into sounds. These are:

1. Environmental sounds
2. Instrumental sounds
3. Body percussion
4. Rhythm and rhyme
5. Alliteration (words that begin with the same sound)
6. Voice sounds
7. Oral blending and segmenting

Each aspect contains three strands:

- Tuning in to sounds (auditory discrimination)
- Listening and remembering sounds (auditory memory and sequencing)
- Talking about sounds (developing vocabulary and language comprehension).



Extra-Curricular Activities



- We offer Weekly sports sessions with a qualified coach.
- Musical Spanish lessons



Tapestry On-Line Learning Journal



Tapestry is a secure, easy-to-use, on-line learning journal for educators and parents to record, track and celebrate children's progress in early years' education. We set up an account for each family to access their child's learning journal with a password.



Kodesh/Jewish Studies and Ivrit



We focus on the chagim/ festivals, and integrate them into our secular and yearly planning in order to reinforce and celebrate our Jewish identity by: • Gaining awareness of central characters, events and stories of the Torah; • Learning and using the different tefillot/prayers and developing an awareness of the role of the Shul; • Appreciating and enjoying Shabbat with our weekly Oneg Shabbat; • Teaching moral values, for example, the way children should relate to each other, to adults and to their environment • Exploring Jewish lifestyle through imaginative and creative activities and in role play; • Promoting an understanding of basic kashrut • Celebrating Chagim and exploring each Chag with its associated characters; • Identifying and enjoying specific foods relating to each Chag; • Developing a basic Ivrit vocabulary; • Striving to instil a love of Israel in the children

We always keep in mind that our children are individuals, learning at their own pace. We take on board what they know and build from there.

Music: The children have a fun introduction to music and movement through nursery rhymes, classical music, instruments, puppets and their own imagination.

Music encourages communication, language, listening and co-operation as well as vocal ability. Movement helps to develop co-ordination, interaction and body awareness.

Computer: We are fortunate to have a computer in each classroom and they are used regularly to support learning.



Uniform



Children are expected to wear the Gan uniform consisting of sweatshirts and T-shirts with the Gan logo and navy jogging bottoms. A full uniform list is on our website as well as the order form for uniform4kids.

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED



Food and Snacks



We provide the children with milk (Chalav Yisroel). Water or squash is an alternative where allergies are present. Parents provide a snack chosen from an approved list.

During our Oneg Shabbat, all children are given challah and grape juice. Parents must inform the headteacher of any allergies.

We are happy to celebrate birthdays at Bushey Gan. Any cakes or food brought onto nursery premises must be milk and nut free and sealed with a valid kashrut label.

Parents may not bring any other food on to the shul premises.



Parent Partnership & PTA



Parents are regularly informed about their child's progress and are often invited to join us in celebrating festivals and Kabbalat Shabbat.

We welcome the contributions of parents, whatever form these may take, and are happy to give advice and support to parents in any way we can.

We keep parents informed with our weekly newsletter which is posted on our website as well as details of weekly activities on our notice boards.

We have a welcoming and active Parents Teachers' Association and we encourage parents to get involved.



Equal Opportunities



Our aim is to offer each child the opportunity to attain his or her greatest potential by acknowledging their different physical, emotional and educational needs.

We also aim to teach children to have respect for, and an understanding of, their beliefs as well as those of other communities around them, without discrimination.



Inclusion



The Gan recognise the wide range of specific requirements of children and will give consideration to these requirements (please refer to our policy).



Policies



Our policies are available to read on our website.



Security



Every Jewish school must be vigilant and security at Bushey Gan is no exception.

Kindly remember that it is essential for the staff to be informed if someone other than a parent will be collecting your child.

In the event of an emergency, please telephone directly:

Gan land line: 020 8386 1515

Gan mobile: 07733 068358

Email: head@busheyganim.org

Visiting the Gan

All visits are by appointment only.

Please ring to book an appointment: 020 8386 1515

Photo ID will be requested on arrival

Visitors must sign in and out.

