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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to our weekly lockdown LEAP newsletter again. As you will see we have gone back to our previous lockdown format, we hope you find it useful.

We need to thank everyone across all staff groups, all parents & carers and especially all our children for responding swiftly to the move to online learning for the foreseeable future.

Today the situation in London has been declared a major incident as the NHS struggles to cope with London exceeding 1000 cases per 100,000 and I'm sure we are all watching the situation anxiously and keeping our families at home as much as possible.

Meanwhile, it's been very exciting to see the online learning offer, that we have been working very hard on since September, has taken off and that all children from Nursery to Year 6 are logging in and taking part. We know that parents & staff have been struggling at times with bandwidth issues as the whole of London moves to online learning...this is why we have staggered our lessons.

The great thing about the resilience of our school communities is whatever comes our way, we all focus together on what is really important. Now is no different. Please do get in touch if you think we can help as we are always really glad to hear your views.

Louise (LEAP's Executive Headteacher)



GOOD NEWS!

Having already had news that it had been selected as a Civic Trust Regional Finalist, we have just been informed that The Hackney School of Food has been chosen as a **Civic**

Trust Award winner! The Civic Trust Awards scheme was established in 1959 to recognise outstanding architecture, planning and design in the built environment.

The Hackney School of Food was selected as one of only 40 successful National/International projects and will receive either an Award or be Highly Commended - further information will follow - but congratulations to Surman & Weston, the project architects and to the LEAP & Chefs in Schools team who helped make the



POSITIVE FEEDBACK

From time to time we hope to feature some of the positive, inspiring comments we receive from Parents/Carers and children in this section of our shared newsletter.

Raising Morale, Working Together

In these challenging times for all of us, its inspiring to hear from you that we are doing a good job and that you appreciate that the children's learning & well- being is at the forefront of everything we do and organise .

Here is some of the lovely feedback we've received this week:

Email from a Kingsmead Year 1 parent:

"I wanted to write in to say how impressed we are with home learning!!!! It's been fantastic!! I am so impressed with how quickly you got it up and got everything to everyone and so well planned! Thanks so much! It's really helping our son's morale and self esteem! It's great to know that the kids are all still getting a bit of education into them - and in such style! So important for them to see each other and know they're still part of a community! We all think you're managing the Teams really well - like an old hat!"

Email from a Gayhurst Reception class parent:

"I just wanted to send an email to say thank-you so much to Rachael, Sheila & co in Reception for going above and beyond to make home learning as engaging and fun as possible. My child is loving it. The packs that have been sent home are amazing and we are so grateful. Please could you pass on this message to Karen and Lisa too to let them know how happy we are?"

As a school, you are going and have gone (our child was in Nursery too) above and beyond to provide for our children and I just wanted to let you know how lucky we feel to be part of the school. Wishing you all well."

Email from a Mandeville Year 2 parent:

"I just want to say thank you so much for helping my son with everything. We were struggling with the online learning but he now has a laptop to use and he is so excited to join lessons everyday and complete his work. I am so happy with all of his teachers. Thank you again."

HOME LEARNING

Thank you to all of our parents who have managed to get their children online this week. We recognise what a

struggle it can be using various platforms, sharing devices and trying to juggle your child's learning with your own work commitments, so we applaud you all. Just like last time, we are here to work with you to ensure that your child is getting the best possible access to learning from home. If you have had difficulties this week accessing the learning, please do contact your school office and we will do everything we can to support you and your child/ren. Despite the short notice, LEAP families and staff have pulled together to pull off an excellent first week of home learning. Here are just a few of the things that have been achieved this week:

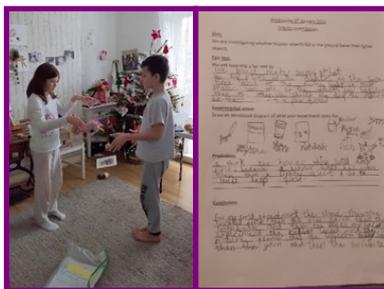


Reception children at **Mandeville** got creative with resources they could find in their house. They used various items to explore the properties of 2D shapes.



Year 2 at **Gayhurst** had their imaginations on full blast as they created their very own aliens! They used adjectives to describe their wonderful beings from another planet!

Year 5 science lessons have started off with a bang at **Kingsmead** as the children became mini Sir Isaac Newtons and tested his theory of Gravity.



Jessica in **Nursery** explains how she measured herself. "I painted my hands with different colours, purple is my favourite. I am 11 hands tall".

Can you guess which parts of the body **Lorcan** and **Francis** in **Year 3** have been learning about?



With such fantastic models, we are in no doubt.

HOME LEARNING CONTINUED.....

Natty in **Class 3S** has written this incredible poem inspired by 'Benjamin Zephaniah', which we would like to share with you. I think many of us can relate to Natty's poignant words at this moment in time.

People Need People

To walk to,
To talk to,
To love and to miss,
To hug and to kiss,
People will always need people.
To eat with,
To greet with,
People will always need people.
To whom will you moan,
If you are alone,
People will always need people

by Natty

myON DIGITAL LIBRARY



We are delighted that during this period of remote learning we are able to offer you this fantastic digital library provided by myON. MyON is an online

platform that enables children to access over 1000 books and even has the capability of recommending books based on your child's interests and their ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development). MyON is linked with Accelerated Reader. Please ensure that when you first log in to myON that you click 'Connect Now' to link your



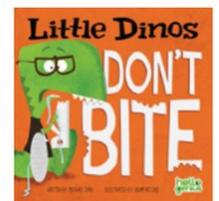
child's AR account with their myON account. You will need both your child's myON and AR login details.

	Books Read	Pages Read	Minutes Read
Last Week	170	3,250	1,278.2
This Week	1,080	17,500	5,370

Each week we will be looking at LEAP's reading statistics and setting targets to motivate our children to keep on reading and beat their scores. Even though it has been our first week of home learning we can already see the huge improvement of engagement from the previous week.

Let's make next week even better!

LEAP's most read books of the week:



Little Dinos Don't Bite



The Legend of the Zombie



Everyone Feels Angry Sometimes



Free Climb

A RECIPE FROM CHEF TOM



Every two weeks we will be featuring one of Tom's recipe for children to try at home. Tom is the head food educator at the Hackney School of Food. We'd really like to feature photos of what the children create following

the newsletter recipes. Tom will be selecting his top five photos to feature in the Recipe Showcase feature, which will run alternate weeks in the newsletter. To have a chance of being picked just send your photos via Instagram to [@Hackneyschooloffood](https://www.instagram.com/Hackneyschooloffood) or via email to hello@hackneyschooloffood.com and let him know how you got on with following the recipe.

Recipe no. 1 - SAVOURY MUFFINS

These sweet potato muffins are great fun to make, and are a delicious snack to keep you going through the day too! Recipe makes 6 muffins

Ingredients:

- 300g Sweet Potato or you can substitute carrots or butternut squash
- 125g Wholemeal Flour
- 1 Level Teaspoon Baking Powder
- Salt & Pepper - a pinch of each, or chilli flakes if you like an extra kick
- 2 Teaspoons Poppy or Sunflower Seeds
- 50g Cottage Cheese, or Plain Yoghurt
- 2 Free Range Eggs

If you need to make substitutions for gluten or dairy free you can use the same quantities of the alternative ingredients. If not using eggs you can add an extra 100g of yoghurt to the mix.

Method

Ask an adult to preheat the oven to 180° C /Gas Mark 4
Wash the sweet potato, if it is too big to hold safely then or ask an adult to cut it in half for you.



1. Hold one end of the sweet potato with your hand shaped like a claw, place the other end against the grater, and grate up and down. *Be careful with your fingertips and the grater edges.*



2. Place a clean bowl on your scales, and weigh in the flour, baking powder, seeds and cottage cheese.

3. Then add in the grated sweet potato



4. Take a pinch of salt (a small amount between your finer tips) and of pepper and add these to the mix



5. Use a table knife to crack the egg shell, then pour into the bowl with the other ingredients. Make sure to remove any shell that might fall in.

6. Now use a spoon to mix everything together.

SAVOURY MUFFINS RECIPE CONTINUED....



7. Use a spoon to scoop the mix into 6 same sized balls on to a tray lined with baking paper.



8. Bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes. They should be golden brown all over. Ask an adult to help you put them into and take them out of the oven, using a tea towel or oven gloves.

Leave to cool for 10 minutes, then enjoy!

KEEPING ACTIVE



<https://www.lovehackney.uk/keep-active>



<https://www.sportengland.org/jointhemovement>

We all know how important it is to try and keep active during this period of lockdown. Here are some links to free sessions that might be helpful for our families.

LOUISE ON RADIO 4'S WOMAN'S HOUR

On Wednesday this week Louise Nichols, LEAP's Executive Headteacher, was featured on BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour, talking about the current situation in schools and the last minute Government decision to close all schools across the country. You can listen to the feature here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000qy39>



FREE SCHOOL MEAL HAMPERS

The first LEAP Free School Meal Food Hampers went out at the end of this week, prepared by our school chefs and overseen by Food Educator Tom, from the Hackney School of Food, We have listened to what parents and families have said would be most helpful and, as of next week, going forward the Food Hampers will contain:

- Fresh produce items such as bananas, apples, satsumas, red peppers, carrots, potatoes & onions
- A selection of tinned foods, generously donated to use by the Felix Project (i.e: sweetcorn, beans, tuna, chopped tomatoes, soup etc.)
- Pasta/Rice & Bread
- Eggs, butter, cheese & milk
- Some special delicious cooked treats made by the LEAP school kitchen teams :cakes, biscuits and savoury snacks such as samosas

If you are eligible for Free School Meals and haven't already been contacted by the school, but would like to receive a weekly FSM Hamper, **please contact your school office early next week, so they can include your name on the Hamper list.** Food will need to be collected by families from school once a week - you will be told which day to collect.

Please remember to inform your school's office of **any changes to your contact details** i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, **or if you or your child become unwell**