

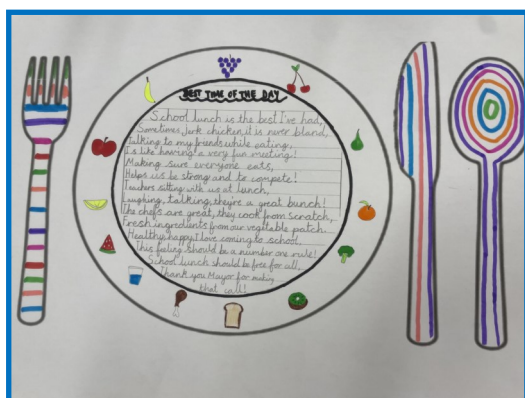
LEAP NEWS

Friday 8 December 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Me gustan los regalos.... I like presents.....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

ISHALL AT MANDEVILLE WINS SCHOOL LUNCH COMPETITION PRIZE!



We are delighted to announce that in a competition open to children in all London schools and organised by the London Mayor, **Ishall Rashid** in Year 5 at Mandeville was the overall winner.

Schoolchildren across the capital were asked to create a piece of

work in any medium along the theme **'The best thing about school lunches is...'** Ishall's prize for winning is to have two chefs from BOSH! come in to Mandeville to cook a meal for her whole class next week which she is very much looking forward to. We think her poem is great and really catches the ethos of our school food across the federation. You can read it below. Well done Ishall!

Best Time of the Day

*School lunch is the best I've had
Sometimes Jerk chicken, it is never bland,
Talking to my friends while eating,
Is like having a very fun meeting!
Making sure everyone eats,
Helps us to be strong and to compete!
Teachers sitting with us at lunch,
Laughing, talking, they're a great bunch!
The chefs are great, they cook from scratch,
Fresh ingredients from our vegetable patch.
Healthy, happy, I love coming to school,
This feeling should be a number one rule!
School lunch should be free for all,
Thank you Mayor, for making that call!*

NOTE ABOUT FINAL NEWSLETTER OF THIS TERM

Please note that the next newsletter, which will be the final newsletter for this term, will be published on **Monday 18th December** (and not Friday 15th December), to give us time to feature all of the end of term performances and activities.

SPRING TERM '24 AFTER SCHOOL COOKING CLUB AT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD



Get your kids feeling confident in the kitchen with the Hackney School of Food after school cooking club!

The Hackney School of Food cooking club will introduce your children to a wide variety of

cooking skills and food flavours. Each week they will learn a new recipe and take a culinary trip around the world. The course will cover knife skills, baking bread and preparing a variety of vegetables and meat. When possible, they will also harvest seasonal produce directly from our gardens. We can't wait to see you in the kitchen!

Where and when:

Every Tuesday between **3.45 – 5.15pm** from **Tuesday 9th January – Tuesday 26th March**. The club will not run during half term (Tuesday 13th February)

Drop off and pick up is at the Hackney School of Food, Oswald Street, London E5 0BT

Key information:

Suitable for children ages 7+ only

Open to all children

The cost is £15 per session, paid per term at £165 per child (11 sessions)

Missed sessions will not be reimbursed

Please tell us about any food allergies and specialist diets in advance

Places are limited – book yours [here](#).

Please [get in touch](#) with any questions.



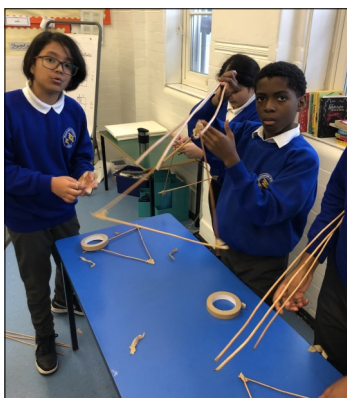
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MANDEVILLE CHILDREN MAKE LANTERNS FOR HACKNEY FESTIVE LIGHTS EVENT

Mandeville's Year 5 & 6 classes recently participated in a special lantern making workshop. One of the classrooms was taken over by visiting artists for the day and transformed into a studio space in which the children were able to construct, cover, and decorate their lanterns.

Using nothing but pieces of willow wood, tissue paper and PVA glue, the children managed to make beautiful working lanterns that could carry a small light. These lanterns made by the children were then featured in Hackney's festive tree lighting ceremony on Sunday 3rd December - an event which all of the children were invited to participate in.

It was messy work - lots of sticky hands! - but both classes had a great time and can be justifiably proud of the work that they produced.

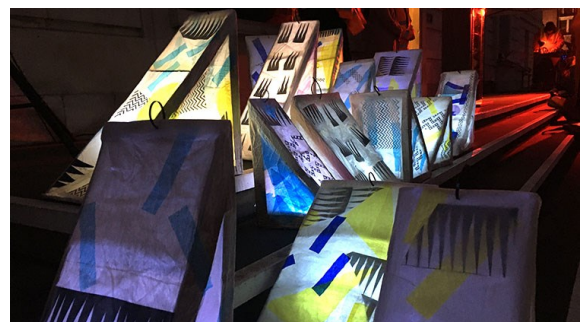
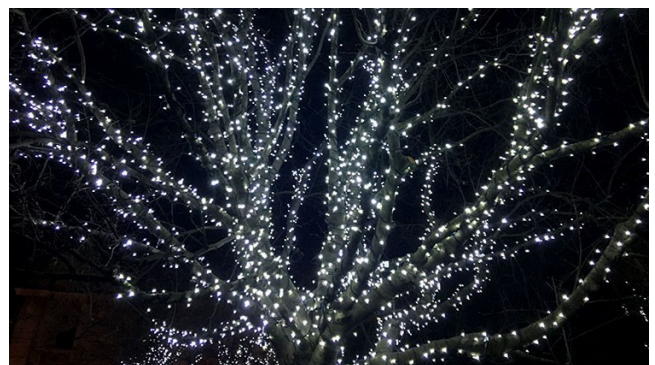
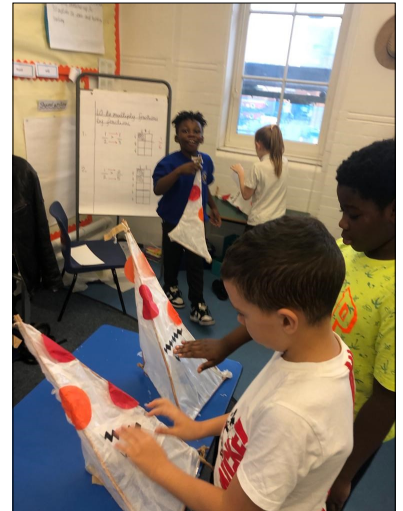


MANDEVILLE CHILDREN MAKE LANTERNS CONTINUED....

"I enjoyed how that we were allowed to work independently but also help each other - it was lots of fun!" **Michael**

"My favourite part was sticking on the designs because it looked very decorative." **Mame**

"I loved seeing the lanterns that we made being used on the night." **Jennifer**





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	75	Year 3	85	EYFS & KS1	Lagan
Reception	90	Year 4	113		
Year 1	87	Year 5	93	KS2	Fowey
Year 2	90	Year 6	82		99.5%

TOP ATTENDANCE



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Ridhwan
Lea class (Rec) Lako
Lagan class (Yr 1) Adrian
Tyne class (Yr 2) Zeynep G

Severn class (Yr 3) Gideon
Ness class (Yr 4) Ali
Fowey class (Yr 5) Massimo
Avon class (Yr 6) Anzel

YEAR 1'S NATIVITY

Wow!! If you were lucky enough to be in the audience to see this Wednesday's amazing Nativity performance you will know that Year 1 gave what many staff and parents agreed was the best Nativity show they had ever seen! The children's confidence, talent and enthusiasm was really incredible! They all had learnt all of their words by memory, sang their hearts out, spoke really clearly and loudly and acted with great skill. Well done Year 1- that really was quite a show.



YEAR 1'S NATIVITY CONTINUED.....

Here are some comments from parents in the audience:

"They're certainly not shy!" - Inaya's Mum

"It was amazing! Really exceptional!" - Maldini's mum

"They did so brilliantly" - Margarissa's mum

"I could not believe they remembered all those words" - Shanaya's dad

"That really was the best Nativity I've seen" - Joud's mum

"The whole class were just so confident" - Sara's mum

Thanks to all the parents and carers who came. It was great to have so many of you there to see this wonderful performance. And a big thank you to **Stephanie, Amanda & Cheyanne** for all their hard work in producing such a fabulous show. .



YEAR 3'S DIVALI WORKSHOP

Severn Class really enjoyed their Divali dance workshop on Monday morning this week. Having studied and performed the Ramayana, as part of their RE earlier this term, they were very excited to learn a dance routine telling that story. They had to work as a dance troupe embodying all the dramatic action in this Hindu story. We were very impressed with their Indian dance moves!



KEY DATES THIS TERM

Tues 12 Dec Wear a Festive Jumper for Christmas lunch + 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

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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.

GOODBYE SWALEHA

At the end of this term we say a big farewell and good luck to **Swaleha** who has been at Kingsmead since January 2017 as a teaching assistant predominantly working in KS1. Swaleha has secured a new job nearer to home so she can avoid a long journey and be nearer to her family. Kingsmead would like to say a big thank you to Swaleha for all her hard work and support at Kingsmead. We wish her all the best in her future role. Thank you **Hue & Ahija** for your lovely portrait.



YEAR 2 OCEAN MATHS PARENT WORKSHOP

On Wednesday we ran our first Ocean Maths session for Year 2 in the Dining Hall and it was fantastic to see so many parents/carers there. We looked at the importance of learning to count in 2s (forwards and backwards) and also of learning our 2 times tables and connected divisions. We used them to count, created resources that could be used at home and finished, as always, with a fun game of Bingo. Both children and parents enjoyed the session and are looking forward to the next one.

Zacara - 'It was nice having my mum there because it was fun and she could help me.'

George - 'I was happy to have my dad there because I love my dad and it was fun to play bingo together.'

Thanks to all the parents and carers who attended!



YEAR 2 OCEAN MATHS CONTINUED.....



ACTIVITY HOUR SPRING TERM 2024

The new Autumn Term Activity Hour clubs starts on **Monday 15th January**. To sign up for a free club, please call the office and speak to Julie or email the admin team on admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

We aim to provide at least one free club session for each child. You will receive confirmation of which club/s your child has been allocated by **Friday 12th January**

Clubs will run continuously over the Spring term from Monday 15th January to Thursday 21st March 2024

Mon	Spanish Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Games Rec, Yrs 1 & 2	Basketball Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Specialist School Teams
Tues	Lego Yrs 1, 2 & 3	Dance Yrs 4, 5 & 6	Table Tennis Yrs 4, 5 & 6 (Girls)	Cycling Yrs 4 - 6
Wed	Badminton / Tennis Yrs 4, 5 & 6	Dodgeball Yrs 1, 2 & 3		Steel Pans Yrs 4 - 6
Thurs	Strategic /Board Games Rec, Yrs 1, 2 & 3 & 4	Gymnastics Yrs 1, 2 & 3		Mixed Football Team Yrs 4 - 6

Specialist School Teams- Those children in school teams will be contacted & invited to attend the specialist after-school clubs.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Festive Jumper Day

Don't forget to wear a festive jumper next week on **Tuesday 12 December**, if you'd like to. Children and staff will be enjoying a special Christmas lunch that day, and can wear a festive jumper to celebrate. Please don't feel you need to buy a special jumper...you can decorate your own jumper very simply to make it festive!.

Class end of term parties

Children will be having end of term class parties on **Monday 18th December**. School will be purchasing treats and drinks for the class parties and we ask parents and carers to give their child a **£1 donation** to help cover the costs of the party food. Please give your child the £1 donation next week to give to their class teacher— or give it yourself to staff on the school front desk.