

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Necesito una bufanda y guantes..... *I need a scarf and gloves....*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere Primary Schools working in partnership

CHANGES AT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD



The Hackney School of Food marks the end of an era as we bid farewell to our Managing Director, **Zoe McIntyre**, who is leaving us to begin an exciting new adventure in the Devon countryside.

Zoe joined us in October 2023 and played a pivotal role in steering us through a critical transition as we established ourselves as an independent Community Interest Company. Over her time here, she brought incredible energy, vision, and dedication to our food education mission. Her leadership delivered transformative results across our site and programmes, including the creation of our new Early Years Sensor Garden, the Garden Room refurbishment, and the completion of our new facilities and pathways. Beyond physical improvements, Zoe expanded our school lesson offerings, secured vital funding for impactful new initiatives, and established key community partnerships. While it will certainly feel strange not having her warm, team-first presence in the garden office, looking back at everything accomplished under her guidance leaves no room for sadness—only immense pride. Thank you, Zoe, for your hard work and leadership. A part of School of Food will always belong to you, and we wish you every success as you set off for Devon.



At the same time, we are thrilled to announce that **Aoife Allen** will be joining us as our new Managing Director. Aoife comes to us with an outstanding track record in sustainability and practical food education. She previously served as Chief of Staff at WRAP, and before that as Director of Programmes and Head of Food at Hubbub, where she spearheaded major community food and nature initiatives. Earlier in her

career, she worked directly as a chef, cookery teacher, and community food educator.

Aoife brings a brilliant combination of strategic leadership, partnership development, and hands-on food education experience. We are confident she will lead us smoothly into our next chapter and be a fantastic addition to the team. Please join us in sending Zoe off with our warmest wishes and giving Aoife a huge welcome to the Hackney School of Food family as she steps into her new role.

LEAP FAMILIES SKILLS REGISTER

COULD YOU HELP SHAPE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

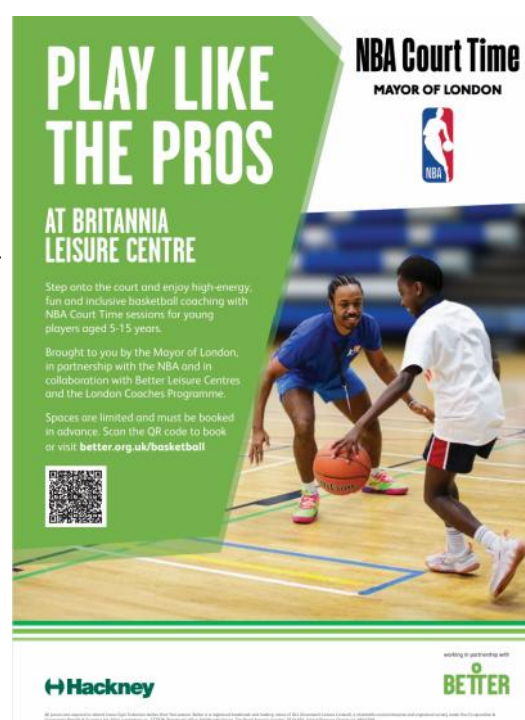
At LEAP, we believe one of our greatest assets is the incredible community of parents and carers around us—and we'd love to tap into that! We're building a register of parent and carer skills and professions to draw on for future projects, workshops and enrichment opportunities for our pupils. Thanks to those who already responded to a previous call out to LEAP families last academic year—we have your details on our register.

Whether you're an engineer, an artist, a chef, a builder, a photographer or anything in between—your expertise could make a real difference to our children's learning. Being on our register doesn't commit you to anything. We would simply get in touch if a relevant opportunity arises, and you're always free to say no. If you'd like to be included, and have not already responded to our previous call out last year, please email admin@leapfederation.org with **LEAP Families Skills Register** as the subject line, giving your name, your child's school and class, and a brief description of your profession or skill.

Thank you—we look forward to hearing from you!

BASKETBALL COACHING

Britannia Leisure Centre are offering basketball coaching for young players from age 5+



PLAY LIKE THE PROS
AT BRITANNIA LEISURE CENTRE

Step onto the court and enjoy high-energy, fun and inclusive basketball coaching with NBA Court Time sessions for young players aged 5-15 years.

Brought to you by the Mayor of London, in partnership with the NBA and in collaboration with Better Leisure Centres and the London Coaches Programme.

Spaces are limited and must be booked in advance. Scan the QR code to book or visit better.org.uk/basketball



HACKNEY THINKING SPACES HALF TERM OFFER

Free Half term digital mania workshops are on offer for children aged 8—12 years from 9am—3pm at Rising Tide Studios & Hub, 270 Mare Street, London E8 1HE.

Call 02081455532 for more info and to book a slot



HACKNEY THINKING SPACES **FREE HALF TERM WORKSHOPS**

26TH OCT – 30TH OCT
MON – FRI

DIGITAL MANIA AND FUN ACTIVITIES
YOUTH VOICES

TIME: 9.00AM – 3PM
AGE: 8 – 12 AND 12 – 19 (UP TO 25 SEND)
BREAKFAST PROVIDED
VENUE: Rising Tide Studios & Hub

Rising Tide Studios 270 Mare St, London E8 1HE
info@ifoundmecounselling.co.uk
TEL: 02081455532 Supported by **Hackney**

ACCESS TO SPORT PROJECT HALF TERM OFFER

FREE ICE SKATING SESSION

Join Us for an Ice Skating Trip at Lee Valley Ice Rink!

We're excited to invite you to a fun-filled ice skating trip at **Lee Valley Ice Rink on Friday 30 October, from 11am-12pm OR 12pm-1pm for 8—16 yr olds.**

Whether you're a beginner or a confident skater, this is a great chance to enjoy the ice and spend time with friends. All equipment will be provided, and lunch is included — just bring your enthusiasm!

Spaces are limited, so please register your interest as soon as possible. We will confirm places by Tuesday 27 October.



FREE TENNIS SESSION

Join us for a thrilling Tennis session for **6-12 year olds!** Enjoy a variety of Tennis, activities, training, games, competitions and more. Plus, join our Access to Sports term-time programmes. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity!

Please make sure your child brings a bottle of water to stay hydrated.

info@accesstosports.org.uk

Dates: **26 Oct, 27 Oct, 28 Oct, 29 Oct 2026**

Time: **3—4pm**

Venue: **Guinness Partnership Community Centre & Pitch, London N16 5TQ**



RIO CINEMA CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL

This October half term Rio is excited to launch the very first Hackney Children's Film Festival from Sat 24th - Sat 31st October! If you have a library card tickets cost only £3! [Click here](#) for more information.



THE RIO
THE VERY FIRST EVER
HACKNEY CHILDREN'S FILM FEST

TICKETS £5/£3*
*WITH A HACKNEY LIBRARY CARD

ARTS AND CRAFTS
COSTUME PARADE
RELAXED SHOWS
TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

FILMS THROUGHOUT HALF TERM HOLIDAYS!
24 - 31 OCT 2026



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur:	Harald	Yr 3:	Gerard
Rec:	Wilfred S	Yr 4:	Olivia S
Yr 1:	Ines	Yr 5:	Emir
Yr 2:	Eva	Yr 6:	Yusuf

AUTUMN TERM 2026

1st half of term: **03.09.26 - 23.10.26**

Half term: **26 - 30 October 2026**

2nd half of term: **02.11.26 - 18.12.26**

INSET day - Weds 2 Sept 26

YEAR 2 MUSEUM OF THE HOME TRIP

Year 2 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Museum of the Home, where we explored how life in Hackney has changed over time. The children looked closely at historical artefacts to discover how people lived in the past and how everyday objects were used in the home. They compared these items with the things we use today, spotting similarities and differences and thinking about how homes and daily life have changed over the years. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring our learning about the past and the present to life!

"It was amazing the future home was the best," **Bailey**

"I liked the old furniture in the rooms," **Theo**

"Most of the rooms have wooden floors over time they began to have carpet," **Elisa**



UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOURS WORKSHOP REPORT

On Tuesday, Nina our CAMHS worker in school led a workshop for parents and carers on Understanding Behaviours.

The workshop reinforced the concept of behaviour as a form of communication. When children shout, refuse or get upset, there's often a feeling underneath, like worry, tiredness or hunger, that they can't yet put into words. We also explored the impact of brain development at different stages, explaining that big feelings can be tricky to manage.

Nina shared lots of handy tips, including emotions charts and feelings thermometers to help children name how they feel, and simple phrases like "I wonder if you're feeling..." She also talked about the power of modelling: chatting about our own feelings and how we cope, so children learn it's normal to talk about emotions. Our favourite tip was "strike while the iron is cold." That means waiting until everyone has calmed down before talking about what happened.

Thank you to everyone who came along! If you couldn't make it, please feel free to attend the next session 'Managing behaviours' on **Tuesday 10th November**.

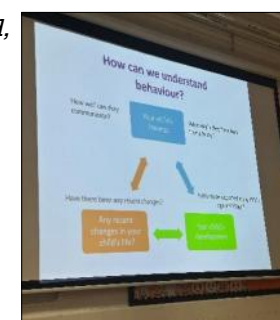
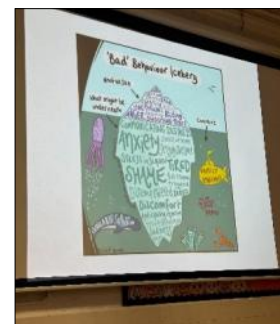
Here are some of the key take-aways parents who attended mentioned:

"Using an emotions chart to explore a range of emotions is helpful to encourage children thinking between and beyond 'sad' and 'happy'."

"Consistency and the importance of it in our approach."

"My key take away is the importance of modelling. It's hard, and we often get lost in our routines but modelling is essential."

You can find a PDF of the powerpoint from the session on the Grasmere website's, [Parent Workshops & Meetings](#) page.





FOOTBALL NEWS

Year 5 & 6 boys' and girls' football teams were in action this Tuesday in a Hackney-wide mini league competition. Both teams did really well, the girls' team successfully introducing new players. **Sienna** told us "It was really fun, the competition was tough but we played really well" **Maya** said "I had a great time. I enjoyed playing on the wing again!" All the games were high scoring and both of our teams did really well!" **Sonny A** singled out **Rei** as Player of the Match on their team noting "Rei was playing with lots of confidence on the ball. His dribbling was excellent!" Thanks to **Coach Julie** and a huge well done to all our football players. Good luck in your next fixtures!



YEAR 1 & 2 PHONICS PARENT WORKSHOP

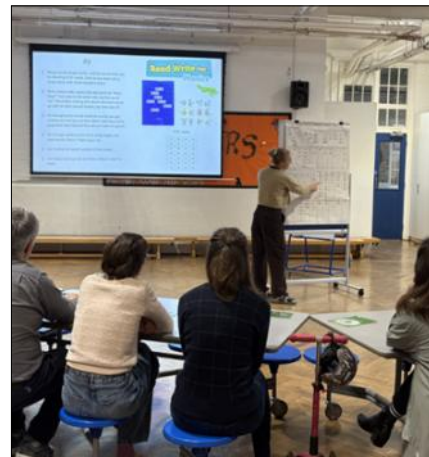
A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Year 1 and 2 Phonics and Reading Workshop!

It was lovely to see so many of you taking the time to find out more about how we teach phonics and reading in school, and how you can support your child's learning at home. Working together makes such a difference to children's confidence, progress and enjoyment of reading! The information



PHONICS PARENT WORKSHOP CONTINUED.....

shared in the session has been uploaded onto the [parent workshops page](#) on our website. We have also shared some useful online resources for parents to explore and learn more about phonics.



COLLECTION AFTER CLUBS & HOPPERS

From **Monday 2nd November**, we will be asking parents & carers to collect your children from clubs and Hoppers. This will mean that between 4:30 and 6pm no Year 5 or 6 children will be allowed to walk home alone. We will continue to do this every year at this point in the year as the evenings get darker earlier.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 26 – Fri 30 Oct** Half Term Break
- Sat 31 Oct** Deadline for Secondary School admissions
- Wed 4 Nov** Year 3—6 Parent Reading workshop 9.10am
- Fri 6 Nov** Yr 6 Brain Buddies Parent Workshop 9- 9:45am
- Tues 10 Nov** Managing Challenging Behaviours parent workshop 9-10am
- Fri 13 Nov** FROGS Year 5 cake sale + Children in need day—option to wear PJs
- Mon 16 Nov** Anti-Bullying Week starts—option to wear odd socks to celebrate difference
- Thurs 19 Nov** Year 6 Class Assembly at 3pm
- Tues 24 Nov** Supporting Children to Build Confidence and Resilience parent workshop 9-10am
- Thurs 26 Nov** International Evening 4.30—6.30pm (No hoppers or Specialist clubs)
- Weds 2 Dec** Parent & Carer consultations
School closes early at 1.30 for children (Hoppers available - No Specialist clubs)
- Fri 4 Dec** FROGS Winter fair
- Tues 8 Dec** Nina CAMHS Worker in school drop in session for Parents 9-10am
- Mon 14 Dec** Drumming and Dance Performances 1:45pm- Years 3 & 5, 2:30pm- Years 2, 4 & 6
- Friday 18 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term
School closes early at 1.30pm for children