



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 8th September 2023

**SPANISH PHRASE** of the week  
Bien venidos a la escuela.... Welcome to school...

**Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership**

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our existing families and a big **Welcome to LEAP** to our new children and families. For the benefit of everyone we thought we'd take a moment to explain what LEAP is....

### What is LEAP?

The LEAP Federation consists of three schools: **Kingsmead**, **Gayhurst** and **Mandeville** as well as the food education hub, **The Hackney School of Food**. The three schools of our federation, Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville are led overall by one Executive Headteacher, **Louise Nichols** and one **Governing Body** made up of parents, community members, business leaders and others with an interest in schools. Our senior leaders, the three headteachers of each school **Evelyn Deeney**, **Karen Pedro** and **Marc Thompson** and **Louise** work closely together to develop the schools.

There are other senior leaders who work across our schools such as **Meret Stokes**, LEAP Associate Deputy for Curriculum and **Lisa Clarke**, LEAP Associate Deputy for Teacher Training and CPD, LEAP's business manager, **Cyrilene Malcolm** and other admin staff also work cross school thereby ensuring joined up and more effective back office working.

Subjects are led by cross school leaders for each of the primary subjects we teach. English, Maths, Science, Design Technology, Art, Music, PE, History, Geography, Computing, Spanish, Religious Education & PHSE. More about how we teach each subject is available [here](#). We developed our own new curriculum and called it the **LEAP Empowerment Curriculum** as it follows the three R's; it is Rich, Representative and Relevant. We are very proud of our curriculum and the fact that other schools purchase it from us, as it provides an excellent grounding across the board for all our children and is not based on a Eurocentric view of the world. More information on this can be found [here](#) where you will see how, for example, we teach Black History all year round and not in Black History month only, as happens elsewhere.

In our two most recent OFSTED inspections separate inspectors have said this of our curriculum:

*"Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum which helps pupils to learn more and to remember more. Leaders have ensured that pupils achieve very well in their writing, reading and mathematics, and also enjoy a rich and broad curriculum. Subject specialists have put*

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*together carefully sequenced curriculum content. This helps pupils to revisit and embed earlier learning regularly, and to make links across subjects. Leaders enrich and enhance the curriculum.*

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*"The curriculum is very well put together by subject specialists from across the federation. Leaders have made sure that the content of curriculum subjects is rich, ambitious and reflects pupils' backgrounds. Leaders and staff focus on making sure that pupils recall knowledge over time. In history, for example, pupils confidently recall historical knowledge and develop a strong understanding of chronology. For instance, pupils talked with enthusiasm about their detailed knowledge of the ancient Egyptians and the Anglo-Saxons".*

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Each school in LEAP maintains its own original character but benefits from cross school and team working and from collective professional development and collegial working which benefits all children in our care. We organise cross school events and competitions and share innovation and specialist teachers such as gymnastics, music teachers, dance instructors and art specialists.

The name LEAP came from Learning Education and Arts Partnership which was chosen to represent our visual and performing arts focus and was also a play on the fact that our local river is the River Lea. Please explore the LEAP website as well as the website for your child's school – links below.

**LEAP federation website:** [www.leapfederation.org](http://www.leapfederation.org)

**Kingsmead website:** [www.kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk)

**Gayhurst website:** [www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk)

**Mandeville website:** [www.mandeville.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.mandeville.hackney.sch.uk)

We publish a weekly newsletter which is emailed to every parent who is registered with us. The newsletter you will get will have the news about your own school as well as some news about LEAP generally. Emma de Sausmarez who is LEAP's Communications Officer is responsible for putting together our newsletter each week.

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## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

### FOR ALL!

We are delighted to be able to now offer ALL our families and their children a free school meal, thanks to the Mayor of London's Universal Free School Meal offer, which came into place across all London Primary schools at the start of this academic year in September 2023. We know this will make a big difference to the many families who have not previously qualified for Free School Meals. Children have been thoroughly enjoying the delicious meals on offer across our three schools this week.

Please remember it is still really important to **still register for Free School Meals** if you are on Universal credit as your child could get other benefits such as free after school clubs, subsidised trips and free music lessons.

Every new family who successfully register for FSM will get a **free school sweat shirt** which they can claim by contacting their school office.

Also you should be aware that our Nursery children are getting free school meals paid for by the school as these were not part of the offer from the mayors office.

If you feel that you could afford to donate the money you are saving on Free School Meals back to the school we would be very grateful for this. Many parents have set up standing orders to do this. The money you donate is used to subsidise children who cant afford trips and activities and also to bring in whole school projects and visitors and specialists to enhance the curriculum. You can donate as little or as much as you like to support the school and we guarantee that it will help to support your child's school. The school bank account details are here for you to arrange a direct debit or one off payment – please put payment reference of your child's name (to ensure it is used for the right school) and the word **donation**.

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## FREE LOCAL DANCE CLASSES

Below is information about free afterschool hip hop/ street dance classes that will be running for children from age 5 upwards. The classes are run by Creative Kids.

**Where:** Nye Bevan Community Hall,  
Lower Clapton, Hackney E5 0AH

**When:** Wednesdays (from Sept 20th onwards)

**Times:** 4– 5pm for ages 5 - 10  
5 – 6pm for ages 10+

There is some flexibility with ages so if you're not sure please email us. Wear comfy clothes and bring water

This is a relaxed and welcoming class so please come join! Beginners very welcome.



## LEAP SUMMER CAMPS

For 16 days from the very start of the school summer holidays, all three LEAP schools offered amazing Summer Camps (Kingsmead and Mandeville's camp ran at Kingsmead school and Gayhurst's camp ran at Gayhurst school), where children could come and take part in a range of fun activities from 10am to 2pm every day. Delicious hot meals were offered to all attending, thanks to our wonderful Summer camp Kitchen Teams (Shernette, Helen & Jackie in the Kingsmead kitchen and Margaret & Toyin in the Gayhurst kitchen). The range of activities and sports running across both camps was fantastic and included: archery (at Gayhurst only), dodgeball, basketball, cricket, football, table tennis, athletics, street dance, art and crafts, gardening, imaginative play and more.

This year we were also able to include trips as part of the summer camp offer, to the Hackney Picture House cinema, local parks and the Adventure Playground in the Olympic park, Ice Skating at Lea Valley as well as whole day trips to the Hackney School of Food where children made incredible dishes from all around the world. A huge thank you to all the staff that worked at the Summer Camps and helped to make this possibly our best year of Summer Camps ever!

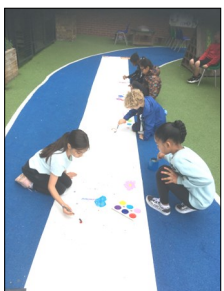
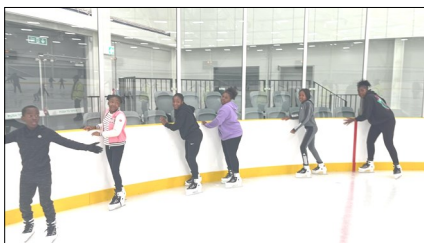
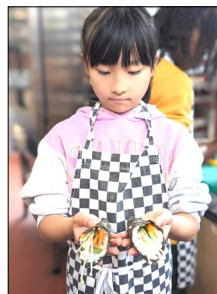


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## AUTUMN TERM 2023

1st half of term: 04.09.23 - 20.10.23

Half term: 23 - 27 Oct 2023

2nd half of term: 30.10.23 - 19.12.23

INSET days: Fri 1 Sept 23  
Wed 20 Dec 23

## CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	88	Year 3	78	EYFS & KS1	Ouse
Reception	95	Year 4	114		100%
Year 1	80	Year 5	89	KS2	Severn
Year 2	91	Year 6	78		98%

## TOP ATTENDANCE



## GOLDEN AWARDS

**Ouse class (Nur)** Josiah  
**Lea class (Rec)** Ibrahim  
**Lagan class (Yr 1)** Zephaniah  
**Tyne class (Yr 2)** George

**Severn class (Yr 3)** Gideon  
**Ness class (Yr 4)** Mustafa  
**Fowey class (Yr 5)** Laria  
**Avon class (Yr 6)** Tahira

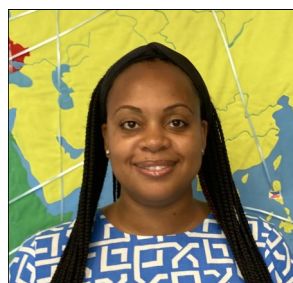
## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We are delighted to welcome back some familiar and some new faces to the Kingsmead staff team:



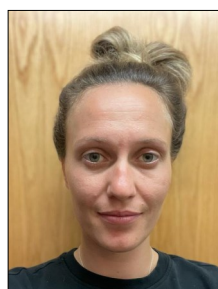
We are delighted to have **Omi** back, after her maternity leave. Omi is our year 5 teacher alongside **Chris** who is new to our team. Chris has worked in several primary schools. He will also be supporting Roderick in delivering our after school Cycling club.

Welcome to **Dallyn** who joins us from Mandeville, where he worked in the Inclusion Team for many years. Dallyn is working alongside Molly as a teacher in Year 2. He will also be delivering an after school club.



**Stephanie**, who was supporting Molly in Year 1 towards the end of last year, returns as our Year 1 class teacher. Stephanie is already very familiar with all things Kingsmead and has got off to a flying start this week.

**Hira** is our new Teaching Assistant who will mainly be working with our Early Years team. Hira is a parent at Kingsmead as well and was an early attender at our wonderful Parent Coffee Mornings, where she delivered and lead a few training sessions. Hira will continue to play an important role in our Parent Coffee Mornings and will now be attending as both a parent and a member of staff! There will be more information about our first set of coffee mornings for this term, in next week's newsletter



Finally welcome to **Autumn**, our specialist Gymnastics teacher who will be here at Kingsmead on Thursdays. Autumn has already been working at Mandeville and Gayhurst and we are very pleased she is finally able to join us here at Kingsmead.

## GOODBYE TO LINDA



Last year after an amazing 47 years of service **Linda**, Kingsmead's lead cleaner, who supervised the cleaning team, decided to retire. At the end of Summer term Kingsmead staff gathered together in the Kingsmead garden to celebrate all her years of



hard work and to thank her for all her dedication. Everyone enjoyed an amazing cream tea with homemade scones provided by the Kingsmead kitchen team.

Linda took real pride in her work and over the years formed strong relationships with staff and colleagues. She now deserves a really good rest – thank you for everything Linda and all the best in your retirement.



## KEY DATES THIS TERM

w/c 18 Sept	After School Activity Hour clubs start
Wed 20 Sept	Yr 4 class assembly 3pm
Wed 27 Sept	Yr 6 class assembly 3pm
Wed 4 Oct	Yr 5 class assembly 3pm
Tue 10 Oct	Parent & Carer dance & drumming session 3—3.30pm
Wed 11 Oct	Yr 3 RE assembly 3pm
Thurs 19 Oct	Kingsmead's International Evening
Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct	Half term break
Wed 8 Nov	Rec class assembly 3pm
Wed 13 Nov	Yr 2 class assembly 3pm
Wed 22 Nov	Yr 6 RE assembly 3pm
Wed 29 Nov	Parent & Carer Consultation Evening— <b>school closes early for children at 1.30pm</b>
Wed 6 Dec	Yr 1 Nativity Assembly
Tues 19 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term - <b>early close for children at 1.30pm</b>

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Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.



### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY HOUR

Our free After School clubs for children in Years 1 to 6, will start w/c **Mon 18th Sept** and will run for 5 weeks each half term.

Next week Years 1 - 6 will receive a list of all the available After School Activity Hour clubs. We aim to provide **at least one free club** session for each child

To secure a place please ring the office and speak to Julie or email the admin team on

[admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk)

You will receive confirmation of which club /s your child has been allocated by **Thursday 14th Sept**.

### FREE FOOD SHOP

We are very happy to be able to continue to offer the weekly Free Food shop every Monday and we know that this is a great help to many of our families.

We would ask all making use of it to remember the following:

- the Free Food shop is for Kingsmead families and staff
- When you come to take food from the shop please think of all the other families hoping to have items from the shop and take **just one bag** of produce so there is enough to go around. We will let you know if there is any surplus by sending another text out and you can return for more at the end of the period that the Free Food shop is open, once all have had time to come and take one bag of produce.
- please also **DO NOT COME EARLIER** than the time you are told in the text from school that the shop will be opening.

Thank you.

### RETURN TO SCHOOL: SOME HAPPY FACES!



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### NO RAAC AT KINGSMEAD

Following the DFE announcement about school buildings with Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC), that has been featured in the news, we just wanted to reassure our families that the Local Authority have checked and Kingsmead school does not have any RAAC.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

It has been great to see so many children in the correct Kingsmead school uniform this week. If you are unclear what items are allowed in the Kingsmead school uniform please check on the [School Uniform](#) page of our school website.

We have however noticed that quite a few children have worn Crocs to school this week. Please note that Croc type shoes are **NOT** part of the Kingsmead school uniform. They are not safe for children to run in and are not allowed to be worn to school. Any sensible shoes or trainers (preferably black if possible) are fine to wear.

