



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 21st March 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Feliz Día de San Patricio!..... Happy St Patrick's Day!.....

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

HISPANIC WEEK CINEMA TRIP

Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at **Kingsmead, Mandeville, Gayhurst** and **Grasmere** all visited the Rio Cinema this week to watch **Encanto** as part of Hispanic Week. Many children were already familiar with the plot but we added a new challenge by incorporating Spanish language into their viewing experience. It was so fantastic to see so many children making links between the language in the film and their Spanish lessons at school. We loved hearing the new vocabulary they have learnt through this experience.

Isla - *It was a cool experience to watch Encanto in Spanish! I heard Mirabel say 'Hola'!* (Yr 3, Gayhurst)

Romi - *It was really cool because it was all in Spanish. I heard her say 'Tio Bruno' and 'Tia Pepa' which means Uncle and Aunt.* (Yr 3, Gayhurst)

Mischa - *I liked it because it was in Spanish!* (Yr 3, Mandeville)

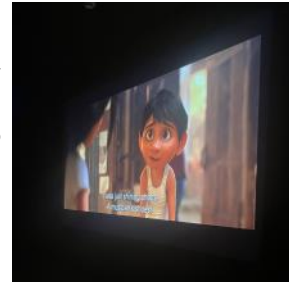
Amelia - *I enjoyed singing along to the songs. I learnt some of the Spanish lyrics too!* (Yr 4, Mandeville)

Edith - *I loved watching Encanto, I liked how the movie had subtitles in Spanish allowing me to know what each character was saying in Spanish* (Year 4, Grasmere)



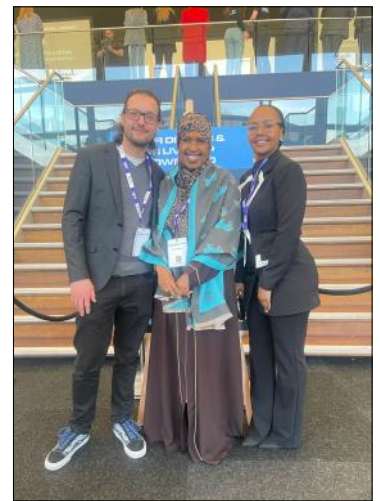
CINEMA TRIP CONTINUED...

Mustafa – *The film was exciting, I really liked the singing and they spoke in Spanish but it was easy to understand as they had subtitles.* (Yr 5 Kingsmead)



MANDEVILLE SHORTLISTED FOR CATERING AWARD

Well done to the Mandeville kitchen team for being shortlisted for a prestigious catering award at the School Business awards. The team got to the final five schools in the whole country for demonstrating excellent menu design, cooking and presentation skills. The variety of different dishes on the Mandeville menu was commended. They did not go on to win the award but **Hodan** (Head Chef), **Kaltum** (Deputy Headteacher) and **Sergio** (Executive Head Chef) attended the awards ceremony in Battersea. Well done Team Mandeville!



LEADERSHIP CONSULTATION

Don't forget to give your feedback for the consultation currently underway, regarding Grasmere joining the LEAP Federation. The closing date is **31st March 2025**.

Here are the links where you will find the [online consultation information document](#) and an [online response](#) to the consultation. Each school's office also have paper copies of both documents if you'd prefer to use these. All the schools have held consultation meeting sessions, where parents can meet with representatives from the Grasmere and LEAP Governing Bodies to discuss the federation proposal.

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RED NOSE DAY

Children across all four schools had great fun wearing red today, to mark Red Nose Day and raise funds for Comic Relief! We'll let you know how much was raised for the charity in next week's newsletter.



RED NOSE DAY CONTINUED.....



KINGSMEAD TWINNING STORY IN NEWS

Kingsmead's twinning with the New Brain school in Kampala, that has come about through shared work on projects supporting pollinating insects—the Hackney and Kampala Buzzlines, has been picked up by a number of press outlets.

Kingsmead children made insect masks for the children in the New Brain school which were taken to Uganda by Gerry, the ecologist who is leading on the Hackney Buzzline project. He was there for the official launch of the Kampala Buzzline. The New Brain school children made lovely decorated butterflies and amazing dolls made from banana leaf fibres and bead necklaces and bracelets as gifts for Kingsmead children, which Gerry recently presented to the school on his return to London. We look forward to arranging a video link between the two school in the coming months so the children can discuss the ways they have been supporting pollinating insects in their local areas and continue to build the twinning project.



Children at New Brain school with gifts they've made for Kingsmead children.



You can see the story featured in the Standard [here](#) and in the Hackney Citizen [here](#).





SPRING TERM 2025

1st half of term: 06.01.25 - 14.02.25

Half term: 17 Feb — 21 Feb 2025

2nd half of term: 24.02.25 - 04.04.25

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	87	Year 3	82
Reception	78	Year 4	93
Year 1	130	Year 5	99
Year 2	90	Year 6	75

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Ouse
	98.5%
KS2	Severn
	99%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Gurvinder
Lea class (Rec) Riley
Lagan class (Yr 1) Angelusia
Tyne class (Yr 2) Joud

Severn class (Yr 3) Believe
Ness class (Yr 4) Kahleo
Fowey class (Yr 5) Samuel
Avon class (Yr 6) Alex

CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

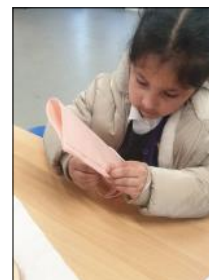


All the children and parents who came along to Parents Evening yesterday were able to choose a book for every child to take home and keep. This is thanks to the Children's Book Project, who have again donated books to Kingsmead, for every age range, from board books and picture books, to early reading books and big chapter books. It was so lovely to see children browsing to decide which title they wanted to choose.

We will make sure that any children who didn't come to Parents Evening will get the chance to choose their book to take home and keep. Thank you to the Children's Book Project for making this possible!



PLAYCENTRE SEWING PROJECT



Children who have been attending Kingsmead's after school club with Julia have created some lovely sewn pencil cases. They were very proud of their creations!



"I felt really happy making my pencil case and I'm going to keep it forever. It's made from really strong material so I think it is going to last a long time" - Rey Yr 1



COFFEE MORNING: AUTISM & COMMUNICATION

All parents who have a child/children with any communication difficulties are welcome to the Coffee Morning next week on **Thursday 27th March at 9am**. Our Speech and Language therapist, Stella and a specialist teacher Jane, will jointly deliver the session which is all about giving tips and advice for how to best communicate with a child with autism or communication difficulties

Parents who have attended previous Coffee Mornings on this topic found the sessions really helpful and asked for a further session to be arranged.

We look forward to seeing you next week. Refreshments will be on offer as usual.

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SPRING HOLIDAY CAMP

Don't forget if you'd like your child to attend the four day Spring Holiday camp that is running from **Monday 7th to Thursday 10th April from 10am - 2pm**, please make sure you complete a registration form and hand it in to school by Friday March 21st. If you need another copy of the form please ask at the Reception desk.

The camp is open to Reception children through to Year 6 and is running as a joint camp with Mandeville school, but will be based at Kingsmead. All children will receive a tasty, free hot lunch on every day of the camp.

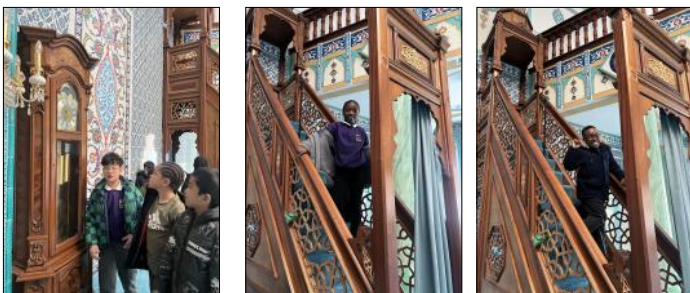
YEAR 4 VISIT MOSQUE

This term, year 4 have been learning about the five pillars in Islam. To further their knowledge, the children visited Suleymaniye mosque where they had the opportunity to explore what the interior of a mosque looks like and a Q&A session with the mosque leader. The children learnt about the origins of the interior decor in the mosque, the purpose for different parts of a mosque, shared religious stories, discussed the importance of kindness and charity across religions, why mosques have minarets (tall towers to project the Muslim call prayer) and much more!

'I wondered why there was a staircase in the mosque' **San'aa**

'Muslims go to the Mosque' **Heaven**

'I've been to a mosque which looks similar in Turkey' **Veselin**



YEAR 1'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week Year 1, Lagan class performed their class assembly to the whole school and their parents. It was based on a special story we have been learning about called **The Magical Yet**, which teaches us that even if we can't do something at the moment, we can try again... as we just haven't managed to do it yet!

We explored ways to promote a positive mindset and how positive affirmations can help us to believe in ourselves daily. The key message is to remember that we may not always get things right at first but our magical "Yet" will help us every time we feel stuck. Stay positive and always believe in yourself!



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Wed 26 March** Rec class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 27 March** Coffee Morning on Communication & Autism 9 - 10am
- Tues 1 April** Drumming & Dance performance Yr 2, 4, 5 & 6 + Dynamix at 2.15pm
- Wed 2 April** Year 5 class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 3 April** Gymnastic performance Yrs 3 & 4 at 3pm
- Fri 4 April** Last day of Spring Term - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**
- Mon 7- Thurs 10 April** Kingsmead & Mandeville Spring Holiday Camp 10am—2pm