



LEAP NEWS

Friday 24th January 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
 Está lloviendo mucho..... *It is raining a lot*

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

CAMDEN COUNCIL VISIT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD & MANDEVILLE

Last Friday, senior leaders from Camden council visited Hackney School of Food and Mandeville's school kitchen to see first hand the LEAP Federation's achievements in school lunches and food education.

Camden council, in collaboration with the charity Chefs in Schools, is embarking on an ambitious new food strategy. Their visit to Hackney aimed to explore best practices in food education and school meals, and we were delighted to showcase what's possible with our unique model of food and education in schools.



Hodan
 Mandeville's Head Chef

The visit began with a tour of the Hackney School of Food gardens, led by the General Manager Zoe McIntyre and Naomi Duncan, CEO of Chefs in Schools. The Camden team were wowed when they stepped into the teaching kitchen to witness Year 5 students from Sebright Primary fully immersed in a cooking session. Children eagerly learned how to tell when their meatballs were cooked as the fragrant aroma of freshly chopped onions filled the air. The lively session was a joyful reminder of how food education can inspire curiosity, creativity, and learning.

Following the cooking lesson, the group enjoyed a delicious lunch in Mandeville's dining room, prepared by school chef Hodan and her kitchen team. The meal featured perfectly cooked fish and a colourful, vegetable-packed salad that left our visitors impressed.

The Camden leaders were brimming with questions about how such a high standard of school food had been achieved. They were so inspired by the experience that they plan to return with other senior leaders from Camden council to learn more.

Naomi Duncan reflected on the visit, sharing, *"Honestly, that was one of the best school meals I've had in the last twelve months. Simple but delicious—perfectly cooked fish with a vibrant, colourful plate of food. Watching the children so engaged in cooking was genuinely magical. The Hackney School of Food is always such a pleasure to see in action."*

This visit reinforced the importance of LEAP's focus on good school food and education—helping to create healthier, happier children.

HACKNEY FOSTERING

Have you thought about fostering?
 There is a growing need for new foster carers and Hackney are running a series of online and in person information sessions to share information about what is involved in fostering

You can find more information [here](#).

Fostering Information Sessions 2025

What's stopping you from fostering?

As a foster carer for Hackney, you will benefit from a variety of support, training and professional development opportunities, competitive allowances as well as Council Tax reductions. If you'd like to find out more about fostering for Hackney, contact us, or join one of the following sessions:

Online (Tuesdays)		In Person (Tuesdays)	
Register via email and join us via hackney.gov.uk/fostering		Register via email and join us at Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London E8 1DY	
7 January 2025	6-7:30pm	4 February 2025	12-1:30pm
4 March 2025	6-7:30pm	1 April 2025	12-1:30pm
6 May 2025	6-7:30pm	3 June 2025	12-1:30pm
1 July 2025	6-7:30pm	5 August 2025	12-1:30pm
2 September 2025	6-7:30pm	7 October 2025	12-1:30pm
4 November 2025	6-7:30pm	2 December 2025	12-1:30pm

For more information
 Call: 0800 0730 418
 Visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/fostering
 Email: fostering.recruitment@hackney.gov.uk

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HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Hackney School of Food are running holiday clubs this February Half term - warm up in the kitchen with seasonal, slurp-able and super simple

recipes! Young chefs will get to grips with essential kitchen skills & bring home treats for the whole house to enjoy.

Dates: **Feb 18th, 19th & 20th.**

For children aged 7+

Sessions are £20 each with discounts available for families registered for free school meals. [Book here.](#)

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

FSM DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

18-20TH FEBRUARY

Warm up this February half-term with our Winter Warmers Holiday Club!

Young chefs get hands-on cooking experience will take them from seed to spoon, using hardy produce from our winter garden. For children 7+

BOOKING LINK OR **SCAN TO BOOK:**



SPRING TERM 2025

1st half of term: 06.01.25 - 14.02.25

Half term: 17 Feb — 21 Feb 2025

2nd half of term: 24.02.25 - 04.04.25

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	97	Year 3	94
Reception	140	Year 4	112
Year 1	105	Year 5	98
Year 2	80	Year 6	120

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Tyne 99.6%
KS2	Avon 99%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Zaira
Lea class (Rec) Josiah
Lagan class (Yr 1) Wassim
Tyne class (Yr 2) Aheli

Severn class (Yr 3) George
Ness class (Yr 4) Shaniya
Fowey class (Yr 5) Jamal
Avon class (Yr 6) Ayza

YEAR 6 VISIT JCS ANNUAL LIFE SKILLS EVENT

This week, our Year 6 pupils attended the long-running annual Junior Citizenship Scheme life-skills event, designed to equip young people with practical knowledge and strategies for staying safe and healthy. The day was packed with engaging workshops and interactive sessions led by a range of local organisations and teams.

Highlights of the day included:

- Hackney Health and Wellbeing Team: Pupils learned about the importance of dental hygiene and explored strategies to support positive mental health.
- Transport for London: A session on safe and sensible travel provided tips for using buses and trains responsibly with a Zip Oyster card.
- Met Police Safer Transport Team: Pupils were informed about staying safe on public transport, including how to respond to robbery and report incidents effectively.
- Hackney Road Safety Team: Timed with National Road Safety Week, this workshop emphasised the importance of crossing roads safely.
- London Fire Brigade: Pupils received proactive advice on fire safety and planning escape routes in an emergency.
- London Ambulance Service: A practical session taught pupils quick first-aid techniques.
- Met Police School Officers: Pupils were introduced to the risks surrounding knife crime and learned how to make safe choices.

This informative day provided our Year 6 pupils with essential skills to navigate real-life situations, empowering them to be safe and responsible members of the community.

A big thank you to all the organisations involved!



YEAR 6 VISIT ANNUAL LIFE SKILLS EVENT CONTINUED.....



COFFEE MORNING REMINDER

Last Monday we held a special parent workshop run by Jane, a specialist teacher and Jale, an Educational Psychologist, on **Communicating with Your Autistic Child** for parents of children in Years 3—6. All the parents attending said they it incredibly helpful.

Next week on **Monday 27th February from 9—10am** we are running the same workshop but for parents of children in **Nursery to Year 2**. This is also a workshop that would be very relevant for any parents with children who have communication difficulties. All welcome

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 27 Jan** Parent Workshop: Communicating with your Autistic Child **Nur—Yr 2** at 9am
- Wed 5 Feb** **Nurs & Rec RE** Assembly at 3pm
- w/c Mon 10 Feb** Creativity Week
- Wed 12 Feb** **Year 3 RE** Assembly at 3pm
- Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb** Half term break
- Wed 5 March** Year 2 class assembly at 3pm
- Wed 19 March** Year 1 class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 20 March** Parents evening - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**
- Wed 26 March** Rec class assembly at 3pm
- Tues 1 April** Drumming & Dance performance Yr 2, 4, 5 & 6 + Dynamix at 2.15pm
- Wed 2 April** Year 5 class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 3 April** Gymnastic performance Yrs 3 & 4 at 3pm
- Fri 4 April** Last day of Spring Term - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**

CHATSWORTH ROAD CONSULTATION

Have your say on proposed changes on Chatsworth Road and local roads

The Council is committed to making Hackney's roads safer for everyone living, working, and visiting Hackney. That means cutting traffic emissions, improving air quality, and helping local people to live active and healthy lives. As part of that commitment, the Council is proposing to reduce vehicle traffic along Chatsworth Road. These changes aim to make Chatsworth Road safer, greener and healthier for everyone – whether you're walking, cycling, using public transport or driving.

The proposals include:

- A new bus gate and Sunday Pedestrian Zone on Chatsworth Road
- Changes to one-way streets, including Clifden Road, Dunlace Road, Glenarm Road and Elderfield Road
- A change to the 308 public bus service for King's Park ward Hackney Council wants to hear your views to inform the next steps for these proposals.

Hackney Council wants to hear your views to inform the next steps for these proposals. To view the proposals and to complete the online consultation survey, visit: bit.ly/Chatsworth-Road.

If you require the consultation materials in a different format, please email: consultation@hackney.gov.uk and the Council will consider your request and get back to you in five working days.

The consultation results, as well as subsequent decisions made, will be published at: consultation.hackney.gov.uk.

YEAR 5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Last week, the Year 5 class transported the audience back to the fascinating world of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, showcasing their history, culture and conflicts through an engaging mix of songs, acting, and storytelling. We acted out key historical moments, such as daring Viking raids and King Alfred's clever strategies, leaving the audience enthralled by their energy and commitment.



YR 5 ASSEMBLY CONTINUED.....

We sang a variety of songs highlighting life as an Anglo-Saxon and Viking.

We made it our mission to clarify misconceptions like Vikings having horns on their helmets! We had a great time showing what we have learnt and enjoyed presenting our assembly.



POP UP BOOK HUT

We are delighted that the Children's Book Project are continuing to support Kingsmead School this term, by lending us a Pop Up Book Hut - a little mini library, filled with a range of books for children to look at and enjoy. Our wonderful Year 6 Reading Champions **Alex, Ayza and Jontae-Lee** will be supporting small groups of children from each class to come and explore the Book Hut over the coming weeks.



Here they are reading with some children from Reception

