

# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 22nd September 2023

**SPANISH PHRASE** of the week  
*Me gusta el otoño.... I like the Autumn...*

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

### READING AT LEAP

Reading is at the heart of your child's learning at school. Becoming an independent learner depends strongly on a child becoming a skilful reader, so we have daily reading lessons and it is built into all areas of the LEAP curriculum.

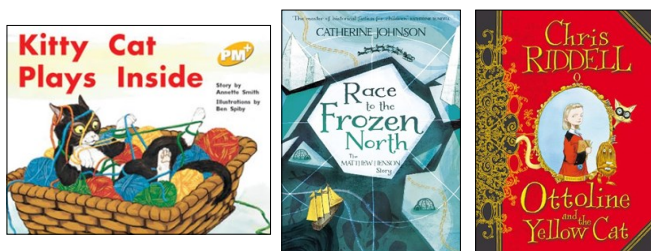
Lessons at school are built in the early years around working on fluency. In **phonics**, children learn which sounds (phonemes) are linked to which letters (graphemes) and how these build to make words. Phonics is a vital first step in reading and spelling. Your child learns and practises phonics daily, often in small groups and the teaching is planned to match their skills.

Children in **Reception and Year 1** will bring home a 'phonically decodable' book (like those shown below) to practise the sounds they have been taught at school.

Please encourage your child to point at the words and blend known sounds to read the words.



Alongside systematic phonics practice, we think it is important that children also read natural language books. These books support an enjoyment of reading and give opportunities for discussion e.g. making links to what they have experienced or know.



From **Year 2-Year 6** children continue to have daily reading lessons planned around refining fluency and practising different strategies to understand a text. During these lessons children also practise written reading comprehension skills, which will be vital when they move on to secondary school. Every week, children in Year 2 - 6 are given a book to practise reading at home, aligned to your child's reading fluency. Please listen to your child read and talk with them about the book.

### READING AT LEAP CONTINUED.....

#### READING AT HOME

Making reading an enjoyable part of the daily routine will support your child enormously in their learning. Aim to have books visible where children can reach them during play and relaxation as well as study time.

Your child will benefit if you read with them, read to them and listen to them read whatever age they are. All LEAP children have daily reading lessons at school. It is by reading at home with an adult that a child will apply those skills additionally and quickly make them part of their own repertoire.

Please take care of the reading books your child brings home from school. We have a very limited budget and cannot always replace lost books. The cost of a single book is about £5. We hope you will enjoy and take care of the precious books and return them to school.

If your child needs more to read, please visit the local libraries. Joining the library is free and easy - find out how to [here](#). The libraries in Hackney have a fantastic range of up-to-date books and children can borrow as many as 8 books to enjoy at home— **at no cost**. If there is a particular author or topic in which your child is interested, the librarian will order books for them. It is a brilliant resource that we are lucky to have in Hackney!

### MULTI-SPORT EVENT

On Wednesday this week, some children in Year 1 & 2 from Gayhurst and Kingsmead took part in a sports festival at Eastway. They learnt how to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination. After this, they got the opportunity to apply these to a range of team games. They had great fun, as you can see from the photos.





## 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	76	Year 3	70	EYFS & KS1	Lagan 99%
Reception	90	Year 4	88		
Year 1	83	Year 5	79	KS2	Severn 98.5%
Year 2	92	Year 6	105		

## TOP ATTENDANCE



## GOLDEN AWARDS

**Ouse class (Nur)** Jaiveeraj  
**Lea class (Rec)** Zhavia  
**Lagan class (Yr 1)** Anaiah  
**Tyne class (Yr 2)** Zacara

**Severn class (Yr 3)** Zahra  
**Ness class (Yr 4)** Niovi  
**Fowey class (Yr 5)** Mia  
**Avon class (Yr 6)** Leyla K

## RECEPTION & YR 1 PARENT WORKSHOP ON READING

Thanks to all the parents who came along to the Parent Workshop on how we teach reading to children in Reception class and Year 1. It was great to see so many parents joining **Janne**, LEAP's English lead for useful information about how children are taught phonics and reading and tips about how to support children with reading at home.



**Lama**, mum of Maryam's (yr 1) said "The advice about how to encourage children to enjoy reading was very helpful".

**Ella**, mum of Raeya (Rec) said "I got helpful tips on how to keep my child engaged with reading & phonics and some ideas of questions I can ask her about her reading".

Do join us for the Reception & Year 1 Parent Workshop on Maths on **Tues 10th October at 9am**.

## YEAR 2 VISIT TOWER OF LONDON

Year 2 had a brilliant trip to the Tower of London! We took the 388 bus to Fenchurch Street and after a short walk we found...Pudding Lane! We headed to the tower and had a lovely lunch. Afterwards, a man from 1666 came to meet us and took us back in time. We helped him to act out the story of the Great Fire of London. It was a brilliant experience!



## YEAR 2 TRIP CONTINUED....

**Serine** - "I loved acting out the story and the man was very funny!"

**Manha** - "It's like Cinderella's castle"

**Zeynep G** - "I had so much fun"



## YEAR 6 PARENTS REMINDER

A reminder for our Year 6 parents that the Secondary School application **deadline is Monday 30 October**. If you would like support making your application please book a slot with Michelle in the school office.

## HACKNEY CARNIVAL

Some of our families enjoyed the free activities for families that took place as part of the Hackney Carnival celebrations last weekend.

Two of our children at Kingsmead had the exciting opportunity to take part - siblings, **Nyla** (Yr 5) & **Zhavia** (Rec), who were part of the Hackney Carnival Roadshow. Here's a photo of them in their amazing costumes.



## KEY DATES THIS TERM

<b>Wed 27 Sept</b>	<b>Yr 6 class assembly 3pm</b>
<b>Wed 4 Oct</b>	Parent workshop: Maths for Rec & Yr 1 parents 9- 10am +
	<b>Yr 5 class assembly 3pm</b>
<b>Tue 10 Oct</b>	Parent & Carer dance & drumming session 3 - 3.30pm
<b>Wed 11 Oct</b>	<b>Yr 3 RE assembly 3pm</b>
<b>Thurs 19 Oct</b>	Kingsmead's International Evening 4 - 6.30pm
<b>Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct</b>	Half term break
<b>Wed 8 Nov</b>	<b>Rec class assembly 3pm</b>
<b>Wed 13 Nov</b>	<b>Yr 2 class assembly 3pm</b>
<b>Wed 22 Nov</b>	<b>Yr 6 RE assembly 3pm</b>
<b>Thurs 30 Nov</b>	Parent & Carer Consultation Evening— <b>school closes early for children at 1.30pm</b>
<b>Wed 6 Dec</b>	<b>Yr 1 Nativity Assembly</b>
<b>Tues 19 Dec</b>	Last day of Autumn Term - <b>early close for children at 1.30pm</b>

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### **KINGSMEAD'S INTERNATIONAL EVENING - SAVE THE DATE!**

We are delighted to once again be holding a Kingsmead International Evening on **Thursday 19th October**. Our International Evening is a wonderful celebration of our school community's vibrant diversity, where families are invited to dress up and celebrate their cultural heritage and come together to share dishes of delicious food from around the world served to families by our school staff.....with lots of great music & dancing, including sets by DJs Ben & Rod and a live Latin band.

We are keen to have input from our families for this next International Evening - so please share any suggestions or ideas you have with staff members on the school gate. Please also let them know what dish you are able to make to donate and share with others - every adult donating food has a reduced price ticket!



## **Kingsmead School's** **International Evening**



**is BACK!!!!**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 4 - 6.30pm**

As many of you will know this is one of the highlights of Kingsmead School's year, with great entertainment, including a live Latin band this year and wonderful dishes of food cooked by you, our fabulous parents & carers!

**Please bring a dish of food to share - let staff on the school gate know what you plan to bring.**

**Tickets on sale in the school playground next week:**

**Adult - £3 (reduced to £1 if bringing food)**

**Child - £1**

