



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 28th March 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Qué ves en la primavera?.....What do you see in Spring?.....

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

YEAR 1 VISIT UNICORN THEATRE

Year 1 children from **Mandeville**, **Kingsmead** and **Gayhurst** schools were lucky enough to go on a trip to the Unicorn Theatre to see an exciting performance of the story Beegu.

The children really enjoyed it. The puppets were great and the actors amazing. Everyone loved the special effects and music and some of us got to see Beegu really close up! Beegu wanted to know all our names and be our friend just like in the story book.

The sun was shining so we ate our lunch by the River Thames, while staring at the Tower of London and Tower Bridge.

The bus journey was loooooong but worth it. We all want to go again! And hopefully next time we go we'll be able to get tickets for Grasmere to come and join the outing too (sadly these tickets were booked a long time ago before LEAP were working with Grasmere school).

"I liked it when Beegu touched the railing, and it lit up." **Ahmet.**

"My favourite part was all of it!" - **Cindy Anna**



'I liked the dogs dancing' - **Clementine.**

'Beegu's ears glowed in the dark!' - **Marnie**



UNICORN THEATRE CONTINUED....



'I like the part when Beegu found her mum and dad at the end of the show'- **Angelusia**

'I liked when the teacher came out and found Beegu in the playground' - **Raeya**

'I liked all of the songs and glowing lights from Beegu's ears' - **Zepheniyah**



MANDEVILLE WIN DANCE COMPETITION

Huge congratulations to the Mandeville Dance Squad who won the UDOIT Dance Foundation, National Schools Dance Competition on Wednesday in the All-Style category. The team was made up of twenty seven children from Year 1 to Year 6 with **Gifty** and **Leigha** being the team captains. The children have given up many lunchtimes and Monday afternoons to rehearse their routine with their coaches. A massive thank you to **STORM** the STAGE Principal **Marie- Reine** not just for teaching the team but paying for the transport to and from Milton Keynes. A second thank you to **Jodie** for her hard work and dedication to supporting the team this year. They would not have got there without either coaches. *(continued...)*



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MANDEVILLE DANCE COMPETITION CONTINUED.....

Yolanda: "It was amazing to actually win because there were other really good schools!"

Aniyah: "The atmosphere was really energetic with lots of music."

Catherina:
"I felt nervous but once the music started it went away and I remembered everything we had rehearsed."



LEADERSHIP CONSULTATION

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

LONDON FIELDS LIDO HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS

London Fields Lido are running swimming lessons over the Spring Holidays:

Mon-Fri mornings, **7th-18th April:**

9.00-9.30 Junior Foundation (Non Swimmers 4 years +)

9.30-10.00 Intro to Development (Swimming 15m)

10.00-10.45 Skills Clinic (Academy Level Stroke Improvement)

You can find more info [here](#).



TENNIS CAMP IN CLISSOLD PARK & HACKNEY DOWNS

Hackney Tennis has fully funded Easter holiday tennis camp places for Hackney school children **aged 4-8yrs who qualify for pupil premium**. These are free places on our regular camps offered on a first come first served basis. Parents/carers can sign up online through the direct links below

Holiday Week 1: Mon 7th to Fri 11 Apr 10am-12noon

[Clissold Park Week 1](#)

[Hackney Downs Week 1](#)

Holiday Week 2: Mon 14th to Thu 17th Apr 10-12noon

[Clissold Park Week 2](#)

[Hackney Downs Week 2:](#)



HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD EASTER CLUB

Book your young ones onto Hackney School of Food's Easter Holiday Clubs running from **Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April..**

Expect seasonal recipes in the kitchen followed by gardening activities in the afternoon. Make your own lunch with produce from our garden, then learn how to take care of our veggies!



**KITCHEN GARDEN CHEF
EASTER CLUB**

Dates: 14-17th April

10-3pm. Ages: 7+

Full day sessions are £40 and they have a limited number of concession tickets at £12.50 for families eligible for free school meals.

[Book 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	78	Year 3	75
Reception	25	Year 4	86
Year 1	81	Year 5	82
Year 2	95	Year 6	83

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lea 98.5%
KS2	Ness 98%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Ayub
Lea class (Rec) Harleen
Lagan class (Yr 1) Ailya
Tyne class (Yr 2) Ali

Severn class (Yr 3) Thandiwe
Ness class (Yr 4) Gideon
Fowey class (Yr 5) Gabriel
Avon class (Yr 6) Eliana

YEAR 6 EXPLORE THE CITY ON A HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

As part of their History unit on Protests, Year 6 had the privilege of going on a fascinating walking tour in the city, led by Lisa, the former Governor of the island of St Helena. The tour took students through key historical sites linked to the East India Company, a powerful trading company with a dark history of exploitation and brutality.

The journey began at the Monument to the Great Fire of London, where the East India Company was established in 1599. At that time, Britain was a poor nation, while India was wealthy, leading to the start of trade between the two. The company was founded by rich shareholders and initially focused on spices from India before expanding using forced labour and corruption. They visited the house of Thomas Smythe, an important figure in the company who collected pepper and spices from Indonesia.

Students were amazed to learn that the Lloyd's Insurance Building on Lime Street was once the East India Company's headquarters. By 1790, the company had grown significantly, trading in cotton and silk textiles, which were not produced in Britain at the time—only wool from sheep was available locally. These exotic fabrics became extremely popular. The children learnt how the company forced land seizures. They learnt how the Bengal famine was a result of such ruthless policies.

The tour ended at the Old Tea Warehouse on Creechurch Lane, where students learned about the company's trade in tea, and their engagement with unfair trade practices.

However, when tea sales declined in Britain, the company sent large shipments to Boston, America, in 1773—an event that played a key role in the Boston Tea Party and the American Revolution.



YEAR 6 EXPLORE THE CITY CONTINUED.....

The trip was an eye opening opportunity for students to connect their classroom learning to real-world history, deepening their understanding of the East India Company's impact on Britain and the impact of imperialism on the rest of the world.



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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

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SUMMER TERM CLUBS

This week was the last week of Spring Term's After School clubs - so there will be no clubs running next week.

Summer Term clubs will be starting on **Monday 28th April** and will run for 10 consecutive weeks from Monday 28th April to Thursday 10th July.

The cost of clubs is £20 per term and clubs need to be paid for by the start of your child's first club.

Those who are eligible for PPG will be offered one club free per week.

Please see timetable for Summer Term clubs below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Basketball Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Arts & Crafts Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Boxing Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Gymnastics Yrs 2, 3 & 4
Ball games Rec+ Yrs 1 & 2	Outdoor games Rec+ Yrs 1 & 2	Forest School Yrs 2,3 and 4	Singing Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6
Origami and Board games Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Girls Football Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mixed Football Rec+ Yrs 1 & 2	Sewing Yrs 3,4,5 & 6

We will be sending out registration letters to parents on Monday 31st March, with the timetable and details for you to register your child's preferences and return to school.

We'll then look at all applications and allocate children to clubs next week and will let parents send confirmation slips confirming which club/s your child has been allocated, after the Easter holidays.

RECEPTION'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

Reception had such a fun time practising and rehearsing the songs and especially the dances for our assembly based on the super story **Giraffe's Can't Dance**.

We loved doing the animal boogie and our costumes looked amazing made by Hiral!

The children did so well performing to the whole school and all the parents and carers who came to watch. Well done Reception!

"I am the rock Rhino" - **Riko**

"We did a warthog Waltz" - **Israh**

"Josiah was Gerald the Giraffe" - **Zainab**

RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY CONTINUED.....



COFFEE MORNING: AUTISM & COMMUNICATION

Thanks so much to Jane, our Specialist Teacher and Stella, our Speech & Language Therapist, for running the Autism, Communication Coffee Morning this week. Parents who attended said they found it really helpful, and the group were able to share some useful advice and strategies.

There will be a further Coffee Morning run by Jane, the Specialist Teacher in May, on ADHD.