Pumpkin Salad

Fresh from the garden: pumpkin, spring onions, spinach

Season: Summer/Autumn
Serves: 30 tastes in the classroom or 6 at home

**Ingredients:**
- ½ large pumpkin, cut into 2 cm cubes
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ tsp ground pepper
- ¼ tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp cinnamon, plus an extra dash for the yoghurt
- 1 tsp powdered ginger
- ½ tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp allspice
- ½ cup pepitas (pumpkin seeds)
- ¼ cup tahini
- 1 tbsp rice malt syrup or honey
- ¼ cup yoghurt
- 3 large handfuls of spinach, washed and spun
- 5 spring onions, finely chopped

**Equipment:**
- metric measuring cup and spoons
- clean tea towel
- chopping board
- cook’s knife
- salad spinner
- large mixing bowl
- baking tray
- small frying pan
- small saucepan
- wooden spoon
- serving platters

**What to do:**
1. Preheat the oven to 220°C.
2. Prepare all of the ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list.
3. Place the pumpkin in the bowl and add the oil, salt, pepper and spices.
4. Toss and transfer to a baking tray and bake in the oven for about 20 minutes, until golden.
5. Heat the pepitas in the frying pan until they start to become golden, then set them aside to cool.
6. In the small saucepan, mix the tahini and malt syrup over low heat until runny.
7. Add the yoghurt, plus an extra dash of cinnamon, and thin with a splash of water if necessary.
8. Arrange the spinach leaves on a serving platter and scatter over the pumpkin, pepitas and spring onions.
9. Pour the tahini dressing over the salad and serve.