



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 10th January 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Hace mucho frio..... *It is very cold*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere Primary Schools working in partnership

RE 2025-26 CALENDAR DESIGN COMPETITION

We are delighted to share information with all our children about the annual Hackney RE calendar design competition which has just been announced for 2025-26.

Last year we had winners from Kingsmead & Grasmere and the year before we had winners from Kingsmead & Mandeville. It would be great to have winning designs from our schools again this year as well!

This year's Religion and Worldviews theme is '**Festivals and Celebrations**'. The design entries can show religious and secular festivals and celebrations to reflect Hackney's diverse communities.

Entries:

Please note that ALL entries (originals only) should be:

- On A4 Landscape, preferably on coloured paper and/or using strong/bold colours – i.e. felt pens or paints. Please DO NOT USE pale pencils
- Labelled clearly with pupils' names, school and year group must be clear on the back- not the front
- Preferably no writing on the poster (labels, titles, names etc.)
- If entries do contain some text, please check words have the correct spelling before submission

Please make sure you hand your designs to your class teacher no later than Friday 21st March so they have time to send in your designs to Hackney Council

Here are last year's winning designs from Grasmere and Kingsmead to give you an idea of what's possible.



NHS PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

NHS
Providing NHS services

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

Accessing the service may mean that you can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local **pharmacy** with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following 7 conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply).

You can watch a short animation about the Pharmacy First Service by clicking [here](#).

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HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD FAMILY COOKING SESSION

The end of term brought a delightful conclusion to our family cook-a-longs with a festive twist! We gathered in the School of Food kitchen for our final session of the year on the very last day of school term, where Chef Theo guided us in crafting delicious Christmas Hand-Pies.

Inspired by the traditional Christmas feast, these savory treats were packed with flavour. Hearty root vegetables, vibrant winter greens, and succulent turkey chunks filled the pies, showcasing the versatility of leftovers. This recipe hoped to offer a convenient and tasty way to utilize leftovers and simplify busy holiday meals.

The creative juices were flowing as families chatted about ways to create with their own unique twists, such as incorporating Madras spice mixes to create a flavourful curried version. The aroma of the pies baking filled the kitchen, and the smiles on everyone's faces spoke volumes about the success of the session.

We're already looking forward to our next culinary adventure! At the of the month, we'll be creating a warming and nutritious Japanese Vegetable Ramen dish, perfect for the chilly months and packed with immune-boosting goodness.



If you 'd like to sign up to take part in our monthly free Family Cook-A-Long sessions, which take place on the last Thursday of every month from 4—6.30pm please [click here](#).

Children must be 5+ to attend with a maximum of 2 children per adult.



HACKNEY School of Food

FAMILY COOK-A-LONG

at Hackney School of Food

Join our free monthly family cooking classes at Hackney School of Food!

Learn low-cost, simple and delicious family favourite recipes to feed families of all sizes.

All classes come with free ingredients to make recipes again at home!

Children must be 5+ to attend with a maximum of 2 children per adult.

WHEN: Last Thursday of every month 4-6.30pm From September

WHERE: Hackney School of Food, Oswald Street, Lower Clapton

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

SCAN THIS CODE TO FILL IN OUR FORM

OR EMAIL EMMA AT: hello@hackneyschooloffood.com

MEALS THAT MULTIPLY

Hackney School of Food still has a few places on for their Meal that Multiply sessions. This is a FREE 5 session course for adults. Come and practise budgeting, bulking and make the most of your ingredients with 5 simple and delicious recipes. **Tuesday afternoons 1-3pm from 14th January.** [Sign up here](#) or call Emma on **07395747296**.

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

There are still spaces available on the Hackney School of Food Spring Term After School club! Join this fun club every Tuesday to sizzle, chop and take something home for tea with seasonal fresh recipes. Ages 7+ Tuesdays, 3:45 – 5:15pm £15 per session / £180 full term.*

*Discounts available for families registered for Free School Meals - email

hello@hackneyschooloffood.com for a discount code

[Find out more and book now!](#)

FAMILY COACH SERVICE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

The Family Coach Service are running a couple of workshops for Hackney parents in the coming weeks:

This **Autism Education Trust training** is open to ALL parents/carers of children in a Hackney school, or who live in Hackney - they are

offering an in person workshop or online workshop on two different dates. To book your slot please email familycoachservice@hackney.gov.uk

They also have workshop on 'Making screen time work for you and your family'. This is open to any parent/carer with a child in a Hackney school who has a SEND need (no official diagnosis or EHCP required) This workshop is happening IN PERSON at Grazebrook School on Friday 7th February from 9—10am. If you are interested in attending please email familycoachservice@hackney.gov.uk

Autism Education Trust Training

Are you waiting for assessment or does your child already have an Autism Diagnosis?

Are you curious and would you like to know more about Autism?

"Helping to develop good autism practice"

Parent Autism Education Trust Training

Tuesday 14th of January 9-11am @ Holy Trinity Primary School
Wednesday 5th of February 11:30-1:30pm @ Online
Thursday 20th of March 6-8pm @ Online

Sign me up!
familycoach@hackney.gov.uk
Let us know which session you'd like to attend. We look forward to working with you!



Friday 7th February 2025 9am - 11am

The Family Coach Service Workshop

Finding Ways to Manage Screen Time at Home

Open to all parents of SEND children in a Hackney School

What to expect from the group

- A group of parents covering the following topics in a non-judgemental and confidential space:
 - Exploring boundary setting and what is currently working
 - Thinking about the motivation for making a change with regards to screen time
 - An opportunity to talk with other parents experiencing similar challenges or looking to make similar changes.



SPRING TERM 2025

1st half of term: **06.01.25 - 14.02.25**

Half term: **17 Feb — 21 Feb 2025**

2nd half of term: **24.02.25 - 04.04.25**

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	90	Year 3	87
Reception	92	Year 4	94
Year 1	114	Year 5	128
Year 2	98	Year 6	82

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lagan 98.5%
KS2	Severn 98%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Mabel
Lea class (Rec) Aurora
Lagan class (Yr 1) Oliver
Tyne class (Yr 2) Calisa

Severn class (Yr 3) Nusaybah
Ness class (Yr 4) Skye
Fowey class (Yr 5) Nathaniel
Avon class (Yr 6) Daniella

WELCOME BACK & HELLO TO A NEW FACE

It was lovely to see children looking well and rested on their return to school at the start of this week, ready and energised for all the learning and fun activities in store for them this term.



We have a new face to welcome to the Kingsmead staff team this term and we are sure you will all make him feel very at home.

Victor is our new drumming teacher who will be working with Ms Harley every Tuesday when Kingsmead has Drumming and Dance

sessions. Victor's been teaching drumming for over 10 years. His other passion is animation!

Welcome also to **Camilla** who will be joining our LEAP Central Team as Human Resources Manager, from next week, working across the three LEAP schools.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our After School Clubs start on Monday 13th January. All children who have applied for an after school club will receive confirmation of which club/s they have been allocated by end of day today, Friday.

There was a high demand for quite a few clubs this term, so your child might not have been allocated all the clubs they requested but we have worked hard to make sure every child who wants to attend a club has been offered something. Please make sure you have paid for your child's clubs by **Wednesday 15th January 2025**.

If you haven't yet signed your child up for an after school club we still have a few spaces in the following clubs:

Monday - Story Adventures (Reading club) for years 3, 4 5 & 6., **Tuesday - Indoor Games** for years 2, 3 4 & 5 and **Wednesday - Boxing** for years 4, 5 & 6

Don't forget if you are registered for FSM your child will qualify for one free club per week.

PARENT WORKSHOP : COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD (years 3—6)

On **Monday 20th January** at 9am we have a parent workshop run by a specialist teacher and Educational Psychologist for parents who have a child in years 3—6 with autism. This workshop will also be really useful for any parent whose child has communication difficulties.

NEW YEAR COFFEE MORNING



Thanks to all the parents and carers who attended our New Year Coffee Morning on Thursday. We were joined by Jasmine from Daubene Children's Centre who shared information about all the FREE courses & sessions for Hackney parents that are on offer, just around the corner from our school at the Children's Centre. From first aid training for parents, to ICT and ESOL courses, cake decorating & parenting courses which are all available for parents and carers, to a weekly Toy Library, baby massage and stay & play sessions which are all open for parents to attend with their children— there are so many useful activities and sessions taking place and all are FREE to Hackney residents. Parents interested in taking part just need to go along to Daubene Children's Centre and register as a member, then they can sign up for any sessions they are interested in taking part in.

We also were joined by Florence and Tasneem from Citizen's Advice East End who were sharing information about the fortnightly 1:1 Citizens Advice support sessions that are being offered to Kingsmead families. From benefits advice, support with housing, debt, cost of living crises, employment rights and advice Tasneem will be able to support and give advice to you. If you'd like to book a session please call **0203 880 2266** and leave your name, number and say you are a Kingsmead parent.



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 16 Jan** Year 5 class assembly at 11am
- Mon 20 Jan** Parent workshop: **Communicating with your Autistic Child year 3—6** at 9am
- Wed 22 Jan** Year 4 RE Assembly
- Mon 27 Jan** Parent Workshop: **Communicating with your Autistic Child Nur—Yr 2** at 9am
- Wed 5 Feb** Nurs & Rec RE Assembly at 3pm
- w/c Mon 10 Feb** Creativity Week
- Wed 12 Feb** Year 3 RE Assembly at 3pm
- Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb** Half term break
- Wed 5 March** Year 2 class assembly at 3pm
- Wed 19 March** Year 1 class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 20 March** Parents evening - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**
- Wed 26 March** Rec class assembly at 3pm
- Wed 2 April** Year 5 class assembly at 3pm
- Fri 4 April** Last day of Spring Term - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**