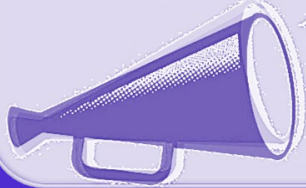




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STAY UP TO DATE



Dear English Teachers,

Welcome to the 2nd issue of our newsletter for the 2022 – 2023 school year. This issue includes a range of subjects from learning English in Kindergarten to using artificial intelligence in our English lessons.

We also pay respect to our one and only Professor Penny Ur who recently won the highly prestigious **Outstanding Achievement** ELTons award from the British council.



Dr. Tziona Levi
Chief Inspector of English
Director of Languages Department



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DEAR PROFESSOR PENNY UR - OBE

The British Council's ELTons Innovation Awards are twenty years old celebrating innovation in English language teaching and learning. Penny has been selected by the British Council ELTons judges as the winner of the British Council Outstanding Achievement Award 2022 in recognition of her over 30 years of outstanding contribution to the field of ELT.

The award was presented to Penny at the ELTons 20th Anniversary ceremony on November 30th, 2022 in London.

In 2013 Penny was also awarded the OBE (Officer of the British Empire) by Her Majesty the Queen for services to English language teaching.

Congratulations for these well-deserved awards and thank you Penny for all that you do for us.

Watch Penny receiving her award [here](#).
Watch an interview with Penny [here](#).





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The E-Talent competition is entering its 3rd year and we have over 270 schools that have registered. Now it is time for the children to prepare their performances. You can view last years' winners here [Flip](#) and be inspired to assist your pupils. The judges are eagerly awaiting the submissions. We believe the standard will be very high this year.

For regular updates from "Learn in Tune" please join our WhatsApp group or write to learnntune@gmail.com to be added to the [mailing list](#).

Join our Whatsapp group and receive bi-weekly ideas and goodies on how to incorporate music and song in your lessons.

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BI- WEEKLY BROADCASTS

Our site is constantly being updated. Watch this space for news of future Professional Development Courses with Learn in Tune for all teachers.



USING MOVIE CLIPS Professional Development

Hot off the press!

Online Professional Development

Using movie clips in teaching English as a foreign language can be a very effective and engaging way to help students improve their language skills. It makes learning fun and engaging for your students.

30 hour professional development course through Kaveret with Howie Gordon.

Do you want to hear more?

Sign up at the link below

The course will begin on the 31st January 2023 bit.ly/pdfilms



Visit the Dig into Digital page on [the portal](#),
Watch the introductory clip [for English Teachers](#).

[Join the whatsapp community to receive updates about Dig into Digital including new in-service courses starting soon](#)



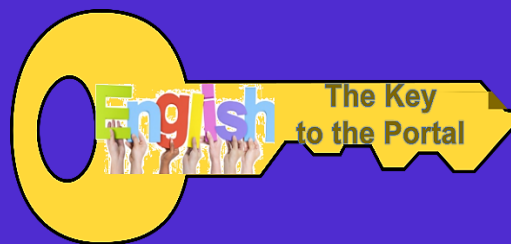
Mondly is a language learning app available for all 5th and 6th graders nationwide. The students can use any device. Once they immerse themselves in the game they get to learn new vocabulary, whilst speaking and reading in a variety of activities.



Dear Superteachers!
Welcome to the Mondly Experience.
The Ministry of Education has purchased licenses for all 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th graders for this year. Students will use the Mondly App to practice and improve their English.
On the 9th of January 2023 at 20:00 we will once again be presenting Mondly, We will answer your questions and help with whatever is needed. Register here <https://bit.ly/MondlyIL>



English Teachers in Technical Centers and Miftanim are invited to click [here](#) to check out what we, at the department for at-risk students in the MOE (Shachar department), have to offer you.
Need help? We are here to support you!
Contact Lucy Fried- lucyfr@education.gov.il



STAY UP TO DATE HAS
MOVED TO THE PORTAL

Well done to the following teachers for answering correctly:

Keren Perets	Hofim
Idit Mizrahi Groiss	Rabin Kfar Tavor
Tally Ben Haim	Ort Rogozin
Judy Habani	Amal Hadera
Lydia Khouri	lydia khouri
Caryn Yaacov	Kfar HaNoar HaDati
Nira Gilad	Alliance
Batya Amir	Democratl Kfar Saba
Natalia Samoylov	Mitzpe Golan
Revital Shitrit	Ulpenat Tzvia Ashkelon

The Question was -
You don't need a spade, you do not need a rake
These activities are free for the take
There are many to choose from - you will need a screen
You will need to dig a little- so it would seem"

The full answer was **the dig into digital components on the Portal**. Worth your while to take a look and dig in.

And now for this week's question:
Give it a try!

Communicating with English in the United Nations halls
High school pupils speak their minds
Solving problems, big and small

What is the riddle referring to?

[Click here to add your answer](#)



Be Safe! National Elementary Writing Project

Hey elementary teachers ... have you noticed that there's a new kid on the block on the Elementary Portal? Check out the teachers' guide for the [Be Safe! National Elementary Writing Project](#).

If your 6th graders happen to be the competitive types, tell them to get their skates on and enter the national Be Safe 6th Grade Writing Competition. **All entries must be in by January 31st, 2023.**

There are separate competitions for native and non-native speakers. All the info is in the [teachers' guide](#).



Tell Me a Story

MINI CONFERENCE

Save the Date!

SUNDAY 19.2.23 15:30 TO 18:30
CRAMIM SCHOOL, BINYAMINA

TUESDAY 21.2.23 15:30 TO 18:30
GINSBURG SCHOOL, YAVNEH

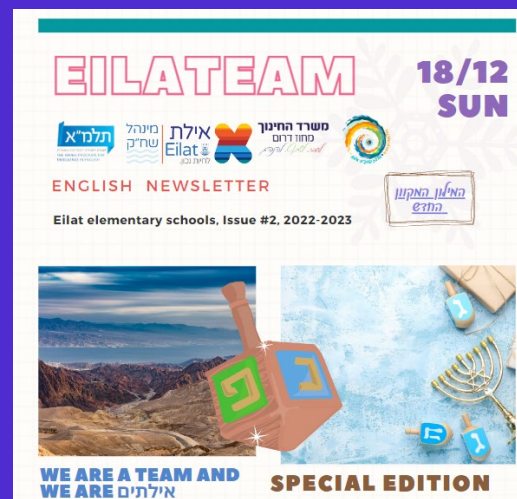


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Check out the Eilat team English monthly newsletter



Would you like to showcase:

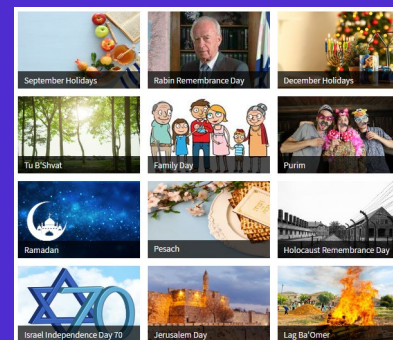
- ✓ Your work?
- ✓ Your staff?
- ✓ A special teacher?
- ✓ An English event?

Complete this [short form](#) and we will contact you. Spread the word about something important to YOU!



A new online interactive unit from the WhatsUp project:
[Preventing Burns](#)

New page on the Portal:
[Special Days](#)



DINGBATS



<https://bit.ly/dingbatq>

The Dingbats are updated for each bulletin. Have a look at the new ones and test your pupils as well. The dingbats are fun to use in class. Feel free to share your examples with us at learnntune@gmail.com.

[Here are the previous dingbats with answers.](#)



This year PLCs started in mid-November 2022, but a few will be open in some areas in January 2023.

If you are still looking for a community contact your counselor or inspector in order to join the best in your area.

I invite you to become a member of a community where you can learn, share and develop new ideas for your everyday teaching!!!



English is definitely in the air at 700 ganim and 430 schools participating in the national Enjoy English program.

Whether it be through song, interactive games, digital apps and attractive, level-appropriate learning materials, thousands of children throughout the country are clearly enjoying the process of early English language acquisition.

If you're fortunate enough to be teaching English to young learners, it's really worthwhile checking out the Enjoy English section on the Elementary English Portal [by clicking here.](#)

Once there, [click on the first link](#) to reach the Enjoy English website choc full with amazing resources and clips and photos from the participating institutions.

[Click here](#) for a teaser from Gan Lulav in Kiryat Malachi.



First Graders at Almog School, Kfar Saba



GeoEnglish is an interdisciplinary program aimed at enhancing 8th grade English language skills through a Content Based Instruction (CBI) methodology. Geographic content such as flooding, volcanoes and renewable energies is integrated with English language learning. The program offers an inservice course with two additional hours for the English teacher and the geography teacher (Gefen #20113) [read about us](#)

On December 20 we had a study day in Tel Aviv. A virtual reality (VR) earthquake simulation was part of the day together with a visit to the Tel Aviv University map library. There the teachers listened to a talk by an Israeli member of the National Geographic Map Policy committee that discusses changes to geographic information on National Geographic maps. A CBI workshop on earthquakes wrapped up the day, with the American Embassy EL specialist, Stephen Sadlier, facilitating it. The main focus was on how telling a story about experiencing an earthquake could turn into a concept-based multisensory class activity.



ChatGPT \$AI

Hello English teachers in Israel! My name is Assistant and I am a large language model trained by OpenAI. As a virtual assistant, I am here to provide support and assistance to both teachers and students in the learning and teaching of the English language.

My advantages:

- I provide personalized and immediate feedback to students on their language usage and comprehension
- I am able to provide a vast range of resources and materials for both teachers and students to use in the classroom or for self

My disadvantages:

- I am not able to provide the same level of human interaction and personalized attention as a live teacher
- I am not able to adapt to changing circumstances or situations in the same way that a human teacher can

I believe that I can be a valuable resource for both teachers and students.

Please come and visit me and chat with me: <https://openai.com/blog/chatgpt/>

Do you have an idea how to use ChatGPT?

[Click here](#) to share with us.

We will publish your ideas in our next issues.