



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 25th April 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Hace buen tiempo.....*The weather is good.....*

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

LEAP STEM WEEK 2025

We have started this term off with one of our favourite weeks of the year: STEM Week! Children across LEAP have been immersing themselves in science, technology, engineering and maths. Our theme this year has been sustainability. Sustainability is the idea that humans must interact with the environment in a way that ensures there will be enough resources left for future generations.



In nursery, the children became fluid scientists exploring bubbles. **Jake** observed, *"You blow in the bottle and the bubbles come out of the sock."* Did you know that bubble barriers can stop rubbish from going into the sea? Reception became glaciologists exploring the properties of ice. **Abe and Nova** in Reception said, *"We've got an idea! We can warm up the ice with tissue!"*

Meanwhile in key stage 1, year 1 made recycled planters. **Ray** said, *"I'm making a rainbow garden planter. It is good to recycle plastic, that means we are not wasting materials."* Year 2 made bug hotels to encourage biodiversity in the schools' green areas. **Eren** in year 2 said, *"If we attach flowers the bees will come."* **Lili** said, *"My favourite part of my design is a plant that we have put in: a hollow bamboo stick. I think this will be fun for the bugs to crawl around in".*

In Key Stage 2, year 3 made bird feeders. **Victor** said, *"Luka and I made our bird feeder together and made it so it would balance in the tree. We mostly used recycled plastic, masking tape and lolly sticks."* **Ope** said, *"I'm going to put mine outside my house, I can't wait to see the birds come!"* Year 4 explored wind power as a sustainable source of energy and made their own wind turbines. **Sh'mya** said, *"We chose a curved rotor because we thought it would capture more air."* Meanwhile **Edith** commented, *"I loved cutting the plastic bottles and adding weights to make sure it didn't topple over. I enjoyed making the blades too, we had to get them just right to make sure they rotated."* **Anya** said, *"Our project is to make wind turbines and investigate which shape blades will be most effective. We have learnt what wind is - when the sun heats up the cold air, the hot air rises. The cold air then takes its place and it keeps repeating."* Year 5 put their engineering skills to the test as they planned and designed shell structures that could withstand floods. **Max** said, *"My favourite part of STEM week was working as a team and helping build the structure together."* Finally Year 6 became architects and designed and built their very own 'Green Cities'. **Caleb** said, *"I'm loving it! I am enjoying that we are getting to be really creative with our work, it's fun and I've learnt a lot about how to make a city sustainable and better for the environment."*

LEAP STEM WEEK CONTINUED.....



We would love to share all of our hard work with you at our upcoming STEM Fairs. Please see the dates and times below to find out more!

LEAP STEM Fairs

Gayhurst – Tuesday 6th May 4:00-5:00pm

Mandeville – Wednesday 7th May 3:30-4:30pm

Grasmere – Wednesday 7th May 4:00-5:00pm

Kingsmead – Thursday 22nd May 3:30-4:30pm

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R.E. AMBASSADORS TRIP

Our various subject ambassadors are representative groups of children from across our schools who have a special focus on a specific subject and speak to their peers and their teachers about the teaching & learning in those subjects.

On the first day of Summer Term, our Religious Education (R.E.) Ambassadors from **Kingsmead**, **Grasmere**, **Mandeville** and **Gayhurst** had the incredible opportunity to visit the **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir** in Neasden, one of the largest traditional Hindu temples outside of India. The visit was both inspiring and educational, offering a unique insight into Hindu beliefs, practices, and the stunning architecture of the Mandir.

The Ambassadors were welcomed warmly and guided through the beautifully carved stone and marble temple. They explored the inner sanctum, observed a traditional arti ceremony, and learned about the importance of prayer, devotion, and community in Hinduism. The visit also included a tour of the exhibition, which provided a deeper understanding of Hindu values, deities, and the global work of the BAPS organisation.

Our students asked thoughtful questions and represented the schools with great respect and curiosity. The trip has deepened their understanding of religious diversity and the role of faith in people's lives. It was a meaningful experience that they look forward to sharing with their peers in future RE lessons.

We are grateful to the Mandir for their hospitality and look forward to more enriching visits in the future.

Nehir, Yr4 Grasmere, "The arti was really interesting to watch".

Maryam Yr 5 Kingsmead, "It was fascinating learning about Hinduism, a religion I didn't know a lot about."

Ayza, Year 6 Kingsmead, "I was really impressed by the architecture and intricate marble carvings that were everywhere in the temple."

Arlo, Yr 5, Gayhurst "It was fascinating to learn about all the gods."

Nitish, Yr 4, Gayhurst "As a Hindu myself, I found it interesting to learn about the various gods."

Hamza, Yr 6 Mandeville, "The building was so amazing! It felt like we were in India!"



R.E. AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED.....



HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Join Hackney School of Food's cooking after school club this term! Learn simple and seasonal recipes each week. Every **Tuesday 3:45-5:15pm** with pick up from Hackney School of Food. **Ages 7+.**

Sessions are £15 each and there are discounts available for children registered for free school meals. [Book here.](#)



FAMILY COACH SERVICE NEW PARENT EMPOWERMENT GROUP

The Family Coach service have a new Parent Empowerment Group we have running for 4 weeks in May happening at Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman St, London E8 1DY. To sign up email

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



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.



2ND MAY	9TH MAY
What's already in your wellbeing toolbox?	Bringing awareness to your strengths
16TH MAY	23RD MAY
Catching unhelpful thoughts	Creating a space for you

"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	86	Year 3	90
Reception	90	Year 4	78
Year 1	113	Year 5	92
Year 2	84	Year 6	73

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Tyne 98.5%
KS2	Fowey 99%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Alisha
Lea class (Rec) Nadine
Lagan class (Yr 1) Zhavia
Tyne class (Yr 2) Ayyub

Severn class (Yr 3) Nerayah
Ness class (Yr 4) Xander
Fowey class (Yr 5) Mustafa
Avon class (Yr 6) Ellie

KINGSMEAD & MANDEVILLE'S SPRING HOLIDAY CAMP

It was wonderful to see so many children from Kingsmead & Mandeville attending the 4 day Spring Holiday camp this year, which took place on the site of Kingsmead school.

We were blessed with fantastic weather so the children could be outside engaging in lots of activities. Lots of children especially enjoyed taking part in Forest school activities with Rod, exploring the local marshes and Kingsmead gardens.

Children also loved the art activities on offer: T-shirt dying, wooden Easter egg designing and lots of sewing. Lots of competitive sports activities were enjoyed, such as football, dodgeball and rounders which the children loved and the dance sessions were also very popular and we all got to watch a dance performance, created by the children, on the last day. The children worked very hard and put on a great show for the rest of the camp children.

Every day we enjoyed a delicious lunch with lots of variety, thanks to Shernnett (Kingsmead's school chef), and Sulania. Children also enjoyed doing their own cooking at the School of Food, where they took part in cooking sessions and made some delicious dishes.

Thanks to all the staff who ran the Camp as they were a key part of making it so successful and enjoyable.

"I loved doing the art—like making a rainbow t-shirt using dyes" - **Wassim** Yr 1

"I loved the dance sessions—we all learnt different dances and I felt happy to perform them at the end" **Anaiah** Yr 5

"The dance teacher was really kind!" - **Princesia** Yr 5

"Football was great. We were going head to head and doing penalties" - **Prince Royson** Yr 3



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- w/c Mon 24 April** After school clubs start
- Thurs 27 April** Coffee Morning on ADHD 9am
- Wed 7 May** Yr 4 class assembly 3pm
- Wed 14 May** Yr 3 class assembly 3pm
- Wed 21 May** Nursery class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 22 May** Kingsmead STEM Fair 3.30—4.30pm
- Mon 26—Fri 30 May** Half term break
- Mon 2 June** INSET day (school closed to children)
- 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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YEAR 5 VISITED THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM

Just before the Spring holidays, Year 5 had an amazing time visiting the Horniman Museum for an Ancient Benin workshop! They got to touch replica artefacts and learn about the fascinating lost wax technique used to create beautiful bronzes. The highlight of the trip was visiting the gallery, where they saw real Benin Bronzes up close, bringing history to life right before their eyes!

'I loved seeing the Benin bronzes up close'—Gabriel



PEEP FINAL SESSION

On the last Thursday before the Spring Holidays, a group of Nursery parents came together for the final PEEP session, led by Hira (a Kingsmead Teaching Assistant) and supported by Esther and Sema, two Kingsmead parents. Thank you to everyone who attended the 6 weeks of sessions and to those who led the sessions—they were a great success and everyone who attended said how much they enjoyed them and how useful they found them.



FINAL PEEP SESSION CONTINUED.....

Parents & their children decorated boxes to keep special things in that they could talk about together. This was a final activity in a series of suggestions of fun ways to support children's language development at home.



COFFEE MORNING ON ADHD



Our specialist teacher Jane is running a Coffee Morning about ADHD next week on **Thursday 27th April at 9am**. All welcome! It should be a very informative and helpful session.

ADVICE SESSIONS FOR KINGSMEAD RESIDENTS

Sanctuary Housing are supporting the Hackney foodbank to provide Kingsmead residents with free comprehensive support that includes the areas listed on the poster.



Support Available for Sanctuary Housing Residents!

If you're finding things difficult at the moment and struggling to afford the basics, Hackney Foodbank's caseworker team may be able to help.

They offer support with:

- Benefits
- Debt
- Employment
- Income Maximisation
- Form-Filling
- Grant Applications
- Mental Health
- Heating your Home

To get help, please call the number below between 10am and 2pm.

 **0808 2082138**