

LEAP NEWS

Friday 20th October 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
las hojas caen de los árboles.... *The leaves fall from the trees...*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

SCHOOL OF FOOD AUTUMN TRAIL

Don't forget to [buy your tickets](#) for the School of Food's amazing Autumn Trail on **Thursday 2nd Nov.** **All LEAP families registered for Free School Meals are being offered FREE tickets** to this event. Please get these from your school's office. Free pumpkin soup & bread on entry.

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD OSWALD STREET E5 0BT

Autumn Trail
Thursday 2nd November

🎃 430-7pm 🎃

WANDER OUR PUMPKIN-LIT GARDENS,
ENJOY FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES,
FILL UP ON DELICIOUS HOMEMADE FOOD,
KEEP WARM BY OUR FIREPITS

£8 Adult | £4 Child
including pumpkin soup & bread

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA OUR WEBSITE
WWW.HACKNEYSCHOOLOFFOOD.COM
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

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COLDER WEATHER

Please make sure your child brings a coat to school to wear during playtime and lunch times and for their journey too and from school, now that it is colder.

We all need to keep warm - just like Cinnamon's new chicks tucked under her downy feathers in this photo!



NEW CHICKS NAMED

After reading through lots of the different suggestions, the school councillors in each school came together to vote on the best name for their school's chicks. We are delighted to announce below the winning chick names for each school's chick.

Sunflower (name of Kingsmead's chick), put forward by **Finley** in Year 1

Pumpkin (name of Mandeville's chick) put forward by **Amirah** in Year 5

Chickpea (name of Gayhurst's chick) put forward by **Aphra** in class 3E

They join Poppy (the Hackney School of Food's chick), and the hens **Cinnamon, Pepper** and **Berry** to form the Hackney School of Food brood!

Thank you to all the children you put forward suggestions for the names. Aphra, Finley and Amirah who suggested the winning names will each receive a free family ticket for two adults and two children to the Hackney School of Food's Autumn Trial on Thursday 2nd November.



Poppy



Pumpkin



Chickpea



Sunflower

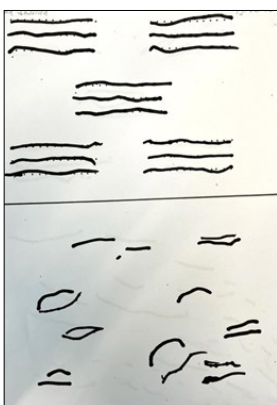
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EARLY WRITING AT LEAP

From the time our children join Nursery, they are laying the foundations of strong literacy skills at LEAP. Writing is a complex process relying on many skills which often develop at different paces.

Children firstly need to be able to distinguish between sounds in the world and in speaking and our Nursery, teachers plan for this through stories. At the same time, children practise writing and drawing many of the shapes which form parts of our letters.

Spirals (winding clockwise and anticlockwise) are common shapes that children practise in Nursery.



This writing shows how a child has been guided at first, then has written independently. Independently written shapes and letters are a good indicator of understanding so we always encourage this. When we see

writing like this, teachers can assess development and plan for the next stage of teaching. Through Nursery, children gradually learn how to control letter shapes and write their names.

Our Reception teachers make the links between what children hear (sounds) and what they see written (letter shapes). They carefully plan learning activities so children have opportunities to practise reading and writing every day, multiple times a day. In this way, our children become confident, fluent readers and writers.

Here are some of the activities we teach and what children are learning from the activity.

Phonics



In phonics, children learn how to say a sound correctly, how to read and how to write it. In Reception, children learn usually one or two sounds a week and the teacher gradually adds more as the group learns.



EARLY WRITING AT LEAP CONTINUED.....

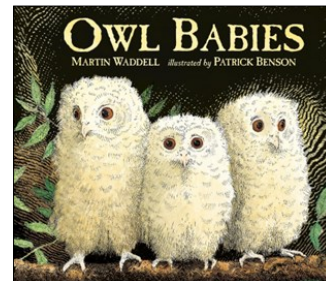
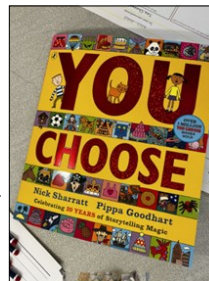
We teach phonics in groups so the adult can pay close attention to each child's learning. It is in these smaller groups that children also learn general skills like turn-taking and repetition in order to memorise and many of the behavioural skills needed through primary school and beyond.

Look how the children here are enjoying their learning!



During activities like this, children say the sounds aloud and group the letters that match. It develops a child's pace and accuracy at reading and applying visual skills, which support both reading and writing.

The books in our Early Years curriculum are a great way to initiate conversation and generate inspiration to write.



Developing a bank of known phonics alongside speed and confidence in recalling letter shapes, writing them with control and building sentences are just some of the complex set of skills we are developing when learning how to write! We aim that by the end of Reception, our children are writing with a mixture of known spellings and phonic spellings and have the confidence to record some of their thoughts and understanding independently.





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

GREEN TOKEN RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	RLC	88
Year 3 & 4	1V	65
Year 5 & 6	6C	55



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH am - **RAY**
 NH pm - **JESSE**
 RLC- **MERT**
 RK- **BILLIE**

1G - **TASKEEN**
 1V - **AVA**
 2S- **KLAUS**
 2P - **RUFUS**
 2L - **MAXINE**

3C- **JUAN-PABLO**
 3E - **CONER F**
 3/4M - **ALBERT**
 4D - **KAYLEIGHANA**
 4E - **SIGRID**

5R - **WINNIE**
 5S - **NIKITA RW**
 5/6W- **SAHAAYA**
 6J- **SOWAH**
 6C - **THOMAS**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last week, our school councillors had their first important task of the year. They visited all the classrooms in the school and judged our annual book corner competition. The School Council really looked at each theme, how inviting and how creative each book corner was.

After a lot of deliberation and discussion, they decided that classes **NH** and **3C** were the deserving winners. The winners will find out their prize in assembly next half-term. **Evie** in 4E said, "It was so much fun to judge the book corner competition. I also thought 1V had a great book corner, I loved the butterfly theme".



CAPTAIN'S TABLE

This half-term we have had many children sit at our very sought-after Captains Table every Friday. Children who try lots of different foods and eat most of the food on their plate will get a lunchtime token, that token is posted into a post box with the chance of them being chosen to sit at the Captain's Table where they receive a special dining experience!

Here are some Captain's tables from this half term.



CAPTAIN'S TABLE CONTINUED.....

Our lunchtime buddies are always on the lookout for children trying new food and to support anyone who needs help in the lunch hall.



COGS AGM DATE CHANGE



Please note that the new date for the COGS Annual General Meeting will be **Tuesday 21st November**, due to the upcoming mayoral election.

PLEASE NOTE

Please be aware that there will be no specialist clubs or extended day on the following dates:

Thursday 16th November due to International Evening.

Wednesday 6th December due to Parents Evening.

Tuesday 19th December due it being the last day of term and school will be closing at 1:30. for children

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct Half term break

Mon 31 Oct Deadline for secondary school applications

Wed 1 Nov Parent & Carer workshop: Maths for Yr 1 & 2
 9.15 - 9.45am

Thurs 2 Nov 6J Class assembly 3pm +
 HSoF Autumn Trail 4.30 - 7pm

Fri 3 Nov Coffee Morning LEAP Empowerment Curriculum
 9.15am

Wed 8 Nov Parent & Carer workshop: Colourful
 Semantics for Rec to Year 3 9.10 - 10am

Thurs 9 Nov 1G Class assembly 3pm

Thurs 16 Nov 3C Class assembly 3pm +
 International Eve 4.30—7pm

Tues 21 Nov COGS AGM 5pm

Thurs 23 Nov 5R Class assembly 3pm

Wed 6 Dec Parent & Carer Evening - **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**

Tues 12 Dec End of term Gymnastics performances for
 1.30pm for 4D, 2S, & 3/4M 3pm for 5/6W & 2L

Fri 15 Dec End of term Drumming & Dance performances
 1.30pm for 4E & 1K 2.30pm for 2P, 3E, & 5S

Tues 19 Dec Last day of Autumn Term - **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**