

LEAP NEWS

Friday 29th September 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
No me gusta el viento.... *I don't like the wind...*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

CONGRATULATIONS FROM DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

We are very pleased and proud to share with you that all three schools in LEAP federation have achieved excellent results in national tests at the end of Year 6. The Director of Education recently wrote to each of our headteachers congratulating them on achieving well above the National and Hackney averages, saying the following:

Letter from Hackney's Director of Education

I am writing to congratulate you on the very strong outcomes achieved by your Key Stage 2 pupils in the recent 2023 National Curriculum Assessments. These reflect the commitment from you and your staff to ensuring the best possible quality of education for pupils so that they possess the skills and confidence to succeed. It is notable that your outcomes were very significantly above national attainment. This also indicates your commitment to excellence, but also the care and support you provide for your pupils, even during these challenging times.

The outcomes demonstrate that all pupils can achieve when given really strong teaching, care and support. They serve as something to be celebrated with your school community.

On behalf of Hackney Education thank you for your continuing leadership, your aspiration for our pupils and dedication to their quality of education. I wish you, your staff team, your governors and all your children every success for the coming year. Please pass on my thanks and appreciation to your staff.

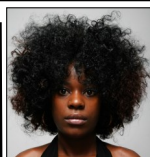
You can find a PDF copy of the letters on each school's website on the links below:

Kingsmead's letter - click [here](#)

Gayhurst's letter - click [here](#)

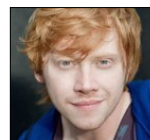
Mandeville's letter - click [here](#)

These results are a culmination of the work of all the school staff and the children throughout their time at our schools. Although excellent academic attainment is not the only measure of success in a school, we are very proud of last year's Year 6 children in all of our school and what they achieved in their statutory tests and are confident they have gone up to secondary school with all the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills they need to succeed.



WORLD HAIR DAY

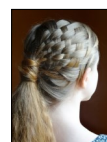
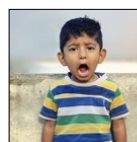
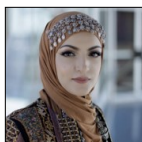
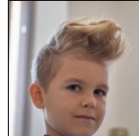
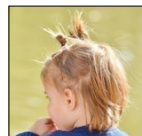
On Monday 2nd October, we are inviting, staff, children and families to come into school with



their hair done in a special way to celebrate all different types of hair.

If you have afro hair wear it big, if you have short hair wear it spiky, if you have red hair tie it up or down, if you have long hair plait it or do anything you choose. It is your day to get creative with your hairstyling.

We all have different hair, and we want to celebrate difference and beauty and self confidence all in one special event. There is no need to spend any money or go to the hairdresser! Let your hair down!



FREE SCHOOL JUMPER OFFER FOR ALL WHO NEWLY REGISTER FOR FSM

In the first newsletter of this term we featured a piece on the new Universal Free School Meal offer that London Primary School families are receiving this year.

However it is still **REALLY IMPORTANT** to 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.

The amount of funding the school receives from the Government is also affected by the number of children who are registered for Free School Meals.

For these reasons all three of our schools are offering every new family who successfully registers for FSM a free school sweatshirt which they can claim by contacting their school office.

You can register for Free School Meals [here](#).

If you are unclear about anything please contact your school's office who will be happy to help you.



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	92	Year 3	117	EYFS & KS1	Lea
Reception	90	Year 4	76		99%
Year 1	72	Year 5	85	KS2	Ness
Year 2	85	Year 6	78		99%

TOP ATTENDANCE



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Leo
Lea class (Rec) Telma
Lagan class (Yr 1) Asia
Tyne class (Yr 2) Manha

Severn class (Yr 3) Manuela
Ness class (Yr 4) Samuel
Fowey class (Yr 5) Kinza
Avon class (Yr 6) Elijah

YEAR 6 VISIT HACKNEY MUSEUM

Year 6 visited the Hackney Museum to add to our history learning about the Windrush generation. We discussed what motivated the Windrush generation to move to Britain and whether Britain lived up to their expectations. We learnt about Hackney residents who moved to Britain from the Caribbean in the post-war period. We considered the motivations for moving to Britain, their expectations and the reality of life in Hackney. People generally moved to Britain as it was known as the "land of opportunity," and was a chance for people from the Caribbean to find work. We looked at oral history interviews, objects and role played scenarios. We also scripted our own assembly about the Windrush generation.



YEAR 6 VISIT HACKNEY MUSEUM CONTINUED.....

Anzel: "At the museum I learnt that people who moved from the Caribbean were confused when they saw snow. One lady thought it was flour on the grass"

Emryah: "People who arrived from the Caribbean felt unappreciated and experienced racism. That made me feel uncomfortable. "

PARENT WORKSHOP REMINDER



A reminder to our Reception and Year 1 parents that next **Wednesday 4th October at 9am** we are holding a Parent Workshop on Maths where we will discuss how we teach maths in Reception and Year 1 and give you ideas and tips about how to support your child with Maths activities and games you can play at home.

Please do come along—all welcome and there will be tea, coffee and biscuits for everyone.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 2 Oct** World Hair Day
- Wed 4 Oct** Parent workshop: Maths for Rec & Yr 1 parents 9- 10am +
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 4 - 6.30pm
- 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**
- Thurs 30 Nov** Parent & Carer Consultation Evening—
school closes early for children at 1.30pm
- Wed 6 Dec** **Yr 1 Nativity Assembly**
- Tues 19 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term -
early close for children at 1.30pm

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SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Next week children in Years 1 to Year 6, who are interested in being School Councillors will have the chance to make speeches to their classes about why they want to stand for election and why they would make a good school councillor.

Once these speeches have taken place all classes will have the opportunity to vote at the Kingsmead Polling Station during week commencing Monday 9th October, where they will be given ballot papers, on which they will select the two candidates they would like to have as their class school councillors. Votes will be counted and the new school council will be announced week commencing 16th October.

Anyone can stand to be nominated as a school council candidate, however we ask that children who were school councillors last year and the year before don't stand this year, to give others a chance of being elected.

Being a school councillor is an important role where children represent their class and get involved in helping to share and promote pupils voice and take part in activities and projects that help improve our school.

YEAR 3'S TRIP TO EPPING FOREST

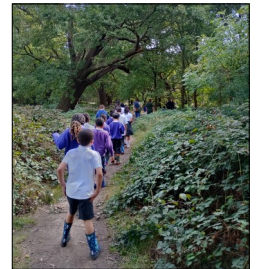
This week year 3 went to Epping Forest to take part in an Iron Age Survival session. We caught the bus and the overground to Chingford and walked across Chingford Plains to the Epping Forest Learning Centre. We wandered further into the woods with the teachers where they showed us how to start a fire using fire steels and how to make a shelter of sticks. The students had a wonderful time learning some new skills in such a lovely outdoor environment and showed great teamwork and resilience. The Epping Forest Learning staff were so impressed at how much the children had learned and remembered about life in the Iron Age and one of them also commented on how at home the Kingsmead children all seemed in the woods!

"We learned how to make fire with fire steels to make a spark."
- **Toyin**

"We had a great time having lots of fun and trying lots of activities." - **Alia**



YEAR 3'S TRIP TO EPPING FOREST CONTINUED....



YEAR 2'S GREAT ARTWORK

Well done to Tyne class who have created some really wonderful pieces of artwork about the Great Fire of London, inspired by their recent learning on the subject and their visit to the Tower of London. The children especially enjoyed using pastels, smudging them to create the fire effect.

