

LEAP NEWS

Friday 20th October 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
las hojas caen de los árboles.... *The leaves fall from the trees...*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

SCHOOL OF FOOD AUTUMN TRAIL

Don't forget to [buy your tickets](#) for the School of Food's amazing Autumn Trail on **Thursday 2nd Nov.** **All LEAP families registered for Free School Meals are being offered FREE tickets** to this event. Please get these from your school's office. Free pumpkin soup & bread on entry.

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD OSWALD STREET E5 0BT

Autumn Trail
Thursday 2nd November

🍁 430-7pm 🍁

WANDER OUR PUMPKIN-LIT GARDENS,
ENJOY FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES,
FILL UP ON DELICIOUS HOMEMADE FOOD,
KEEP WARM BY OUR FIREPITS

£8 Adult | £4 Child
including pumpkin soup & bread

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA OUR WEBSITE
WWW.HACKNEYSCHOOLOFFOOD.COM
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

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COLDER WEATHER

Please make sure your child brings a coat to school to wear during playtime and lunch times and for their journey too and from school, now that it is colder.

We all need to keep warm - just like Cinnamon's new chicks tucked under her downy feathers in this photo!



NEW CHICKS NAMED

After reading through lots of the different suggestions, the school councillors in each school came together to vote on the best name for their school's chicks. We are delighted to announce below the winning chick names for each school's chick.

Sunflower (name of Kingsmead's chick), put forward by **Finley** in Year 1

Pumpkin (name of Mandeville's chick) put forward by **Amirah** in Year 5

Chickpea (name of Gayhurst's chick) put forward by **Aphra** in class 3E

They join Poppy (the Hackney School of Food's chick), and the hens **Cinnamon, Pepper** and **Berry** to form the Hackney School of Food brood!

Thank you to all the children you put forward suggestions for the names. Aphra, Finley and Amirah who suggested the winning names will each receive a free family ticket for two adults and two children to the Hackney School of Food's Autumn Trial on Thursday 2nd November.



Poppy



Pumpkin



Chickpea



Sunflower

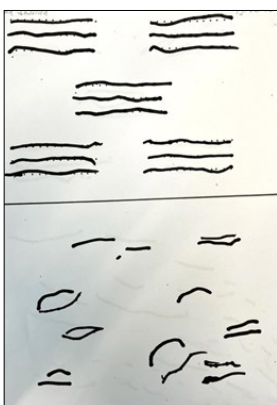
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EARLY WRITING AT LEAP

From the time our children join Nursery, they are laying the foundations of strong literacy skills at LEAP. Writing is a complex process relying on many skills which often develop at different paces.

Children firstly need to be able to distinguish between sounds in the world and in speaking and our Nursery, teachers plan for this through stories. At the same time, children practise writing and drawing many of the shapes which form parts of our letters.

Spirals (winding clockwise and anticlockwise) are common shapes that children practise in Nursery.



This writing shows how a child has been guided at first, then has written independently. Independently written shapes and letters are a good indicator of understanding so we always encourage this. When we see

writing like this, teachers can assess development and plan for the next stage of teaching. Through Nursery, children gradually learn how to control letter shapes and write their names.

Our Reception teachers make the links between what children hear (sounds) and what they see written (letter shapes). They carefully plan learning activities so children have opportunities to practise reading and writing every day, multiple times a day. In this way, our children become confident, fluent readers and writers.

Here are some of the activities we teach and what children are learning from the activity.

Phonics



In phonics, children learn how to say a sound correctly, how to read and how to write it. In Reception, children learn usually one or two sounds a week and the teacher gradually adds more as the group learns.



EARLY WRITING AT LEAP CONTINUED.....

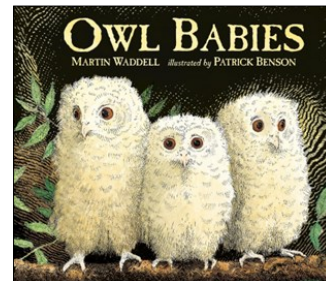
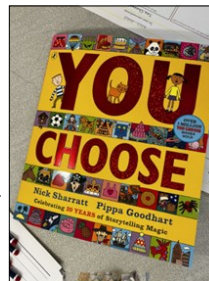
We teach phonics in groups so the adult can pay close attention to each child's learning. It is in these smaller groups that children also learn general skills like turn-taking and repetition in order to memorise and many of the behavioural skills needed through primary school and beyond.

Look how the children here are enjoying their learning!



During activities like this, children say the sounds aloud and group the letters that match. It develops a child's pace and accuracy at reading and applying visual skills, which support both reading and writing.

The books in our Early Years curriculum are a great way to initiate conversation and generate inspiration to write.



Developing a bank of known phonics alongside speed and confidence in recalling letter shapes, writing them with control and building sentences are just some of the complex set of skills we are developing when learning how to write! We aim that by the end of Reception, our children are writing with a mixture of known spellings and phonic spellings and have the confidence to record some of their thoughts and understanding independently.





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	90	Year 3	94	EYFS & KS1	Ouse
Reception	116	Year 4	82		99.2%
Year 1	80	Year 5	92	KS2	Ness
Year 2	75	Year 6	70		100%

TOP ATTENDANCE



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Robyn
Lea class (Rec) Amaya
Lagan class (Yr 1) Jahi
Tyne class (Yr 2) Elena

Severn class (Yr 3) Sanaa
Ness class (Yr 4) Nathaniel
Fowey class (Yr 5) Isatu
Avon class (Yr 6) Nevaeh

TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

This week on Wednesday, Kingsmead Y3 and Y4 participated in a Tag Rugby Festival. The children learned new skills and were set different challenges and tasks throughout the day. The session was delivered by coaches from Saracens. It was really nice to see how focused and adaptive the children were during the Tag Rugby match. **Saeeda** said "Can we please do this again next week?" **Samuel** said "I love Tag Rugby!"



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to our new Kingsmead School Councillors who were elected last week. The winners of this election were announced on Wednesday this week at a special assembly.



Class	Elected Concillors
Year 1	Carter & Khalifa
Year 2	Prince-Royson & Elena
Year 3	Asmah & Hussein
Year 4	Kyron & Eliza
Year 5	Solene & Rio
Year 6	Leyla K & Robera

REQUEST FOR OLD SHIRTS TO USE AS ART APRONS



If you have any unwanted clean adult shirts that you can donate to school to use as art aprons we would be very grateful to receive them.

Please bring into school office - thank you!

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct Half term break
Mon 31 Oct Deadline for secondary school applications
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

PTO FOR INTERNATIONAL EVENING REPORT

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 2023

It was wonderful to have Kingsmead's families back into school celebrating our fabulous and diverse community at International Evening on Thursday, What an incredible event it was. We are SO grateful to the many parents who brought in the truly amazing donations of food to share....it really was a feast. Thanks also to our wonderful kitchen team (**Shernett, Ana, Ana and Jackie**) who prepared trays of chicken curry, chicken drumsticks, pizza and coleslaw salad for everyone. We also would like to thank **Spitalfields Tenants Association** for donating pineapples for us to offer all who came.

Thanks to all of Kingsmead's staff team for helping to make this evening such a lovely celebration with special thanks to our two in house DJs **Ben & Rod** and **John** our premises manager. We think you can see from the photos that everyone had a great time - and thoroughly enjoyed the performances from Cuban band **Ransay & Company**, the dance by **Autumn Vibes dancer group** and the **staff steel pans band**. It was also amazing to have an impromptu drumming session from our ex student **Daniel**, one of Kingsmead's most talented drumming students ever, who started his drumming career when he was with us in Reception class! You can find more photos on the school website [photo gallery page](#)

