



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 4th April 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Es un día hermoso.....I t's a beautiful day.....

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

STEPHEN MORGAN MP VISITS MANDEVILLE & SCHOOL OF FOOD

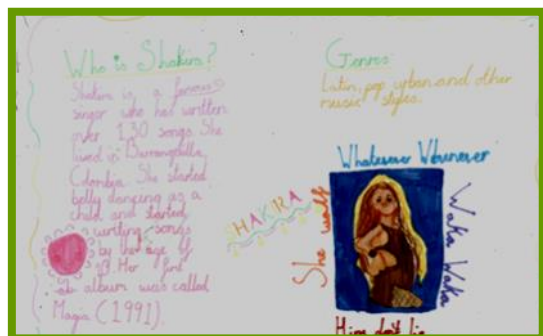
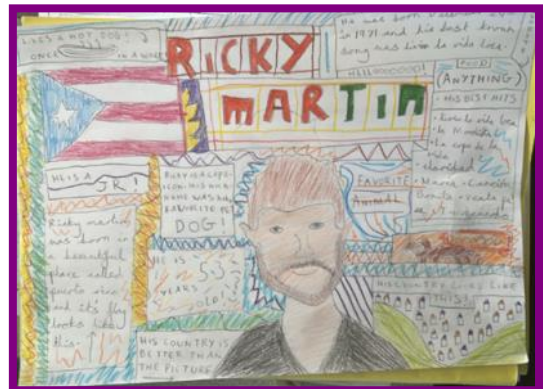
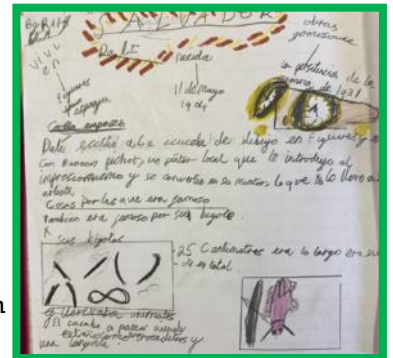
On Thursday morning, bright and early, we had a visit from the Government minister **Stephen Morgan**, who had been recommended to see how we deliver on school food across LEAP. Stephen is Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Early Education) and leads on Breakfast clubs and school food, including free school meals. Stephen came to hear how our school food both at breakfast and lunch works. He met with Louise, our Executive Head, Marc, head of Mandeville and Sergio, our Executive Chef, who oversees the food delivery in all four schools. He visited breakfast club, chatted with the children and sampled some breakfast before visiting Sergio and Hodan in the Mandeville school kitchen to see lunch being prepared and then went on to explore the School of Food and see a cooking lesson in progress. He was very impressed and supportive and listened carefully to our arguments to continue universal free school meals and to enable all schools to deliver high quality food education.



LEAP POSTER COMPETITION

As part of Hispanic Week, children across LEAP were tasked with making an informative poster about a musician or artist of Hispanic origin. We have been so impressed with the quality of work and research that the children have undertaken at home to complete this project. Well done to all the children who took part.

Congratulations to **Basma** (Mandeville yr 3), **Marnie** (Grasmere yr 4), **Rafe** (Gayhurst yr 5/6) & **Lily** (Kingsmead yr 6) whose posters were chosen as the winning entries for their school! Take a look at their fantastic creations.



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END OF TERM MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF LEAP GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The spring term has been very busy for the LEAP Federation- not just because of the incredible range of learning opportunities organised for our pupils but also for the opportunities to meet and talk to so many parents and carers as part of the Federation consultation process. This allowed governors to hear the views of parents, staff and pupils about the current partnership with Grasmere School, and also about the proposed Federation.

The consultation period closed on the 31st March, and it will now fall to the governors to consider the outcome from the consultation and the future governance of the LEAP Federation and Grasmere School.

Next Steps

- During the Easter break, Hackney Education will collate all the responses from the four school communities in relation to the consultation and then produce a summary document of all the responses.
- This summary document will then be considered by the governing boards of both the LEAP Federation, and Grasmere School - these meetings will take place during the week commencing, Monday 4th May. Each board will consider separately to either proceed with the consultation, or end the current partnership on 31st August 2025.
- If both governing boards agree to the proposed federation, a newly formed governing board made up of governors from all four schools will be set up ready for the start of the new school year - 1st September 2025.
- If the governing boards do not agree to proceed with the federation, Grasmere School will continue as a stand alone school and the partnership with the LEAP federation will end on 31st August 2025.

I would like to thank the staff teams for their continued commitment to our school communities during the spring term by continuing to make sure each school continues to be an exciting place for all pupils to learn, grow and develop. The ongoing support from parents, carers and friends of the school is much appreciated by governors and our staff.

Best wishes for a happy, restful holiday. Let's hope for more time to enjoy the recent sunny weather!

Gill Brady

Chair of Governors, LEAP Federation

RAGGED SCHOOL MUSEUM

This Spring holiday, the Ragged School Museum in Mile End are running some free activities for families.

The session will run on

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th April
Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th April
11am – 4pm

Admission for families FREE.

Activities including painting & making suitable for **ages 5-11**

Address: 46—50 Copperfield Road, London E3 4RR



FAMILY COACH SERVICE PARENT EMPOWERMENT GROUP

The Family Coach Service are running a new 4 week Parent Empowerment Group in May at Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman St, London E8 1DY. The 4 week course is called **Building a Toolbox for Parental Wellbeing** and starts on **Fri 2nd May from 10 - 11.30am**. If you are interested in signing up please email

familycoach@hackney.gov.uk with your child's school and confirm that you can attend all sessions.

These sessions are being offered on a first come first served basis and have a limit of 10 parents!

Sessions are free and open to all families with a child that has an SEND need - no EHCP or formal diagnosis needed. See details on poster below.



The Family Coach Service's 4 week
Friday's 10-11:30 am @ Hackney Service Centre E8 1DY
Building a toolbox for parental wellbeing
STARTING FRIDAY 2ND OF MAY

All families with a child that has a need within **any of the 4 areas of SEND** are welcome
We are a needs based service. **No EHCP or formal diagnosis** is needed.



"Coming to the group helped me realise I'm not alone in this"

There are **10 spaces available**. We ask that families are able to attend **all 5 sessions**.
To sign up send an email to familycoach@hackney.gov.uk



SUMMER TERM 2025

1st half of term: 22.04.25 - 23.05.25

Half term: 26 — 30 May 2025

2nd half of term: 03.06.25 - 18.07.25

INSET days: Mon 2 June 2025,
Mon 21 & Tues 22 July 2025

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	96	Year 3	91
Reception	98	Year 4	100
Year 1	105	Year 5	140
Year 2	95	Year 6	112

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lagan 99.2%
KS2	Avon 100%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Watch this space to find out who the first Golden Awards of Summer Term are awarded to, after the Spring Holidays.

DRUMMING & DANCE PERFORMANCES

Kingsmead meets Bollywood!

On Thursday we were treated to a spectacular combination of choreographed Indian dancing performed by Years 2, 4, 5 & 6. Miss Harley explored a different style of dance this term with Victor our drumming teacher performing for the first time.

It was energetic, vibrant and full of intricate and technical moves. The children really enjoyed themselves and loved learning a new style of dance and developing their drumming techniques. Dynamix also performed a new piece which was brilliant as always!

Well done to all the parents and staff who took to the stage to showcase their moves! A big shout out to **Miss Harley and Victor** for a wonderful show and a great end to the Spring term!



DRUMMING & DANCE CONTINUED.....



SPRING HOLIDAY CAMP AND FREE FOOD SHOP

Kingsmead & Mandeville's joint Spring Holiday Camp is running from **Mon 7th to Thurs 10th April 10-2pm at Kingsmead Primary School** If you have not yet completed a registration form but would like your child to attend you can complete a form at the school on the day.

Thanks to the holiday camp, the Free Food shop will be running at Kingsmead school for both Kingsmead & Mandeville families on Monday 10th April . All families will receive a text on the day, to let them know what time the shop is open

KEY DATES FOR NEXT TERM

Mon 7- Thurs 10 April Kingsmead & Mandeville Spring Holiday Camp 10am—2pm

Tues 22 April **Children return to school for start of Summer Term**

w/c Mon 28 April After school clubs start

Wed 7 May Yr 4 class assembly 3pm

Wed 14 May Yr 3 class assembly 3pm

Wed 21 May Nursery class assembly 3pm

Mon 26—Fri 30 May Half term break

Mon 9 - Fri 13 June Yr 6 School Journey

Fri 18 July Last day of Summer term -

school closes early at 1.30pm for children

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GYMNASTICS PERFORMANCE

We watched a wonderful gymnastics performance from years 3 & 4 that included lots of balancing, two handed and one handed cartwheels, forward and backward rolls - all put together with amazing choreography by Autumn, our fantastic Gymnastics teacher. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to see their child perform.



A MESSAGE FROM ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

As many of you are aware, Concorde Youth Club is now only open to children in Year 5 and above. While Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground remains open to younger children, we want to clarify how our play provision operates.

Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground is an open-access playground, meaning children are free to come and go as they choose. The adventure playground does not provide wraparound childcare or supervised formal drop-off arrangements.

If you choose to allow your child to attend, please ensure:

- You understand that the adventure playground is not a childcare provision and does not take responsibility for children in the absence of a parent or carer.
- They cannot accommodate children being dropped off by school staff without an available parent or carer present. Children attending must arrive under their own independence or with a responsible adult.
- That you have a clear agreement with your child regarding their personal boundaries — such as whether they move freely in and out of the playground.
- That you remain available & contactable at all times in case of an emergency, unexpected closures, or other situations requiring your attention.
- To attend, all children must be registered as a playground member prior to visiting.

Our Welcome Pack outlines our policies and how we operate. The adventure playground asks that you take the time to review this to ensure the adventure playground is the right setting for your child.

YEAR 4 VISIT NEW GARDEN ROOM AT SCHOOL OF FOOD

On Monday, Ness Class visited the Hackney School of Food garden to learn about where our food comes from and how to reduce our 'food miles'. In the brand-new Garden Room at the School of Food, they tried different foods and discovered where in the world they had come from. They then planted their own broad beans in little pots to take home, carefully putting the seed in vertically to ensure it gets the best start.

The visit moved outside for a tour of the garden, trying different salad leaves and helping to water the vegetables growing there. Of course, they finished with a visit to the chickens, always popular with children.

Jayden - *I enjoyed the garden because we tasted things and we learned about plants'*

Gideon - *'I learned that food can come from other countries and how brocolli is grown'*

Bilisan - *'I had ginger and it was kind of spicy, I learned that not all fruits and vegetables are from the UK. The ginger was from China'*

Wunzoya - *'We learned about food miles and that you don't have to always buy things you can grow your own so that you don't cause climate change or use plastic'*

