

LEAP NEWS

Friday 17th November 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
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Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership



CHILDREN IN NEED

Children across LEAP thoroughly enjoyed coming to school in their PJs today, to help raise funds for the Children in Need, as you can see from the photos below. Thank you to all who brought in coins to donate. We will let you know the total raised by LEAP in next week's newsletter.



ANTI - BULLYING WEEK

On Monday this week we kicked off Anti-Bullying week by celebrating difference with children and staff across the LEAP schools wearing odd socks to school. All three schools ran a range of activities and sessions in class and /or during assemblies supporting Anti-Bullying week's message on the importance of understanding the impact of bullying, the different types of bullying that can occur and learning about the responsibilities of bystanders and how to ask for help when needed.



SCHOOL COUNCILLORS VISIT HACKNEY TOWN HALL

This week the school councillors from Years 3 and 4 came together for a joint LEAP visit to Hackney Town Hall. As part of their guided tour of the building the children visited the vaults and the speakers office. They learnt that the town hall is more than just a building. It represents both local government and the community, providing a public space where they can meet. They observed the Art Deco architecture and listened to the history of the town hall. *'I loved the design of the lights.'* **Hussein, Year 3 Kingsmead.** The children were fascinated with the exhibitions in the vaults and were surprised at the size of the speakers office. *'It was really cool meeting the speaker Anya. It was also cool because we got to see the vault where we used to store loads of money.'* **Lara, 3C Gayhurst.** Along the way they spoke with Caroline Woodley, the recently elected Mayor of Hackney, who was happy to pose for a photo or two. The Gayhurst school councillors explained the reason why they were not dressed in school uniform, was because they would be celebrating International Evening at their school later that day.

'I liked when we went into the office. I saw some lovely patterns. There were bronze and white.' **Asmah, Year 3 Kingsmead.**

'I enjoyed the bit about how much money should be spent on protecting our environment from global warming' **Kayleighanna, 4D Gayhurst.**

'We saw some special clothes in the vault' **Alvin, Mandeville**

'I enjoyed the debate the most!' - **Emily, Mandeville**





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	90	Year 3	90	EYFS & KS1	Lea
Reception	87	Year 4	85		
Year 1	75	Year 5	90	KS2	Ness
Year 2	128	Year 6	78		98.8%

TOP ATTENDANCE



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Naa Shidaa
Lea class (Rec) Oliver
Lagan class (Yr 1) Immanuel
Tyne class (Yr 2) Nerayah

Severn class (Yr 3) Bilisan
Ness class (Yr 4) Liana
Fowey class (Yr 5) Habiba
Avon class (Yr 6) Yunus

STEEL PANS PERFORMANCE

The Hackney Music Service has organised a new music event this year called **The Hackney Steel Pan Celebration Event**. It took place on Wednesday evening this week at The Bridge Academy. Aran, our amazing Steel Pans teacher worked with a group of pans players from Kingsmead and one from Mandeville to get them ready to perform at the event.

The G&T steel pan players from Kingsmead **Ronel, Habiba, Kimarni, Isabel, Elijah, Ahija, Lilly** and **Millah** played the song **Footsteps** and Mandeville's **Maya, Isla I, Fatima, Harry, Adam, David, Rome, Monet, Neriah** and **Levi** played the song **Essence**.

Both performances went really well and all the children's hard work practising weekly with Aran paid off!

The children were also able to hear professional steel pan players from the Hackney based Pantonic Steel Orchestra.

Here are some quotes from the children before they performed

Elijah: I'm feeling happy & not that nervous but one part, just before the end is scaring me.

Ahija: I'm scared to play but happy to show people my work.

Lilly: I'm happy to be in the G&T group because I get to hear other pan groups and perform in front of them.



And here are some from staff after they performed.

Aran (Steel Pans teacher): We had to work hard preparing for this, but they pulled it off and I'm so proud of them all. We look forward to playing at the Summer fair.

Ben (LEAP Music lead): All the children were fantastic, they represented LEAP brilliantly. When Pantonic began to play **Ronel** and **Harry** got everyone dancing, it was a spectacular night!



BE BRIGHT, STAY IN SIGHT

Next week is Road Safety Awareness week and we are asking children and staff to **wear something bright** on

Kingsmead's JRSO team presents:

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NO SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2023

Donate 50p (or more) and come to school in your **brightest** clothes.

Tuesday 21st Nov with a contribution of 50p to go towards the charity 'Break.' to help raise awareness about Road Safety. Money raised will go towards helping prevent road injuries and supporting individuals and families who have been affected by road accidents. Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be busy next week so look out from a report from them in next week's newsletter!

COFFEE MORNING



Next week on **Thursday 23rd November** we will be holding a session for parents and carers on **Navigating the School Website** and discuss how we share useful information about things that are taking place in the local area. This was a topic recently requested by parents at the last Coffee Morning. Please do come along and share any ideas and views you have. There will be coffee, tea and biscuits- all are welcome!

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 20 Nov** Road Safety Awareness week
- Tues 21 Nov** Be Bright Be Seen—wear something bright!
- Wed 22 Nov** Yr 6 RE assembly 3pm
- Thurs 23 Nov** Coffee Morning: Navigating school website & sharing useful local information 9- 9.45am
- Thurs 30 Nov** Parent & Carer Consultation Evening—
school closes early for children at 1.30pm
- Wed 6 Dec** Yr 1 Nativity Assembly
- Tues 12 Dec** Wear a Festive Jumper day +
Drumming & Dance performances 2.15pm
- Thurs 14 Dec** Yrs 2 & 3 Gymnastic performances 3pm
- Tues 19 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term -
early close for children at 1.30pm

EX PUPIL VISITS DRUMMING LESSON

Thanks to Daniel, an ex-pupil who left Kingsmead for secondary school over 7 years ago and returned this week to visit the Year 6 class during their Drumming & Dance session. Daniel won a Mayor's Young Musician Award for Music (drumming) when he was a pupil at Kingsmead. After getting into music production at secondary school, he studied engineering at college but decided that wasn't for him. He is now a Young Leader & Youth Ambassador at the Rise 365 charity which is based on the Kingsmead estate and he is very interested in film production, working with the ACP Network which is also based on the Kingsmead estate, where he is a production manager and 1st Assistant Camera. Miss Harley was delighted to see her old star pupil and it was great to have a visit from an inspiring role-model for our children!



PARENT CARER COME TO SCHOOL WEEK

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to take part in a lesson this week and see how their children are being taught and find out more about what they are learning. We have had such lovely feedback from those attending.... Here are a few examples:

"It was so lovely to see how my daughter interacts in class, the lesson was very engaging and Aurora enjoyed going to the different stations. Such a great opportunity to come to class."

"It was wonderful to get an insight into what Leo is like in school. Ben and Susan are so calm, knowledgeable and attentive. Such an engaging lesson with lots of interesting activities. Thank you!"

"Great mix of whiteboard and activities to learn maths."

"Such a brilliant lesson I was impressed"

"Loved the enthusiasm from the teacher and support staff."

"The lesson was brilliant - a big thumbs up to the teachers as they made learning fun for the kids"

"What a very lovely lesson and opportunity to see the children work and engage with each other and their teacher"

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