

LEAP NEWS

Friday 9 February 2024

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Me gusta la primavera.... It I like Spring.....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

CREATIVITY WEEK AT LEAP

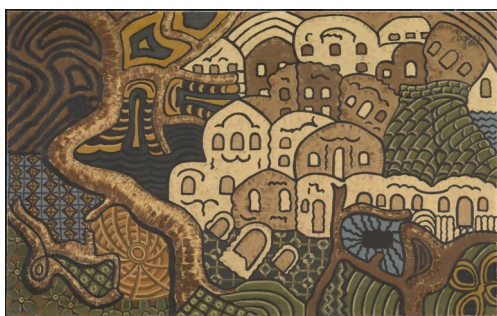
For creativity week this year schools across LEAP have been looking closely at two paintings. The first was chosen by The National Gallery as part of their Take One Picture project and it is called '**A Courtyard in Delft**' by **Pieter de Hooch**. The second is by Nigerian Artist **Uzo Egonu** titled '**Northern Nigerian Landscape**'. Through these two paintings pupils have been learning about architecture, pattern, contrast and the differences between homes, across cultures and through passages of time.

Pupils have been developing a range of skills, from observational drawing to printing and pattern design, collage and construction of 3D models. They have been learning about 'Dutch Golden Age Painting' which signified a time of prosperity and a break with monastic traditions, as well as the life of the artist Pieter de Hooch, who was fascinated by human stories, light and architecture. This is a painting which evokes lots of questions, such as: what is the woman in the background looking at? What is in the little girl's apron and who are the women in the picture? Children have enjoyed coming up with their own responses to these questions.



A Courtyard in Delft by Pieter de Hooch

The second painting by Egonu invites us to look at Nigerian landscape and the textures and patterns that exist within it. Some of the activities in response to this work have

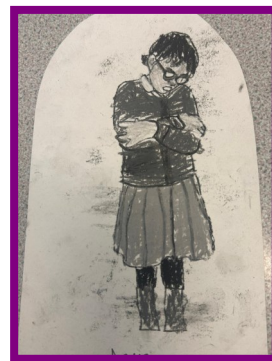
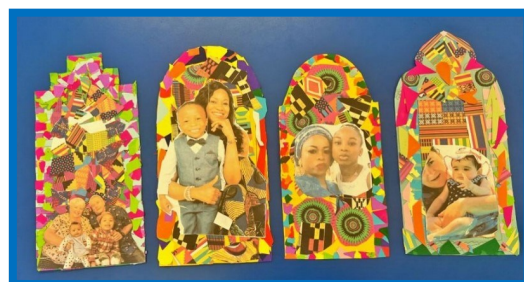


Northern Nigerian Landscape by Uzo Egonu

included frottage, stencilling and printing. The tree, which winds its way past the towering cityscape reminds us of nature's dominance. The way in which Egonu plays with perspective by stacking the houses and how he

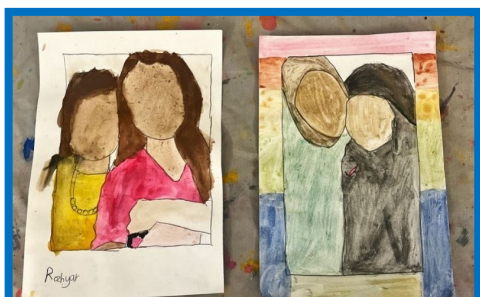
CREATIVITY WEEK AT LEAP CONTINUED.....

combines patterns, have inspired many of our class displays. Children across LEAP have had a fantastic week exploring these artworks and a range of artistic process inspired by them. We look forward to showing you all the incredible work that will be on display around the schools - watch this space!



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NETBALL NEWS

On Wednesday this week, Mandeville and Kingsmead schools participated in the **Hackney Netball**



Tournament. Both schools demonstrated their knowledge of the game and their skills during the matches. Kingsmead finished second just missing going through to the finals but congratulations to Mandeville who finished first and progress to the final.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION ONGOING - PLEASE VOTE!

The Parent election is still in process. Thank you to the people who have voted so far—please do make sure you vote if you have not yet done so. If you haven't received your voting form and instructions, please contact your school office.

Closing date for the election is **5pm Mon 19th February.**

SAFER INTERNET RESOURCES

Here are some excellent e-safety resources for parents and carers, from specialist Mary Rebelo who delivered some parent sessions across LEAP last year. Mary has developed the perfect one stop site for parents to get all the information they could ever need from what to look out for in the latest apps, to how to turn on parental controls on all of your devices. We thoroughly recommend the resources:

https://padlet.com/m_rebelo/parents-online-safety-updated-feb-2024-3rnqu3noo9e4ra23

In particular you might want to look at what is available on the ParentZone link

<https://parentzone.org.uk/library>



SPRING TERM 2024

1st half of term: 08.01.24 - 09.01.24

Half term: 12 - 16 Feb 2024

2nd half of term: 19.02.24 - 28.03.24

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	120	Year 3	82
Reception	96	Year 4	95
Year 1	90	Year 5	74
Year 2	88	Year 6	100

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Tyne
	98.7%
KS2	Avon
	99%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Ryan
Lea class (Rec) Anu
Lagan class (Yr 1) Joud
Tyne class (Yr 2) Prince-Ryson

Severn class (Yr 3) Asha
Ness class (Yr 4) Anaiah
Fowey class (Yr 5) Mia
Avon class (Yr 6) Ibrahim

YEAR 6 & DIVERSE VOICES

Year 6 have been taking part in an exciting project with an organisation called Diverse Voices, who are supporting the children to explore the themes of healthy relationships, online safety and ideals of beauty, whilst raising awareness of the laws, risks and consequences surrounding these subjects. Each week children share their ideas, concerns and views on various PSHE topics. The children act out scenarios, provide their views and opinions and the sessions are very interactive. These useful and informative sessions are preparing the children in Year 6 for transition into secondary school.



Leyla K, 'Diverse Voices has been an exciting project and we learn about serious issues but in a fun way.'

Gabriella, 'I enjoy Diverse Voices as it helps me feel less afraid about some things.'

Anzel, 'Diverse Voices lessons are very informative and fun in different ways.'

Stephanie, 'They help us share our voice about our concerns with secondary school and instead they help us feel excited about secondary school.'



FOOTBALL NEWS

Kingsmead's girls team went to the Hackney 5 a side girls league playoffs yesterday. They played 3 games, winning 2-0, then drawing 2-2 and 0-0, missing the finals by 1 point! Ibz was super proud of them saying their conduct and performance made them the best team of the day & said "They are a pleasure to coach". Well done girls!



CHINESE NEW YEAR ASSEMBLY

Lea class (Reception) and the full-time children from Ouse class (Nursery) performed their fantastic Chinese New Year assembly this week. Ouse class performed a Dragon procession before the children in Lea class spoke about what happens during the Chinese New Year festival. They both sang two songs Gong Xi (Congratulations) and Kung Hei Fat Choi (Congratulations and May you be Prosperous).



Ben - Nursery teacher: "Both classes were amazing, and the singing was truly wonderful."

Lamiyah (Nurs): "I loved being the dragon!"

Nathan (Rec): "I really liked singing the songs."

Ottavia (Rec): "I liked the dragon and singing the songs."



KEY DATES THIS TERM

w/c 12 Feb	Half term break
Mon 19 Feb	LEAP Parent Governor election closes 5pm
Thurs 29 Feb	Coffee Morning on supporting language development at home with our Speech & Language Therapist, Stella 9 - 10am
Wed 6 March	Yr 5 class assembly 3pm
Thurs 7 March	World Book Day - dress up as your favourite character from a book or comic
Wed 13 March	Yr 3 class assembly 3pm
Thurs 14 March	Parent Carer consultations - school finishes early at 1.30pm
Fri 15 March	Red Nose Day - wear something red
Mon 18 - Fri 22 March	Yr 6 school journey
Wed 20 March	Yr 1 class assembly
Thurs 21 March	Coffee Morning: theme to be confirmed
Thurs 28 March	Last day of term— school finishes early at 1.30pm

FAMILY COACH PARENT GROUP AT MANDEVILLE

The Family coach service are running a Parent Empowerment group consisting of 5 sessions at Mandeville Primary School with a focus on **Increasing Confidence and Reducing Stress**. These sessions are free and are for families with children who have special educational needs (in any of the 4 areas of SEN: sensory & physical, cognition & learning, communication & interaction or social, emotional and mental health). No formal diagnosis or EHCP required. The sessions will be on **Tuesdays from 9—10am** but Rachel said the group are happy to wait for Kingsmead parents to walk over from Kingsmead after dropping their children at 8.50am so if you can't get there till a few minutes after 9am that's fine! The first session starts on **Tuesday 27th February**. Spaces are limited—only 10 available, for Kingsmead and Mandeville families. To book your place please email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk or tell Emma or Ruth on the gate that you would like to attend.



STARTING TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2024

Increasing confidence and reducing stress
Parent Empowerment group - Delivered by the Family Coach Service
TUESDAYS 9- 10 AM @ MANDEVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL



For families with children that have special educational needs (SEN).
In any of the 4 areas of SEN.
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27TH OF FEBRUARY

Establishing your best hopes

5TH OF MARCH

Identifying your strengths

12TH OF MARCH

How to catch and change your thoughts in stressful situations

19TH OF MARCH

Exploring what supports you when you feel stressed

26TH OF MARCH

What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail?

10 spaces available. Please send us an email to book your place today familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

**WEDNESDAYS 1-2 PM
FROM 28TH OF FEBRUARY**

Online
From the comfort of your own home

The Family Coach service are also running an online group you can book onto, if you can't make the Mandeville sessions. The online sessions can be done from home and will run on **Wednesdays from**

1 - 2pm starting Wednesday 28th February.

COFFEE MORNING: SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING AT SCHOOL


Thanks to all the parents and carers who came along to this week's Coffee Morning. Ruth, Emma, Latisha and Jon talked to parents about what is in place to support children's mental health and wellbeing at Kingsmead. We also talked about anxiety - exploring what it is and as a group shared some of the strategies we use to help manage our own emotions and those of our children.

COFFEE MORNING CONTINUED.....

Lots of parents said they found the session helpful. We reminded parents that there are a lot of very useful links on the

[Wellbeing & Mental Health page](#) of the school website. We particularly recommend The Place To Be's Parenting Smart resources which offer tips and suggestions to help parents manage a whole range of different issues. You can find the Parenting Smart website [here](#)....it's really worth taking a look.

Here is a useful reminder of 5 ways we can all support our own Wellbeing.



CONNECT
Good relationships are important for our wellbeing.

BE ACTIVE
Moving and grooving makes us feel awesome!

TAKE NOTICE
Notice and enjoy every little thing around you!
Paying attention helps us feel calm and happy.

KEEP LEARNING
Every day is a new adventure to learn something cool!


GIVE
When we share our things, time, or help others, it makes us feel good inside!

GILPIN SQUARE COMMUNITY DAY

Don't forget to go along to the **FREE Community Day** being held in the Gilpin Square area taking place on **Thursday 15th February from 12pm to 4pm**. All are invited!

Hackney School of Food will provide Jerk Chicken, Rice and Peas.

They'll be lots of fun activities including the local police with some horses and dogs, the fire brigade will be outside with a fire engine and various stalls (gardening, arts and crafts) as well as a magician doing magic tricks and Leyton Orient talking to people about football. There will also be stalls sharing useful information about careers, health advice and what the council plans are for the development of the area.



Gilpin Square Community Day
15th February 2024
12pm-4pm
Venue: Pedro Youth Club

Free Food! Jerk, Rice, Candy Floss!

Come see a working Fire Truck, Close-up Magician, play board games and see our CCTV van in action.

Just turn up on the day. No tickets or admission fee

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