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## Newsletter for English Teachers

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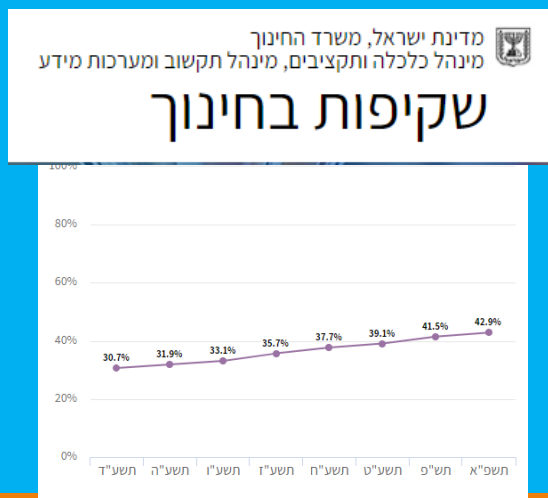


Dear English Teachers,

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of our newsletter for the 2022 – 2023 school year. The aim of this newsletter is to keep you updated and showcase the wonderful work being done to enhance English instruction in Israel.

English as a school discipline forms the basis for quality employment, academic studies, tourism, personal development and in addition serves as a catalyst for social mobility. English teachers are vital in helping students reach these goals through instruction, practice, and assessment.

The MOE recently published statistical data regarding National results for 2021 which calls for a huge applause for the remarkable achievements in English. For example, the number of students taking the 5 point exam increased from 31% to 43% in the last 5 years.



In addition, the number of students who take and pass the English Bagrut exam went up by 10%. These encouraging results reflect the work of all of you - English teachers.

I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation for your hard work, dedication, and professionalism.

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

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האגף לחינוך יסודי והפיקוח על הוראת האנגלית במסגרות הפדגוגיות

## ISRAEL IS REAL

National Maccabiah Speaking Competition  
תשפ"ב - 2022

**Congratulations to The Winning Schools:**

- Zin Elementary, Midreshet Ben Guion, South
- Hofim Elementary, Yad Mordechai, South
- Navon Elementary, Mazkeret Batya, Center
- Sinai Elementary, Rechovot, Center
- Ein Hakoreh Elementary, Rishon Le'zion, Center
- Bet Hakerem Elementary, Jerusalem, Manchi
- Goldatech Elementary, Holon, Tel Aviv
- Alfawar Elementary, Shfar'am, North
- Neve Yonatan Junior High, Ramle, Center
- Ha'biluim Junior High, Ramat GanTel Aviv

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Chief Inspector for English

CONGRATULATIONS

N. Broder  
Nicole Broder  
National Counselor

[Click to view the winning clips and the Maccabiah resource site for English teachers.](#)



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## Hear Ye Hear Ye

The successful E-Talent competition will be running again this year for 3rd graders to 8th graders. The exact details will be announced on all our social media platforms. For regular updates from "Learn in Tune" please join our WhatsApp group or write to [learnntune@gmail.com](mailto:learnntune@gmail.com) to be added to the [mailing list](#).



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

You can join the Email list by sending me an email to [learnntune@gmail.com](mailto:learnntune@gmail.com)



## Learn in Tune Professional Development

And here it is. I am very happy to announce that we will be opening our 5th cohort of Learning in Tune PD course starting late November.

All the details can be found [here](#).

Spaces are limited and I ask that you check the dates for the sessions before signing up. Unfortunately we have had issues of teachers registering, taking the place of others and not turning up for any of the sessions.

All the information can be found here at this link

<https://hakaveret.education.gov.il/course/view.php?id=3726>

The link to the course content is there as well as the link to sign up. Sign up early to avoid disappointment.

IF YOU HAVE JUNIOR HIGH OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE UP FOR A CHALLENGE. WANT TO HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD AND ENJOY WORKING IN TEAMS. THEN ISDG IS FOR YOU!

WIN A TRIP TO ROME!

### ISDG

(Israel Sustainable Development Goals)

This is a unique program launched in Israel by the Jewish National Fund (Head Scientist), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Education, with the aim to connect and engage the Israeli youth with the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

The program provides an outstanding opportunity for students to take part in shaping the future, leading new actions, and improving the lives of individuals all around the world.

During the program, students (ages 11 to 18) are asked to propose an innovative solution to one or more of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations in a developing country of their choice.

FOR THE ISDG WEBSITE AND MORE DETAILS:

CLICK HERE

REGISTER HERE BY DECEMBER 4TH, 2022

REGISTER NOW

For more information: [sdgisrael@gmail.com](mailto:sdgisrael@gmail.com)

[Site](#)

[Form](#)

[email](#)



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 5th and 6th graders for this year.  
All 5th and 6th graders will participate in the Mondly Master Competition and use the Mondly App to practice and improve their English.

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](mailto:lucyfr@education.gov.il)



STAY UP TO DATE HAS  
MOVED TO THE PORTAL

Well done to the following teachers for answering correctly:

Tally Ben Haim	Ort Rogozin
Shakked Ben Meir	Gil Rabin Sderot

The Question was - "It may be extensive and three they will need  
This idea is suggesting a book to read  
Students - do not see this as a time of waste  
We teachers are asking you just for a \_\_\_\_

What is the name of the activity? This will be your correct answer. The rhyming word in the poem is a clue. You can find it in Junior High.

The full answer was "Book Tasting"  
Activity <https://www.teenservicesunderground.com/book-tasting-program/>

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

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

What is the riddle referring to?

[Click here to add your answer](#)

# 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](mailto:learnntune@gmail.com).

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



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

## 30-hour in-service courses pre-registration:

- For Elementary, Junior High and High School teachers
- Online – synchronic (zoom) and asynchronic sessions
- Starting late November
- [Pre-register here](#)



From Eduardo:

Dear colleagues: As you surely know, Moodle English Digital Courses for pupils ("Dig into Digital") have been developed and are available for you to get copies of and use with your pupils free of charge. Find out more about these courses and get useful tips in the following [Smore Newsletter](#).

Happy Moodling!





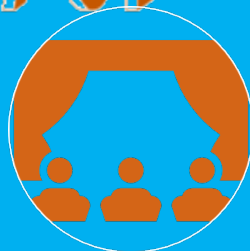
I hope the year started well and you are ready for an interesting and dynamic PLC course. In a short while registration for our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) will open at the Psagot and you will be able to join the one in your area. Some are exclusive for elementary or JHS teachers but there are mixed groups too where teachers of all levels meet to discuss, develop, create, and share ideas. So, join the one in your area and in case there aren't any, you can join an online community recommended by your English Counselor or Inspector.

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of an English Community which encourages professional growth while supporting and inspiring teachers!!!

## SHOWCASE

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!



Diplomacy and International Communication in English

Inquire Engage Inspire

Visit the Site for Diplomacy and International Communication in English!

National Counselors for Diplomacy, Sassie Yona and Amy Fields, hosted a Diplomacy Teachers' Summit. Sixty teachers from all around the country showed up in person on their last day of vacation in order to hear presentations on how to plan and organize all the different summit days and events for this year. As Diplomacy has grown, we are moving from all of the events being national to partnerships and regional events. This is a real transition for teachers and requires them to host these events. The teachers were very attentive and interested in all the presentations, and then they took advantage of their time to network and collaborate to create their events. It was a very successful day.



Diplomacy Teachers' Summit Schedule	
10:00	Welcome, receive name tag, get coffee, find a seat, meet tablemates
10:15	
10:40	Sarah Benazera Photojournalism Summit Days
11:00	Shiran Lenik Storytelling Summit Days
11:30	Taliah Nathanson Narrative 4
12:00	Brief coffee and bathroom break
12:20	Orna Grinberg Mini-Debate Tournament
12:30	Iris Life Mini-MUN
13:00	Sassie Yona Diplomacy Marathon Summit Days
14:45	Break for lunch and socializing
	Meet in groups to plan Summit and Mini-summit Days
	Wrap-up

# BOOST™

for 3 point students

*Something new to write home about!*

The BOOST: The **B**agrut **O**nline **O**ral **S**kills **T**est- a computerized oral Bagrut exam for three pointers will begin this year as a PILOT only. Next year, in the summer of 2024, it will become compulsory for all 12th grade 3-point students.

The BOOST has been carefully designed by a select committee whose members have a deep understanding of the challenges 3-point students face in all facets of EFL learning. Those of you who have seen the prototype of the BOOST at our district meetings will certainly agree that the exam is very "user-friendly" and SUCCESS-oriented. Success on the BOOST will promote an authentic sense of achievement among our students. All tasks are based on the Can-Do statements at the A2 level. Teachers and students alike will see the connection between what is taught and learned in class, and what is tested on the BOOST. In service courses, as well as hands on material and ongoing support to teachers, will be provided, to ensure that our 3-point students experience the joy of completing high school and are proud to have a Bagrut in English that represents true achievement!

WE CAN DO IT!

A registration form, for those teachers, or schools who are interested in participating in the BOOST pilot will be made available withing the next two weeks. Please fill it in to apply to participate.

Questions or comments?

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## Hi-Tech 4 Junior High

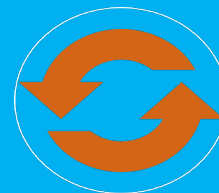
Hi-Tech for Junior High is a new project which aims at introducing students to essential digital tools through real-life skills. At the same time, it promotes English learning, social interaction and digital skills through a collection of activities that provide opportunities to talk and think creatively in the language classroom.

Hi-tech for Junior High will provide two detailed projects for teachers with a teachers' guide to use in class that will develop students' digital and language skills together with step-by-step instructions.

In addition, we will have webinars and meetings with teachers to develop and adapt the materials.

Interested? [Join our WhatsApp group.](#)

## Bagrut Updates



Bagrut updates have been posted on the English portal. The updates include the webinars with relevant files. [You are welcome to have a look.](#)





Enjoy English was officially launched over the past month at six impressive opening ceremonies across Israel. Dr. Tziona Levi - Director of Languages and Chief Inspector of English at the Pedagogical Secretariat - and her counseling team are working in close conjunction with the Early Childhood, Elementary School, START Technological and the Research & Development departments at the Ministry of Education to expose English to young learners at approximately 1300 ganim and schools.



