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THIS WEEK

Education



Students enjoying the opening of an Egyptian themed show at Gayhurst Community School.

Picture: KRISTIAN BUUS

A life-size mummy is the centrepiece of an exhibition created by youngsters from Gayhurst Community School.

The "mummy found" art installation was inspired by a series of workshops delivered by Hackney group Art Hoppers in which the kids learned about Ancient Egypt.

The children used a range of

different techniques and materials to create the artworks, including plaster engraving, painting with egg tempera, and foil embossing.

Along with the mummy, there is a decorated stone coffin, pottery, tomb paintings and jewellery. The artworks are exhibited as historical artefacts within the context of a recently discovered archeological site

surrounding an ancient Egyptian tomb.

The exhibition runs until March 29. Gayhurst parents and carers can visit the gallery daily from 3.30pm.

External visitors can see the exhibition by appointment by calling 020 7254 6138 or e-mailing admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk.

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Charity

People are being urged to donate Easter eggs to a storage firm's annual appeal, which this year will support Hackney Food Bank.

Access Self Storage launched its appeal in 2011 and has seen 3,800 eggs donated since then.

Store manager Martin Cotmore said: "We would love as many people as possible in our community to donate a chocolate egg to support Hackney Food bank this Easter.

"It provides a lifeline to our local community when they really need it.

"Every contribution is a little sign of hope, letting people in our community who are having a tough time know that there are



Andrew Smith of Access Self Storage with Easter eggs.

people around them who care."

There are three weeks left for donations, which should be dropped off either at the branch in Eagle Wharf Road, Islington, or Belgrove Street, King's Cross.

Hackney Food Bank provides three days of emergency food to anyone who needs it.

Out and about

Dinner at a Finsbury Park supper club this weekend will be made entirely out of food waste.

Charity Food Cycle has drafted in top chef Asma Khan, founder of Soho restaurant Darjeeling Express, to cook up a feast at the Andover Estate community centre on Saturday.

The three-course meal will be made from more than 100kg of surplus food from local supermarkets, with the menu revealed on the day.

All proceeds from the

evening will go towards Food Cycle Finsbury Park, which has been dishing out meals using surplus food every Saturday for the last year.

Project leader Chris Sim said he hoped the night would raise awareness of the food waste problem.

"We would also like to highlight that food poverty and social isolation are growing problems in the UK," he said.

The event starts at 7pm. Tickets start from £15 and can be bought on Eventbrite.

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Licensing

Plans for a new Marks and Spencer food hall in Dalston could be thwarted by the council's public health chiefs, who say the sale of booze could create anti-social behaviour problems.

The upmarket chain wants to open a new branch at the bottom of 57 East, the new development next to Dalston Kingsland station.

But the town hall's public health officers have objected an alcohol licence bid, saying booze-related incidents and assaults could increase.

The Rio Cross Residents' Association, a group of locals, also wants the trading hours of 8am to 11pm scaled back. "We are concerned this will add yet another source of alcohol in an area already

over-supplied with off-licences, with the risk of adding to anti-social behaviour right in the heart of the Dalston special policy area," they said.

Rio Cross also says it could threaten small businesses in the area. Councillors will vote on the application on Tuesday.

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