

LEAP NEWS

Monday 16th October 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Llueve mucho en otoño.... *It rains a lot in Autumn...*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD NEWS

Lots has been happening over the last few weeks at the School of Food....

New chicks and a naming competition!

Exciting news...as Cinnamon (one of HSoF's chickens) successfully hatched 4 chicks last week, our first in house breeding success at the School of Food! Visitors this week have been treated to sighting of our 4 little fluff balls who are learning new things every day.



The new chicks need names, so we are holding a name competition.

As with our other chickens' names we have **Cinnamon, Pepper** and **Berry** already, we would like to keep the **food name theme**. Each school will name one chicken and the School of Food staff have named one **Poppy** already.



Poppy



Mandeville's chick



Gayhurst's chick



Kingsmead's chick

The child who suggests the winning name for their schools' chick will win a free 'family' ticket (2 adults &

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2 children) for the Autumn Trail pumpkin light event on November 2nd - (tickets on sale [here](#).)

There will be a box by each Reception desk in each school to put your suggested chick name entries in (with the child's name and class) - any piece of paper will do. The school councillors of each school will choose the winning name for their school's chick.

Welcome Zoe

We are delighted to announce the new General Manager has started at Hackney School of Food last week and is already getting going on leading the HSoF into new developments and projects. Zoe will be ensuring that we can deliver cookery lessons to thousands of school children and will also be helping to raise vital funds and building on our social prescribing, community, team building, adult cookery classes and corporate events. Zoe joins the School of Food from The Food Foundation where she was the national advocacy manager, promoting food and healthy eating for children and led on the Feed the Future Campaign. Zoe will be leaping straight into organising the Autumn Trail on Nov 2nd, the biggest community event in our annual calendar



Investec Award

In September, the HSoF directors, Marc, headteacher of Mandeville, Louise, our Executive Headteacher and Naomi Duncan CEO of Chefs in Schools, travelled into the City and pitched to a panel of Investment banking Dragons as to why they should fund additional capacity HSoF going forward. **Investec Beyond Business** is an award winning programme, offering training and support for emerging social enterprises in east London. We are delighted to announce that they were successful and the HSoF will be supported to develop by Investec over the next few years. Here is a picture of Marc on the day of the Dragons den entering a competition to guess the weight of the pewter trophy!



FREE PARENT WORKSHOP DAY

Morningside Community centre (Cresset Rd, E9) are offering a day of free parent workshops run by Hackney Council including safeguarding training, online safety, parenting techniques, resources and support on **Tuesday 17 Oct.** Book your place [here](#)

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FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS FROM HACKNEY'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



Every month Hackney's Mental Health Support team run a series of helpful workshops for parents on a range of topics. Below are links to sessions coming up in November around

supporting challenging behaviour at home, body positivity and support with issues around sleep. Just click the Eventbrite link if you would like to sign up for any of them.

6-week in person parent group: Managing behaviour that challenges (in person) from 9:30 - 11am (1 hr workshop, 30 mins for Q&A/Discussion), Wednesday mornings from **8th November 2023 - 13th December 2023** at a school based in the Hackney borough. | [Eventbrite](#)

Online Parent Workshop: Supporting young people to be body positive Tickets, **Thu 9 Nov 2023 at 17:00** | [Eventbrite](#)

Online Sleep workshop for parents of primary school children Tickets, **Thu 9 Nov 2023 at 10:00** | [Eventbrite](#)

HALF TERM: FREE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES & EVENT



This half term there are some fun free family activities and events linked to Black History taking place in Hackney's libraries. Find out more [here](#).

Celebrating our Sisters! Family Workshops

Sat 21st October 2 - 3 pm at Clapton Library

Mon 23rd October 2 - 3pm at Homerton Library

Fri 27th October 2 - 3pm at Dalston CLR James Library

Sat 28th October 11-12pm Hackney Central Library

**Stories with Ken Wilson Max for
Ages 5+**

Thurs 26 October 2- 3pm at
Stamford Hill Library



LEAP FOOTBALL NEWS

This week **Mandeville**, **Kingsmead** and **Gayhurst** all took part in the **Hackney 7 a-side Boys Football tournament**. Freddy, Mandeville's Specialist Sports teacher would like to say a huge thank you and well done to all three LEAP schools' teams, for their excellent teamwork and their great discipline!

We are very proud of all the boys who came and played - what an asset they are to LEAP federation!

LEAP FOOTBALL NEWS CONTINUED.....

Out of the 32 schools that competed, all three schools progressed to the final 16. There was a very tense quarter final match between Mandeville and Kingsmead which ended in Kingsmead's victory after a superb individual effort from **Ronel**.

Despite their best efforts and amazing sportsmanship, Gayhurst and Mandeville were unable to progress to the semi-final but they deserve congratulating nonetheless for representing their schools so well!

Kingsmead got to the semi-finals and lost on penalties, coming **3rd place** which is a huge achievement.

Well done to everybody who took part and thank you to all coaches for their great support and efforts.



EU CODE WEEK



Last week and this week we have been celebrating EU Code Week across LEAP! Code week is a grass-roots movement that promotes creativity, problem solving and

collaboration through programming and other tech activities. The idea is to make programming more visible, to show young, adults and elderly how you bring ideas to life with code, to demystify these skills and bring motivated people together to learn.

Last year, around 4 million people in more than 80 countries around the world took part in EU Code Week. At LEAP, teachers have been using online coding apps, as well as PurpleMash to explore and celebrate coding. Be sure to login at home too, so you can make the most of EU Code Week!

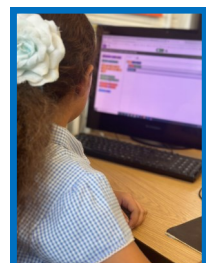
'I found Code Week amazing! I love coding!' - **Trae 6J**



'It is really easy to follow and fun!' - **Mia, Yr 5**
'When you get onto higher levels, it gets more challenging but the more you do it, the more you improve' - **Cindy, Yr 5**



'Coding is fun! I can't believe how easy it was to make a game!' - **Yasmeen Yr 5**





AUTUMN TERM 2023

1st half of term: 04.09.23 - 20.10.23

Half term: 23 - 27 Oct 2023

2nd half of term: 30.10.23 - 19.12.23

INSET days: Fri 1 Sept 23
Wed 20 Dec 23

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	91	Year 3	80	EYFS & KS1	Tyne
Reception	76	Year 4	92		99%
Year 1	85	Year 5	85	KS2	Avon
Year 2	124	Year 6	100		99.5%

TOP ATTENDANCE



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Rebecca
Lea class (Rec) Rey
Lagan class (Yr 1) Hnna
Tyne class (Yr 2) Bilise

Severn class (Yr 3) Anya
Ness class (Yr 4) Maryam
Fowey class (Yr 5) Jeremy
Avon class (Yr 6) Emryah

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Tuesday last week we celebrated World Mental Health Day. Children and staff were encouraged to wear something yellow to school that day, in support of Young Minds Hello Yellow campaign which aims to show young people that feelings matter. Children took part in activities in their class which asked them to think about and share ideas on what they can do to look after their wellbeing, their physical health and their mental health.

We also invited children in Years 3 - 6 who might be interested in becoming a Kingsmead Wellbeing & Mental Health champion to apply for the role, as we need to recruit a few new champions to join our existing ones.

The names will be announced next week.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Last week we held our school council elections. Children in Years 1 to 6 took it in turns to visit the **polling station**.

There they were given a **ballot paper** which listed those standing for election for the school council in their class and were asked to vote for two councillors. This was a **confidential vote** and children were encouraged to really think who they felt would do the best job of representing their class. Votes were posted in the **ballot box** to be counted.

We would like to thank all children who put their name forward to stand at the election. The new school councillors will be announced at a special assembly on Wednesday and will be published in the school newsletter on Friday.

Our new school council's first job will be to decide the winning name for the Name our Chick competition for the best suggested name for Kingsmead's new chick (see LEAP news page).



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 19 Oct** Kingsmead's International Evening 4 - 6.30pm
- Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct** Half term break
- Wed 1 Nov** Coffee Morning: LEAP's Empowerment Curriculum 9 - 9.45am
- Thurs 2 Nov** HSoF Autumn Trail 4.30-7pm
- Wed 8 Nov** Rec class assembly 3pm
- Mon 13-Fri 17 Nov** Parent & Carer Come to School Week
- Wed 15 Nov** Yr 2 class assembly 3pm
- Wed 22 Nov** Yr 6 RE assembly 3pm
- Thurs 30 Nov** Parent & Carer Consultation Evening—
school closes early for children at 1.30pm
- Wed 6 Dec** Yr 1 Nativity Assembly
- Tues 12 Dec** Drumming & Dance performances 2.15pm
- Thurs 14 Dec** Yrs 2 & 3 Gymnastic performances 3pm
- Tues 19 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term -
early close for children at 1.30pm

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Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Don't forget to buy your tickets for Kingsmead's International Evening which is taking place **this week on Thursday 19th October**, after school from 4—6.30pm

Our International Evening is a wonderful celebration of our school community's vibrant diversity, where families are invited to dress up and celebrate their cultural heritage and come together to share a meal, with dishes of delicious food from around the world served to families by our school staff.....There will be lots of great music & dancing too, including sets by DJs Ben & Rod and a live Latin band.

Thanks to all the families who have already signed up to bring food - we have a list of very delicious dishes being brought. Please tell staff on the gate if you plan to bring a dish of food and claim your reduced price adult ticket.

Be sure not to miss the party - it's one of the highlights of Kingsmead's school year!

NUR & REC GET PLANTING CONTINUED.....

We are looking for a flower for the scavenger hunt"
Ottavia Rec

"I've found a snail. Look under here!" **Oliver Rec**

"It's a massive worm". **Wassim Rec**



"I like digging and finding worms and putting them in my hands" - **Lamiyah Nur**

"I like the worms in my hand!" - **Josiah Nur**





Kingsmead School's
International Evening
is **BACK!!!!**
Thursday 19th October 4 - 6.30pm
As many of you will know this is one of the highlights of Kingsmead School's year, with great entertainment, including a live Latin band this year and wonderful dishes of food cooked by you, our fabulous parents & carers!
Please bring a dish of food to share - let staff on the school gate know what you plan to bring.
Tickets on sale in the school playground next week:
Adult - £3 (reduced to £1 if bringing food)
Child - £1

NURSERY & RECEPTION GET PLANTING

Our very youngest children at Kingsmead are involved in a lovely project with EcoACTIVE, planting a meadow area in the community orchard in Daubeney Fields, alongside Steph, EcoACTIVE's postcode gardener and Gerry, who works on gardening and sustainable projects in the local area. The children have been really enjoying exploring the area, finding worms and mini-beasts whilst also learning about the seasons and what plants need to be able to grow well.