

LEAP NEWS

Friday 3rd November 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Necesito una bufanda y guantes.... *I need a scarf and gloves...*

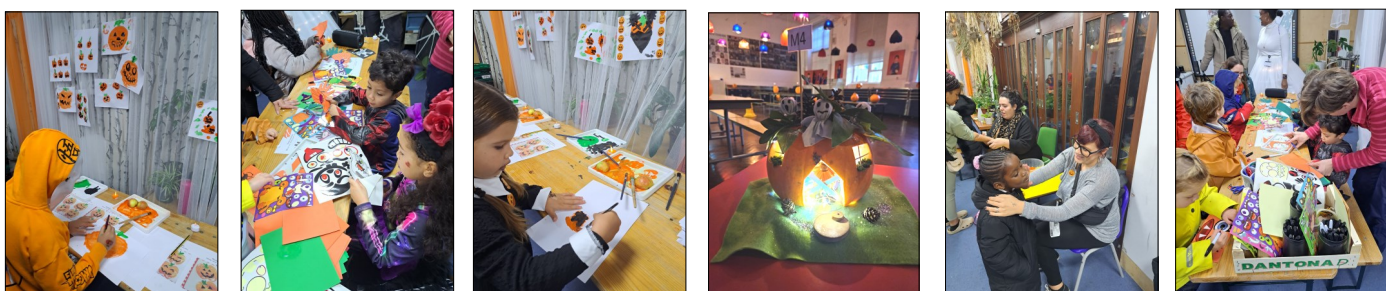
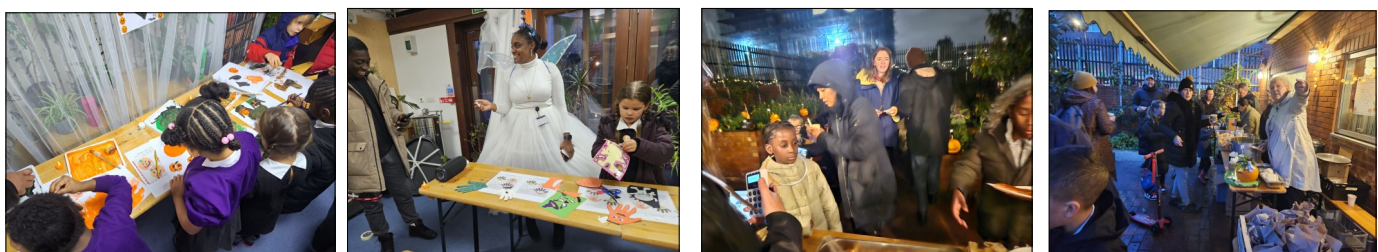
Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD'S AUTUMN TRAIL 2023

Last night we celebrated with our annual Autumn Trail. We embraced the British Autumn weather, put on our wellies and enjoyed an evening full of pumpkins, crafts, hot chocolate and some delicious warming soup.

The event would not be possible without all of our incredible staff across LEAP who pulled together to carve pumpkins for the evening. Thank you to everyone who participated! Special thanks to **Chef Tom, Flor, Sergio and Michelle** for providing us with some tasty Autumn treats, our phenomenal gardener, **Lidka**, who tirelessly works to create a magical space for us all to enjoy, **Mandeville's wonderful PTA** who volunteered and kept us all busy with their crafts, to **Colin**, Mandeville and HSoF's premises manager, who made sure that everything ran smoothly and to our committed and dedicated staff team across LEAP who volunteered their time to help on the night. Finally, thank you to all of the families who joined us to celebrate. There was a magical atmosphere and you made it all a truly joyful event!

We were very pleased that the Hackney Mayoral candidate for next week's election, Councillor Caroline Woodley, was able to attend the event & expressed her support for the project and for improving school food education across Hackney. Information about the winning pumpkins can be found overleaf..... **PTO**

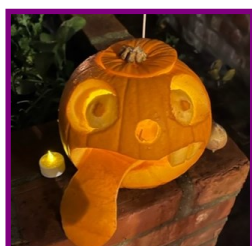


HSOF AUTUMN TRAIL WINNING PUMPKINS

This year we had an amazing set of pumpkins carved by LEAP staff., as you can see from the photos. We're delighted to announce the three winning pumpkins, as selected by last night's Autumn Trail visitors are:



Holly Heaton



Ben de Sausmarez



Selin Hassan

CHEFS IN SCHOOLS WIN BBC FOOD & FARMING AWARD

The charity Chefs in Schools which was co-founded by our Executive Headteacher Louise Nichols, Gayhurst's previous chef Nicole Pisani and Henry Dimbleby (ex-Gayhurst parent), and with whom the LEAP Federation and Hackney School of Food work closely, were chosen to receive the Derek Cooper Award for Outstanding Achievement at this year's BBC Food & Farming Awards. As some of you may already know Chefs in Schools' employ restaurant and highly skilled chefs in school kitchens to improve the quality of school meals, at the same time educating and inspiring children about the benefits of cooking nutritionally balanced food from scratch. Our school kitchens are all signed up to the Chefs in Schools approach and our children benefit from daily freshly cooked meals and a full food education programme.

Naomi Duncan (CEO of Chefs in Schools) and Nicole Pisani (Chefs in Schools Executive chef) said "We were honoured to accept this award not only for our small but enthusiastic team but for all the chefs we support who are changing perceptions of what's possible in school food".



PARENT AUTISM TRAINING

The Autism Education Trust is offering a free online training session for Parents next week on **Tuesday 7th November** from **6-8pm**. There are also in person workshops taking place at London Fields Primary School on 15th November 23 and at Parkwood Primary School in Finsbury Park in January 24.

Hackney's Family Coach Service are organising sign ups for the sessions.

If you are interested in attending please email

familycoach@hackney.gov.uk and let them know which session you'd like to attend.

Autism Education Trust Training

Are you waiting for assessment or does your child already have an Autism Diagnosis?

Are you curious and would you like to know more about Autism?

"Helping to develop good autism practice"

Dates for Parent Autism Education Trust Training

- Tuesday 7th of November - 6-8pm @ Online
- Wednesday 15th of November - 9:30 - 11:30am @ London Fields Primary School
- Monday 15th of January - 9:30 - 11:30am @ Parkwood Primary School

Sign me up!

familycoach@hackney.gov.uk
Let us know which session you'd like to attend. We look forward to working with you!

LEAP PASTORAL SUPPORT TEAM

We are excited to announce our new pastoral support team and the reasons behind its formation. In recent times, external agencies have had less capacity to support our families with issues affecting their children's education. We felt that each school needed a skilled practitioner to support other staff and families with issues such as school attendance, social skills and emotional wellbeing, signposting to external services, parent workshops, safeguarding and barriers to educational performance such as behaviour or additional needs.

We are pleased to let you know that our new team are due to start work next week. Each school has its own practitioner who will work with the senior leadership team and under the guidance of the Inclusion Manager to deliver on local priorities, but they will also work as a team co-delivering workshops and projects in all three schools together.

We are therefore pleased to welcome our three new Pastoral Support Managers (PSMs) to our federation family. At Gayhurst we welcome **Toki**, at Kingsmead it is **Latisha** and at Mandeville it is **Lisa**, (who is an internal promotion not a new member of staff).



Toki



Latisha



Lisa



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	57
Year 3 & 4	3E	35
Year 5 & 6	6C	32



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH am - **DUKE**
 NH pm - **LINUS**
 RLC- **CHARLOTTE**
 RK- **BELLA**

1G - **VITA**
 1V - **CLEMENT**
 2S- **MUSA**
 2P - **ALAYNA**
 2L - **AZRA**

3C- **VIENNA**
 3E - **SCARLETT**
 3/4M - **AMYRA**
 4D - **MARIAM**
 4E - **LUCA**

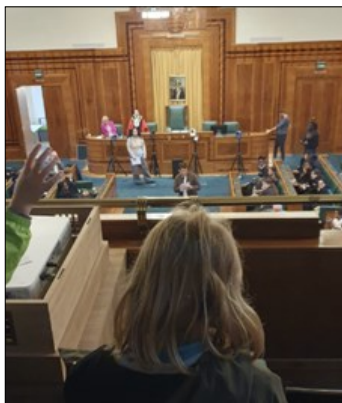
5R - **REX**
 5S - **ELLIOT**
 5/6W- **ALEXIA**
 6J- **WHOLE CLASS**
 6C - **SKYE**

SCHOOL COUNCIL TRIP TO TOWN HALL

During Democracy week, just before the half-term break, our new school council team were invited to Hackney Town Hall for a very important meeting.

They were able to listen to different speakers and with some councillors also in attendance, there was a panel discussion about what democracy means, attended by: Alastair Campbell, Jennifer Nadel and author Gillian Anderson. They even had the opportunity to ask questions and speak with the Speaker at the end.

Zara, 1V said, "It was so exciting, we got to see the acting Mayor of Hackney too!"



YEAR 1: MORNING DROP OFF CHANGES

Starting from **Monday 6th November**, Year 1 pupils will go straight into their classrooms at 9am rather than lining up in the playground. Their teaching assistants will meet them in their classrooms and the class teachers will be at the entrance door of the Y1 corridor to welcome them.

We hope that this will support the children's soft start to the school day as well as saving time and reducing congestion in the KS1 playground area in the mornings. George and Victoria will be at the entrance to the building at 9am to welcome the children and will be available for the usual morning handover from parents & carers. Please let us know if you have any questions.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Wed 8 Nov** Parent & Carer workshop: Colourful Semantics for Rec to Year 3 9.10 - 10am
- Thurs 9 Nov** 1G Class assembly 3pm + COGS AGM 5pm
- Mon 13 Nov** Wear Odd Socks for start of Anti-bullying week
- Thurs 16 Nov** 3C Class assembly 3pm + International Eve 4.30—7pm
- Fri 17 Nov** Children in Need—wear PJs to school today
- w/c 20 Nov** Road Safety Awareness week
- Thurs 23 Nov** 5R Class assembly 3pm
- Wed 6 Dec** Parent & Carer Evening – **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**
- Sat 9 Dec** CoGS Winter Fair 12—4pm
- Tues 12 Dec** End of term Gymnastics performances for 1.30pm for 4D, 2S & 3/4M 3pm for 5/6W & 2L
- Wed 13 Dec** **Nativity performances:**
 9.30am for parents of class 2S
 11am for parents of class 2L
 2pm for parents of class 2P
- Fri 15 Dec** End of term Drumming & Dance performances
 1.30pm for 4E & 1K 2.30pm for 2P, 3E & 5S
- Mon 18 Dec** Wear Festive Jumpers to school for Xmas lunch
- Tues 19 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term - **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**

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APPEAL FROM OUR HEAD CHEF SERGIO

We need your support to raise £11k for a new Rational combi oven. We know we talk a lot about our shrinking budgets, but Gayhurst gets around £10,000 a year in its budget to maintain the entire 3 storey building and its contents and a broken lift can cost us that much alone. As you are aware we home cook all our meals at Gayhurst and we have a fantastic team in the kitchen who prepare and deliver 600 fresh meals a day in a two hour window to do this properly they really need this new oven.

Every donation, no matter the size, brings us one step closer to achieving our goal. If everyone contributed as little as a cost of a child's meal £1.70 (£8.50 for week & £331.5 yearly) we would easily reach our target. Your contribution will go directly to the purchase of this oven. Join us in our mission to empower our kids with fresh, nutritious food, and let's keep the tradition of good food and family alive.

Thank you for being a part of this meaningful journey, and for helping us bring the joy of fresh, nutritious food to Gayhurst Community School.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/RationalCombiOven?utm_term=43B7A7ka4

COGS GAYHURST WINTER FAIR



Preparation for the CoGs Winter Fair, which takes place on **Saturday 9th Dec, from 12-4pm**, is underway.

Please donate goods, time, or money in support of the Winter Fair!

Good quality items labelled as raffle prizes and bottles of red wine can be left at reception desk from

13th November.

Got an hour to spare? Email gayhust.cogs@gmail.com. Or donate [here](#) to help fund cool festive activities at the fair. Thank you!

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

THURS 16 NOV 4.30—7pm



Next week we will be selling tickets everyday at 3:30pm by the Gayhurst gate for our International Evening: **£2 for an adult and £1 for a child**, card payments only.

If you wish to prepare food for the event, please complete the ingredients list emailed out and

send it to admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk FAO Jacqueline. This is important as we need to display all ingredients used on the night – no nuts please.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING CONTINUED.....

Thank you so much to all the parents/carers that have already agreed to cook, source performances and support, if you do know of anyone who would be willing to give up some of their time to perform on the evening, please do get in touch. We really appreciate the support and know it will help make it a great evening!

MATHS PARENT WORKSHOP

This week we held a Year 1 and 2 Maths Parent workshop to discuss our Maths Curriculum, our approach to promoting mastery and to share resources to support parents. In the workshop we looked at the importance of number, ensuring children have a clear understanding of place value. It was great to discuss visual resources that really help support children's conceptual understanding used in classrooms that could further support at home. Below is the link to the resource mentioned during the session that supports children's understanding of number bonds, addition and subtraction and odd and even numbers. Also, below are links to some helpful Maths websites.

[Numicon: Bag of Numicon Shapes 1-10 : Oxford University Press: Amazon.co.uk: Outlet](#)

[NRICH - Mathematics Resources for Teachers, Parents and Students to Enrich Learning \(maths.org\)](#)

[Learn to Count with fun Counting Games for KS1 Children \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)



COFFEE MORNING REMINDER

Don't forget to come along to next week's Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 8th November**, at **9.10am**. This will be an information session on Colourful Semantics for parents and carers of children in Rec & Years 1 to 3. We look forward to seeing you there.