

LEAP NEWS

Friday 9 February 2024

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Me gusta la primavera.... It I like Spring.....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

CREATIVITY WEEK AT LEAP

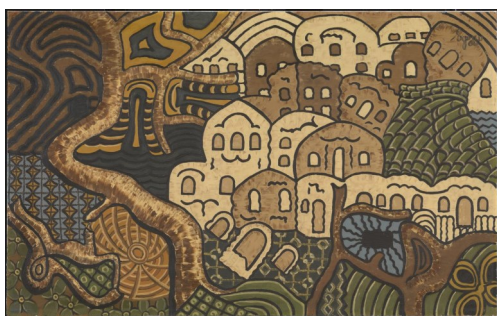
For creativity week this year schools across LEAP have been looking closely at two paintings. The first was chosen by The National Gallery as part of their Take One Picture project and it is called '**A Courtyard in Delft**' by **Pieter de Hooch**. The second is by Nigerian Artist **Uzo Egonu** titled '**Northern Nigerian Landscape**'. Through these two paintings pupils have been learning about architecture, pattern, contrast and the differences between homes, across cultures and through passages of time.

Pupils have been developing a range of skills, from observational drawing to printing and pattern design, collage and construction of 3D models. They have been learning about 'Dutch Golden Age Painting' which signified a time of prosperity and a break with monastic traditions, as well as the life of the artist Pieter de Hooch, who was fascinated by human stories, light and architecture. This is a painting which evokes lots of questions, such as: what is the woman in the background looking at? What is in the little girl's apron and who are the women in the picture? Children have enjoyed coming up with their own responses to these questions.



A Courtyard in Delft by Pieter de Hooch

The second painting by Egonu invites us to look at Nigerian landscape and the textures and patterns that exist within it. Some of the activities in response to this work have

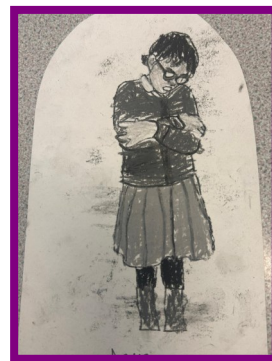
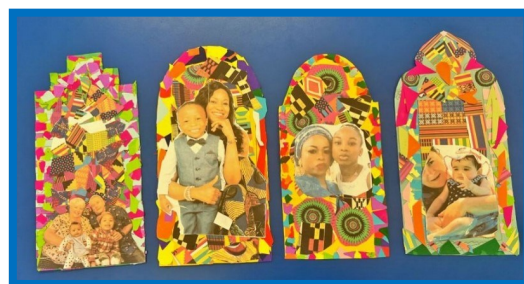


Northern Nigerian Landscape by Uzo Egonu

included frottage, stencilling and printing. The tree, which winds its way past the towering cityscape reminds us of nature's dominance. The way in which Egonu plays with perspective by stacking the houses and how he

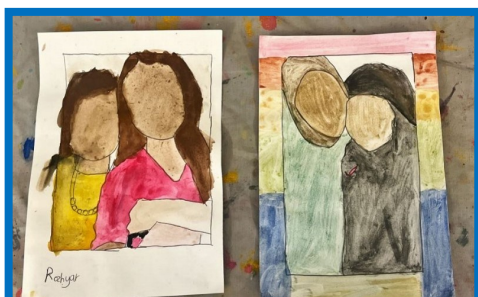
CREATIVITY WEEK AT LEAP CONTINUED.....

combines patterns, have inspired many of our class displays. Children across LEAP have had a fantastic week exploring these artworks and a range of artistic process inspired by them. We look forward to showing you all the incredible work that will be on display around the schools - watch this space!



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NETBALL NEWS

On Wednesday this week, Mandeville and Kingsmead schools participated in the **Hackney Netball**



Tournament. Both schools demonstrated their knowledge of the game and their skills during the matches. Kingsmead finished second just missing going through to the finals but congratulations to Mandeville who finished first and progress to the final.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION ONGOING - PLEASE VOTE!

The Parent election is still in process. Thank you to the people who have voted so far—please do make sure you vote if you have not yet done so. If you haven't received your voting form and instructions, please contact your school office.

Closing date for the election is **5pm Mon 19th February.**

SAFER INTERNET RESOURCES

Here are some excellent e-safety resources for parents and carers, from specialist Mary Rebelo who delivered some parent sessions across LEAP last year. Mary has developed the perfect one stop site for parents to get all the information they could ever need from what to look out for in the latest apps, to how to turn on parental controls on all of your devices. We thoroughly recommend the resources:

https://padlet.com/m_rebelo/parents-online-safety-updated-feb-2024-3rnqu3noo9e4ra23

In particular you might want to look at what is available on the ParentZone link

<https://parentzone.org.uk/library>



SPRING TERM 2024

1st half of term: **08.01.24 - 09.01.24**
 Half term: **12 - 16 Feb 2024**
 2nd half of term: **19.02.24 - 28.03.24**

GREEN TOKEN RESULTS

Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	RK 55
Year 3 & 4	3/4M 35
Year 5 & 6	5R 66



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH am - **AEL**
 NH pm - **JONAH**
 RLC- **WHOLE CLASS**
 RK- **ACEN**

1G - **LORELEI**
 1V - **FINBARR**
 2S- **JAMIE**
 2P - **MIYA**
 2L - **ELIZA**

3C- **WHOLE CLASS**
 3E - **EMILIA**
 3/4M - **MIRABAI**
 4D - **ANTONI**
 4E - **JULIANNA**

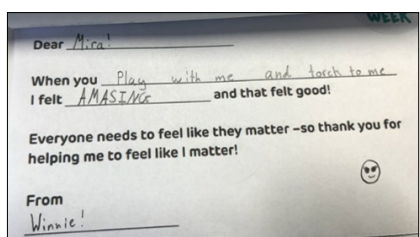
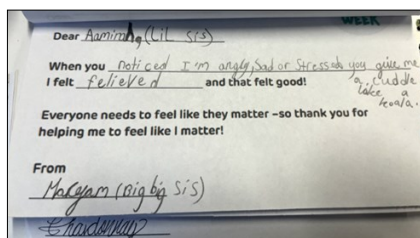
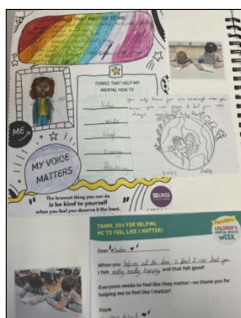
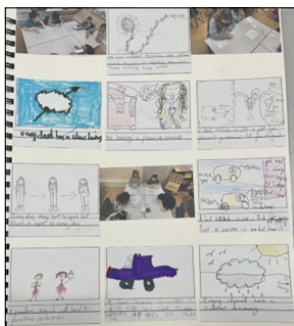
5R - **LEO**
 5S - **HENRIETTA**
 5/6W- **GEORGE**
 6J- **OLIVER**
 6C - **LORCAN**

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. We launched this with an assembly on Monday and then children had a lesson dedicated to discussing the importance of understanding and looking after our mental health. As part of this work, children learnt the importance of gratitude and telling others

when they have helped them with their mental health.

Lower down the school, children made gratitude paper chains, recording what they are thankful for. Further up the school, children wrote to the children they felt have helped support them when their mental health wasn't good.



1V CLASS ASSEMBLY CONTINUED.....

Following this 1V told their audience about what they had learned in Science this term. They have been studying animals including humans so they described the function of organs such as the heart, stomach and lungs, as well naming the different animal groups. Finally, they performed and sang the skeleton dance. Well done for a brilliant assembly 1V!

YEAR 6 ATTEND JUNIOR CITIZENS SCHEME

Last Thursday, our year 6's visited Young Hackney's Forest Road Youth Hub to take part in the Hackney Junior Citizens Scheme. They enjoyed various interactive and engaging workshops covering a range of important topics including road and fire safety, oral hygiene, safe travel on public transport and knife crime.

During the carousel of activities, the children were taught valuable life skills making them more aware of what they can do to help themselves and others make responsible decisions for a healthier, safer lifestyle both in and out of school.

'My favourite part was the TFL workshop and learning all about the oyster card'. - Bella (5/6W)

'I found learning about what to do in case of a fire very fun but also useful and informative' - Muhammed (5/6W)

'I loved the interactive activities - like shouting "Fire!" at the top of my lungs' - Stan (6J)

'I enjoyed all the areas that taught us all of the important things we should learn at a young age' - Trae (6J)

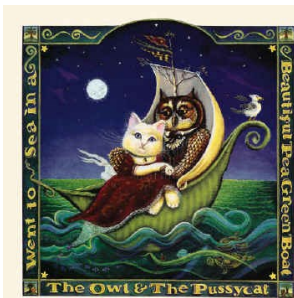
'I liked how it wasn't boring speeches; it was fun activities that helped me keep the important information in my head' - Sunday (6J)

'I really enjoyed it, it was so much fun.' - Walter (6C)



1V CLASS ASSEMBLY

Class 1V performed wonderfully in their assembly this week! The class recited the book that they have been reading in English, **The Owl & the Pussycat**. They also demonstrated their excellent numeracy skills by counting to 50.



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FAMILY COACH TASTER SESSION

Don't forget to come along on Thursday 29th February at 9am to the Family Coach Taster session at Gayhurst. The focus will be **understanding anxiety**.



THURSDAY 29TH OF FEBRUARY 9 - 10AM
FAMILY COACH ANXIETY TASTER SESSION
For Families with children that attend a Hackney school and have an additional need. No formal diagnosis or EHCP required.

What to expect from the Anxiety Taster Session

Would you like to feel more confident managing your and/or your child's anxiety? If yes, come along to the Anxiety Taster Session! We will be covering the following:

- The link between thoughts, feelings and actions.
- Changing unhelpful thoughts.
- 5 ways of wellbeing
- Finding your calm space

WHO ARE WE?

Hello!
We are Emily And Rachel
The Family Coach Service

- 20+ years experience working with children and families.
- Committed to empowering families and reaching their potential.

WHAT SERVICES DO WE OFFER?

Parent empowerment groups
For parents of a SEN child that attend a Hackney school or lives in Hackney.

- A space for you to work towards goals
- Support of a wider community
- Celebrate successes and problem solve together.

1:1 Family Coaching
For parents of a SEN child that lives in Hackney.

- Identify a change you'd like to make
- 6 sessions
- Feel empowered to work towards achieving self directed goal

CONTACT US

If you have any questions please send us an email

familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

We look forward to working with you soon!

KEY DATES THIS TERM

w/c 12 Feb	Half term break
Mon 19 Feb	LEAP Parent Governor election closes 5pm
Thurs 22 Feb	4D class assembly 3pm
Thurs 29 Feb	Family Coach Taster session 9 - 10am + 4E class assembly 3pm
Wed 6 March	E--Safety parent workshop at 9.10am
Thurs 7 March	World Book Day
Thurs 14 March	RLC class assembly 3pm
Fri 15 March	Red Nose Day – wear red!
Thurs 21 March	Parent/carer evening school finishes early at 1:30pm
Fri 22 March	Drumming and dance performances (class order TBC)
Tues 26 March	Gymnastics performances 1:30pm – 3E, 1G, 5S. 3pm – 2P, 5R.
Thurs 28 March	Last day of term school finishes early at 1:30pm

FAMILY COACH PARENT EMPOWERMENT GROUP

The Family coach service are running a free online Parent Empowerment group consisting of 5 sessions at with a focus on Increasing Confidence and Reducing Stress. These sessions are for families with children who have special educational needs in any of the 4 areas of SEN (sensory & physical, cognition & learning, communication & interaction or social, emotional and mental health) and can be attended from the comfort of your home. No formal diagnosis or EHCP required. The sessions will be on **Wednesdays from 1 - 2pm** and the first session starts on **Wednesday 28th February 2024**. To book your place please email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk or let Fran know.

WEDNESDAYS 1-2 PM
FROM 28TH OF FEBRUARY

Online
From the comfort of your own home

Increasing Confidence and Reducing Stress

Weekly Parent Empowerment Groups - Delivered by the Family Coach Service



For families with children that have special educational needs (SEN).

In any of the 4 areas of SEN.

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10 spaces available. Please send us an email to book your place today familycoach@hackney.gov.uk