



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 9th October 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

El otoño es muy bonito..... *Autumn is very pretty....*

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

HELLO YELLOW AT LEAP

LEAP turned yellow today, to highlight World Mental Health Day, which takes place tomorrow Saturday 10th October. The aims of World Mental Health Day are to raise global awareness, reduce social stigma, and ensure people feel understood, supported, and less alone when facing mental health challenges.

HELLO YELLOW AT LEAP CONTINUED.....



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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL

We know how exciting birthdays are for our children, and we love seeing them enjoy these special moments with their friends at school. We want every child to be able to take part in birthday celebrations while also making sure that we are doing everything we can to keep children with allergies safe.

In line with the Department for Education's new Allergy Safety in Schools guidance, we would like to remind families of our arrangements for bringing in birthday food. We ask that any food, cakes or treats brought in for a child's birthday **must be brought to school by parents at the end of the school day and shared by parents**. Please do not leave any birthday food or cakes at the school reception for staff to share.

Please make sure **all allergy information** is available for all food items brought in, so that parents can check for any allergies. We know that these arrangements may be slightly different from what families have done in the past, but they are an important step in making sure we have an allergy-aware and safe environment for everyone. Our aim is to make sure children can still enjoy celebrating their birthdays with their friends while making sure we are clear on our food allergies systems.

Thank you.

AUTUMN PUMPKIN TRAIL AT SCHOOL OF FOOD

Friday 6 November 2026, 4.30–7pm

The School of Food's much-loved annual Autumn Pumpkin Trail is back! Tickets sell out fast, so book early to join us for an evening of glowing pumpkins, firelight and good food in our kitchen and garden.

Follow the pumpkin trail after dark, vote for your favourite carving, settle in for storytelling by the fire and get creative with nature crafts. There'll be sparklers, freshly made pizza, cakes, mulled wine and cider, plus HSoF honey and preserves to take home.



AUTUMN TRAIL at Hackney School of Food

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6TH 4:30-7PM
OSWALD ST E5 0BT

Join us for a fire-lit family friendly evening at the School of Food. Follow our pumpkin trail through our gardens with fire pits.

BOOK NOW

£8.50 Adults
£4 Children

Halal & nut free kitchen!

Pumpkin trail!
Free soup & bread!
Homemade pizza!
Sparklers & firepits!
Arts and crafts!

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A warming bowl of pumpkin soup and fresh bread is included with every ticket.

Whether you're a regular visitor or have never been through our kitchen door before, bring your family, friends or neighbours and come and explore Hackney School of Food.

Tickets are £8.50 for adults and £4 for children. We also have 100 pay-what-you-can/free tickets so that more local families can join us.

Money raised from the evening supports our cooking and growing activities for children and families across Hackney.

You can book your ticket using the QR code on the poster or [on this link](#).

THREE FREE FAMILY COOK-A-LONG SESSIONS

If you are in receipt of means-tested support you can book to join the three FREE family cook a long sessions being run at the School of Food, in October, November and December—see dates and times on the poster. Scan the QR code or email



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FAMILY COOK-A-LONG SERIES

For families in receipt of means-tested support

15:45-17:45
THURSDAY
15TH OCT, 12TH NOV, 10TH DEC

hello@hackneyschooloffood.com to express interest in joining.



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Join us for 3 x free, hands-on family cooking sessions and learn to make healthy, affordable meals using just 5 key ingredients.

SCAN THE CODE TO EXPRESS INTEREST
or email hello@hackneyschooloffood.com

At Hackney School of Food
Oswald Street, E5 0BT
Phone: 07395 747 296



AUTUMN TERM 2026

1st half of term: 03.09.26 - 23.10.26

Half term: 26 - 30 October 2026

2nd half of term: 02.11.26 - 18.12.26

INSET day - Weds 2 Sept 26

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	76	Year 3	91
Reception	94	Year 4	114
Year 1	80	Year 5	85
Year 2	82	Year 6	87

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Kahlo	98.4%
KS2	Iris	98%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Riley class (Nur) Khhalid
Butler class (Rec) Mabel
Kahlo class (Yr 1) Bethany
Boyce class (Yr 2) Ryan

Iris class (Yr 3) Anu
Marshall class (Yr 4) Shayma
Ay class (Yr 5) Nusaybah
Basquiat class (Yr 6) Skye

YEAR 3 NEWS

SCHOOL OF FOOD VISIT

Last week Year 3 were learning about having a healthy and varied diet in their D&T topic. They investigated foods that were processed and non processed and the benefits of having a balanced diet. Following this they took part in a cooking session at the Hackney School of Food, where they baked some healthy bread rolls and a bean stew.

"Non processed food is healthy with more fibre and nutrients" - **Ire**

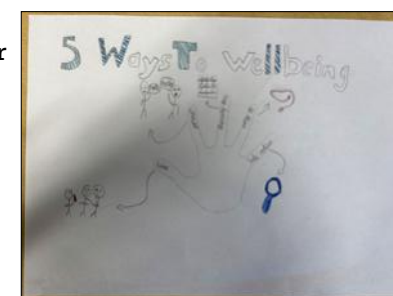
"Foods that are processed are made of a lot of ingredients, they are not always very healthy" - **Oliver**



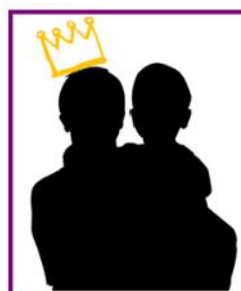
YEAR 3 NEWS CONTINUED....

FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

Over the last two weeks, Year 3 pupils took part in a 5 Ways to Wellbeing workshop with Hannah, our Education Mental Health practitioner, where they explored simple, everyday actions that support wellbeing and help us feel happier overall. Children learnt about the five key areas: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, and Give, and discussed ways we can use these in our daily lives at home and at school. They each created their own poster with examples of the different 5 Ways to Wellbeing, including their favourite activity for each one.



KINGSMEAD PARENT CHAMPION STALL



On Fridays at the end of the school day, Kingsmead Parent Champions will have a table set up in the playground, where they'll be answering any questions parents might have about being a Parent Champion and hoping to sign up at least 2 class reps for each year group. Do have a chat with them if you're interested in getting involved!

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YEAR 1 VISIT V&A

The children visited the V&A museum which helped to develop their learning of toys in History. They have been learning about toys

from the past and how they have changed. Visiting the museum, gave the children the opportunity to see some of the toys they had learnt about. They saw large dollhouses, an optical illusion house to step inside, a theatre stage and interactive play zones. It was wonderful to see them engaging with over 400 years of childhood history while experimenting with storytelling, sensory play, and problem-solving.

"I heard information about the toys on the phone." **Ollie**

"I have this toy at home!" **Eline**

"The museum was fun and I got to play with lots of different toys." **Zaire**



YEAR 4's MUSEUM TRIP

Year 4 had fun on their first trip of the year to the **Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology**. They went to further their learning on the history topic of Ancient Egypt. The museum is part of University College London and is used by the university's students but opens to schools on some mornings, so we were able to have the entire museum to ourselves!

The children explored the inscriptions gallery, the pottery gallery and the main gallery full of interesting, everyday objects - thousands of years old, such as jewellery, children's toys and shoes. Year 4 were very excited by getting to see real hieroglyphics inscriptions from 4000 years ago and enjoyed spotting Arabic and Greek amongst them. In the pottery room, the children were so impressed by the beautiful shabtis, which were buried with Egyptians in tombs- the Egyptians believed they would help them on the way to the afterlife.

By the time we arrived to Russell Square for lunchtime, some of the children had decided that they too were archaeologists!

"This was such a fun trip!" **Nayla**

"I liked looking at all the hieroglyphics which were so detailed."

Adrian

"I was fascinated when I saw the dolls that Egyptian children played with thousands of years ago!"

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KINGSMEAD'S INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Kingsmead's renowned International Evening is taking place on **Thursday 22nd October from 4—6.30pm**. There'll be lots of great entertainment as well as delicious food at this fantastic annual celebration of our school's diverse community. **Do come dressed in clothes linked to your family heritage if you'd like to.**

Tickets will be on sale at the end of the school day by the school gate.

- **£5 for adults** (reduced to £2 if they bring food to share)
- **£2 for children**

Our International evening depends on the generosity of our amazing families bringing in home made dishes to share with everyone at the event. Ticket prices include a plate of food.

FOOD DONATIONS

If you are willing and able to bring a plate of food to donate, you can purchase a reduced price adult ticket. Just tell Emma, Meret, Chloe or Sarah on the school gate what dish you plan to bring & they will make a note of it.

Please remember we are a nut safe school - so no nuts in any food donations for International Evening. Thank you!

PARENT WORKSHOP REMINDERS

NURSERY & RECEPTION

MATHS - Sarah, our Maths Lead will be running a parent workshop for Nursery and Reception parents on **Thursday 15th Oct** from 9 - 10am, all about how to help your child become confident with early maths. She will provide parents and carers with an understanding of how children learn early maths and suggestions for activities that parents can do with their children to support their numeracy development.



YEAR 1 PHONICS - On **Friday 16th Oct** from 9 - 10am we are running a Parent Workshop for Year 1 families all about

Phonics. Parents will understand how we teach phonics in year 1, have the opportunity to ask questions and experience an example lesson - as Hang will teach parents a sound. Do come along for what will be an informative and helpful session.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 12 Oct** Citizens Advice session -must be booked
- Thurs 15 Oct** Coffee Morning: Maths workshop for parents in Reception & Nursery 9—10am
- Fri 16 Oct** Coffee Morning: Phonics workshop for Yr 1 parents 9—10am
- Wed 21 Oct** Yr 3 Diwali assembly 3pm
- Thurs 22 Oct** Kingsmead's International Evening 4— 6.30pm
- Mon 26—Fri 30 Oct** Half term break
- Sat 31 Oct** Deadline for Secondary School admissions
- Mon 9 Nov** Citizens Advice session -must be booked
- Fri 13 Nov** Children in need day—option to wear PJs
- Mon 16 Nov** Anti-Bullying Week starts—option to wear odd socks to celebrate difference
- Wed 18 Nov** Year 2 Class assembly 3pm
- Mon 23 Nov** Citizens Advice session -must be booked
- Thurs 3 Dec** Year 4 Class assembly 11am
- Mon 7 Dec** Citizens Advice session -must be booked
- Wed 9 Dec** Year 1 Nativity assembly 2.50pm
- Friday 18 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term

School closes early at 1.30pm for children



International Evening

Come and enjoy good food & great entertainment at

Kingsmead School

Thursday 22 October
4.00 - 6.30pm

Please come wearing clothes linked to your family's heritage if you'd like to

Bring a dish of food to share if you can

Live acts include

Kingsmead's Steel Pans, Drumming & Dance, Lion Man and more!

Plus DJ Ben's disco

Tickets on sale in school from Mon 5th Oct or on the door:

Adult - £5 (reduced to £2 if bringing food) Child - £2

