

LEAP NEWS

Friday 3rd November 2023

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

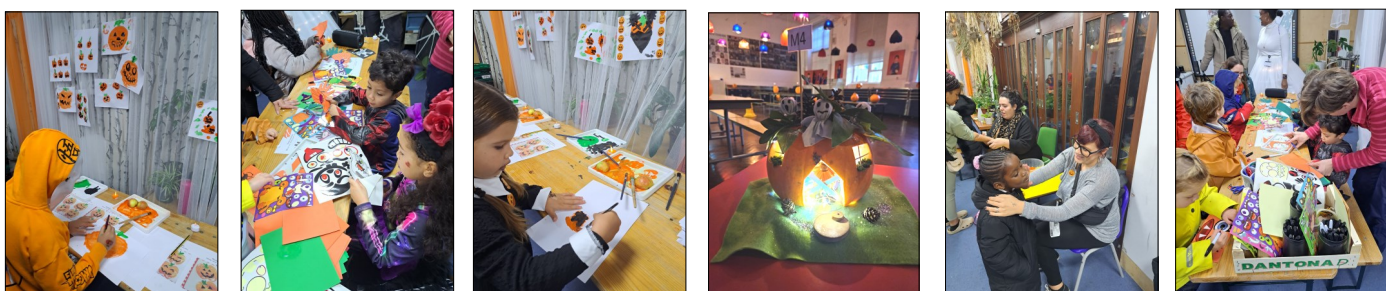
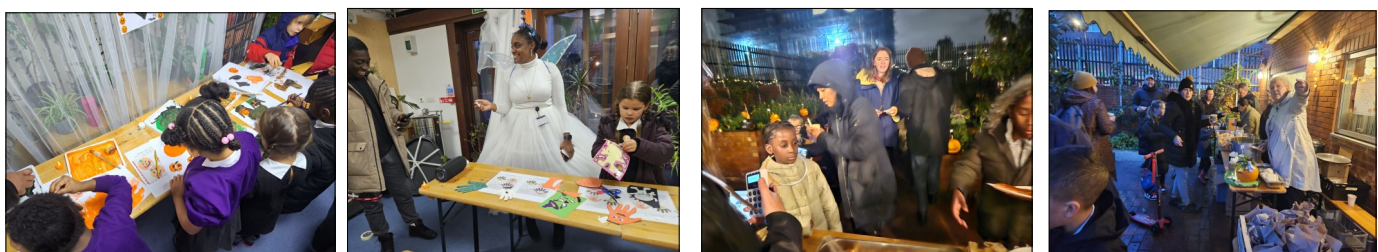
Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

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 with 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 POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Panther	89	Ocean 98.2% Mars 98%
Phase 2	River	297	
Phase 3	Mercury	105	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Jaguar class Eli
Lion class Findlay
Panther class Orla & Ohana
Ocean class Azaria & Jayden

River class Deniz & Isabel
Forest class Mohammed & Jayden N
Mercury class Teylan & Mouhamadou
Mars class Semi & Ermias
Venus class Sayuri & Rihaan

DEMOCRACY PANEL DISCUSSION AT TOWN HALL

Just before the half term break, some lucky Mandeville pupils were invited to attend a panel discussion in the Hackney Town Hall as part of the celebration of Democracy Week. They were presented with six different leaders: an author, a councillor for Hackney, Madame Speaker and the acting Mayor of Hackney, amongst others.

After learning about the different types of leadership within and around Hackney, they had discussions about what leadership looks like in schools and how to be a productive, impactful and effective global citizen. The Mandeville children who attended were fantastic and were highly engaged and mature throughout.

*'It was a great opportunity to learn about some of the important people in Hackney' Y6 - **Phoebe***

*'I found out about black female leaders like Michelle Obama and how important our voices are' Y6 - **Amelia***

*'From being there, I have given myself a goal of being an even better student' Y6 - **Jahvari***



REMINDER.....

Please donate all unwanted uniform to the school office by **Friday 10th November!** Thanks

MANDEVILLE SHORTLISTED!



Mandeville has been shortlisted for **Primary School of the Year** at the Education Today awards, Marc Thompson will be attending the awards ceremony to see if Mandeville wins. Watch this space.....!

COFFEE MORNING REPORT

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our wellbeing coffee morning on the last Friday before half term with **Dr Natalie Bailey**. We were delighted that so many of you were able to join us. During the course of the coffee morning the following topics were covered;

- explore and understand emotional & mental health,
- learn how thriving parents lead to flourishing children,
- explore the value of maintaining parental well-being
- discover practical pathways to improve and maintain wellbeing.

The session was very informative and lots of parents were able to share experiences and stories. If you were unable to attend, you can request for the topic information to be sent to you.

The next Wellbeing workshop will be announced soon.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 9 Nov** Coffee Morning: Early Language & Play (Nur, Rec, Year 1 & 2 parents & carers) 9.10am
- Mon 13 Nov** Wear Odd Socks today for start of Anti Bullying Week
- Wed 15 Nov** Teddy Bear's Picnic tour of Nursery & Reception classes 10am
- Fri 17 Nov** Children in Need day - wear PJs to school today
- Mon 20 Nov** Be Bold Be Bright (Road Safety Awareness)
- Tues 28 Nov** Coffee Morning: Colourful Semantics (Nur, Rec, Year 1 & 2 parents & carers) 9.10am
- Thurs 30 Nov** Yr 4 class assembly 3pm
- Tues 5 Dec** Christmas Panto for all children
- Wed 6 Dec** Gymnastics performances yrs 5 & 6 at 9.15am + Parent & Carer consultation evening - **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**
- Thurs 7 Dec** Wear a Festive Jumper day
- Fri 8 Dec** Yr 1 & 2 Nativity performance
- Mon 18 Dec** Drumming & Dance performances
- Tues 19 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term - **early close for children at 1.30pm**