

# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 3rd November 2023

**SPANISH PHRASE** of the week  
Necesito una bufanda y guantes.... *I need a scarf and gloves...*

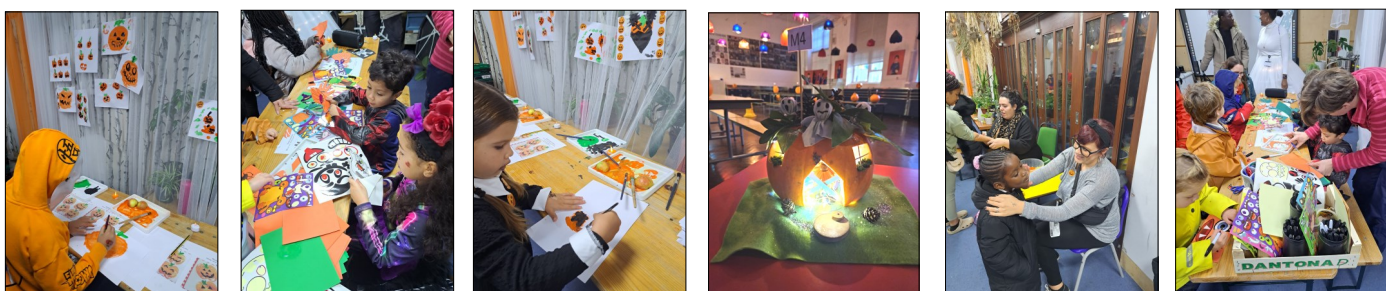
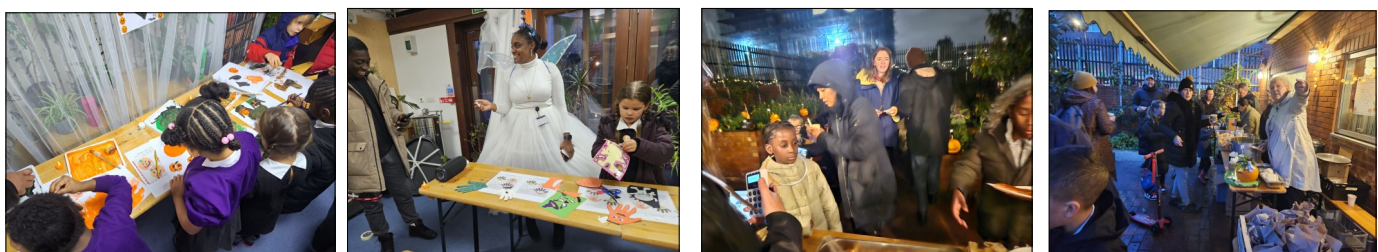
**Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership**

### HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD'S AUTUMN TRAIL 2023

Last night we celebrated with our annual Autumn Trail. We embraced the British Autumn weather, put on our wellies and enjoyed an evening full of pumpkins, crafts, hot chocolate and some delicious warming soup.

The event would not be possible without all of our incredible staff across LEAP who pulled together to carve pumpkins for the evening. Thank you to everyone who participated! Special thanks to **Chef Tom, Flor, Sergio and Michelle** for providing us with some tasty Autumn treats, our phenomenal gardener, **Lidka**, who tirelessly works to create a magical space for us all to enjoy, **Mandeville's wonderful PTA** who volunteered and kept us all busy with their crafts, to **Colin**, Mandeville and HSoF's premises manager, who made sure that everything ran smoothly and to our committed and dedicated staff team across LEAP who volunteered their time to help on the night. Finally, thank you to all of the families who joined us to celebrate. There was a magical atmosphere and you made it all a truly joyful event!

We were very pleased that the Hackney Mayoral candidate for next week's election, Councillor Caroline Woodley, was able to attend the event & expressed her support for the project and for improving school food education across Hackney. Information about the winning pumpkins can be found overleaf..... **PTO**





### HSOF AUTUMN TRAIL WINNING PUMPKINS

This year we had an amazing set of pumpkins carved by LEAP staff., as you can see from the photos. We're delighted to announce the three winning pumpkins, as selected by last night's Autumn Trail visitors are:



Holly Heaton



Ben de Sausmarez



Selin Hassan

### CHEFS IN SCHOOLS WIN BBC FOOD & FARMING AWARD

The charity Chefs in Schools which was co-founded by our Executive Headteacher Louise Nichols, Gayhurst's previous chef Nicole Pisani and Henry Dimbleby (ex-Gayhurst parent), and with whom the LEAP Federation and Hackney School of Food work with closely, were chosen to receive the Derek Cooper Award for Outstanding Achievement at this year's BBC Food & Farming Awards. As some of you may already know Chefs in Schools' employ restaurant and highly skilled chefs in school kitchens to improve the quality of school meals, at the same time educating and inspiring children about the benefits of cooking nutritionally balanced food from scratch. Our school kitchens are all signed up to the Chefs in Schools approach and our children benefit from daily freshly cooked meals and a full food education programme.

Naomi Duncan (CEO of Chefs in Schools) and Nicole Pisani (Chefs in Schools Executive chef) said "We were honoured to accept this award not only for our small but enthusiastic team but for all the chefs we support who are changing perceptions of what's possible in school food".



### PARENT AUTISM TRAINING

The Autism Education Trust is offering a free online training session for Parents next week on **Tuesday 7th November** from **6-8pm**. There are also in person workshops taking place at London Fields Primary School on 15th November 23 and at Parkwood Primary School in Finsbury Park in January 24.

Hackney's Family Coach Service are organising sign ups for the sessions.

If you are interested in attending please email

[familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk) and let them know which session you'd like to attend.

#### 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"

#### Dates for Parent Autism Education Trust Training

- Tuesday 7th of November - 6-8pm @ Online
- Wednesday 15th of November - 9:30 - 11:30am @ London Fields Primary School
- Monday 15th of January - 9:30 - 11:30am @ Parkwood Primary School

#### Sign me up!

[familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk)  
Let us know which session you'd like to attend. We look forward to working with you!

### LEAP PASTORAL SUPPORT TEAM

We are excited to announce our new pastoral support team and the reasons behind its formation. In recent times, external agencies have had less capacity to support our families with issues affecting their children's education. We felt that each school needed a skilled practitioner to support other staff and families with issues such as school attendance, social skills and emotional wellbeing, signposting to external services, parent workshops, safeguarding and barriers to educational performance such as behaviour or additional needs.

We are pleased to let you know that our new team are due to start work next week. Each school has its own practitioner who will work with the senior leadership team and under the guidance of the Inclusion Manager to deliver on local priorities, but they will also work as a team co-delivering workshops and projects in all three schools together.

We are therefore pleased to welcome our three new Pastoral Support Managers (PSMs) to our federation family. At Gayhurst we welcome **Toki**, at Kingsmead it is **Latisha** and at Mandeville it is **Lisa**, (who is an internal promotion not a new member of staff).



Toki



Latisha



Lisa



## 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   | 84  | Year 3 | 130 | EYFS & KS1 | Lagan |
| Reception | 90  | Year 4 | 91  |            | 100%  |
| Year 1    | 93  | Year 5 | 86  | KS2        | Avon  |
| Year 2    | 105 | Year 6 | 92  |            | 98%   |

## TOP ATTENDANCE



## GOLDEN AWARDS

**Ouse class (Nur)** Elijah  
**Lea class (Rec)** Nathan  
**Lagan class (Yr 1)** Ayyub  
**Tyne class (Yr 2)** Marcel

**Severn class (Yr 3)** Zoya  
**Ness class (Yr 4)** Wunpini  
**Fowey class (Yr 5)** Tamia  
**Avon class (Yr 6)** Stephanie

## HACKNEY SPEAKER INVITATION

Anzel and Elijah (Year 6), who were our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) last year, were invited to come to Hackney Speaker, Councillor Anya Sizer's chambers just before half term, as a thank you for all their hard work promoting sustainable travel to our school community. They were given a tour of the Mayor's Chambers and the Council Chambers and met other children from Hackney who had been outstanding JRSOs last year. *"I really enjoyed the trip it was fun and informative and nice to meet the other JRSOs from different Hackney Schools"* - Anzel



## SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Parents & Carers of children in **Nursery, Reception and Year 1** are invited to join a parents workshop on how to Support Your Child's Language Development which is being run by Stella, our Speech & Language Therapist on **Thursday 9th Nov at 9am**. Stella will be sharing easy and fun examples of things you can do with your child at home. Do come along. There will be coffee, tea & biscuits!

Thanks to all the parents and carers whose children are currently being supported by the Speech & Language Therapist, who came along to a Meet The Therapist session this week.



## THANK YOU & FAREWELL

Ana our kitchen assistant is leaving us this week. We would like to say a huge thank you to Ana who has been with us for over 14 years, working in our school kitchen as an essential member of the kitchen team. Ana is going to work with her brother in the family business as a chef. We wish her all the very best of luck and will miss her friendly smile & delicious recipes.



## BOLLYWOOD DANCE CLASSES

This month on Thursday's at 12 noon, FREE Bollywood Dance classes will be running at the Kingsmead Community Centre, 9a Kingsmead Way, E9 5QG. If you'd like to register please contact Daneil Youssif-Hay at [Daniel.hay@vchackney.org](mailto:Daniel.hay@vchackney.org) or call him on 07462701785. The sessions are organised by the Volunteer Centre Hackney.

## COFFEE MORNING: Wed 8 Nov

We have changed the date of this term's launch Coffee Morning to allow Latisha to join us. Please do come along on **Wednesday 8th Nov at 9am** to:

- Hear all about our LEAP Empowerment Curriculum, from our Head Teacher **Evelyn**. The LEAP Empowerment Curriculum has been especially designed to have relevance for and be reflective of our richly diverse school community.
- Share your ideas about what you'd like to see covered in this year's Coffee Mornings
- Meet **Latisha**, our new Pastoral Support Manager and **Hira**, a Kingsmead parent who was very involved in last year's Coffee Mornings and who is now working here as a Teaching Assistant, and who will continue to be involved in this year's sessions.

There will be tea, coffee & biscuits and the chance to mingle with staff and other parents attending.

## KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Wed 8 Nov** Coffee Morning: LEAP's Empowerment Curriculum 9 - 10am +  
**Rec class assembly 3pm**
- Thurs 9 Nov** Support your child's language workshop for Nur, Rec & Year 1 parents & carers 9 - 10am
- Mon 13—Fri 17 Nov** Parent & Carer Come to School Week
- Mon 13 Nov** Wear Odd Socks today for start of Anti-Bullying Week
- Wed 15 Nov** Yr 2 class assembly 3pm
- Fri 17 Nov** Children in Need—wear PJs to school today
- Mon 20 Nov** Road Safety Awareness week
- 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** Wear a Festive Jumper day +  
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**