

LEAP NEWS

Monday 18 December 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Veó a mi familia en Navidad.... I see my family at Christmas.....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

MAYOR OF LONDON VISITS MANDEVILLE!

On Tuesday last week Mandeville Primary School had a great visit from **Sadiq Khan the Mayor of London**. He came to meet **Ishall**, the year 5 pupil at Mandeville, who was the winner of a London-wide City Hall 'Love your Lunch' competition. As reported in last week's newsletter, Ishall's entry was a fantastic poem that caught the judges' eye and won. The prize was a meal for her class cooked by the celebrity chefs from BOSH!, which Ishall and some of her friends helped to prepare in the Hackney School of Food's teaching kitchen, and a visit from the Mayor to congratulate her!

During his visit Sadiq saw the children cooking & joined them for lunch and then met and thanked Margaret Blairy, Mandeville's wonderful Head chef who has been cooking school lunches there for 35 years.

Hackney's **Deputy Mayor Bramble** joined Mandeville Headteacher **Marc Thompson** and Executive Head **Louise Nichols**, to discuss school food and the impact of Free School Meals for all in Hackney schools. Lots of photographers and reporters were present and the London Mayor told the gathered media that Mandeville was demonstrating the best practice by teaching children about the journey of food from seed to spoon, using the extensive and productive gardens and ensuring children learn about sustainable and seasonal food. Eating Margaret's wonderful food together with their teachers ensured the lunch hall experience was one of the best parts of the children's day. He thanked Marc Thompson, headteacher, for the work of the whole staff at



MAYOR OF LONDON'S VISIT CONTINUED.....



Mandeville and commended Ishall on the confident way she spoke to the media on the day, commenting that she would be after his job next!

Sadiq Khan said *"The fantastic poem written by Ishall at Mandeville Primary School truly sums up the importance of these meals and I'm delighted that her class has today enjoyed a special meal that they have helped to prepare too. I will continue to do all I can to support families and build a better London for all."*



COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION OFFER

Struggling Hackney residents will get a reduction of up to 90% on their next council tax bill after the Council approved new investment to support those hit hardest by the cost of living crisis. In Hackney, it's estimated that around 1400 households are receiving Universal Credit and are entitled to Council Tax Reduction, but not receiving it.

Please share the following links with anyone that you know who may be interested:

- To find out more about financial support with paying council tax, visit: hackney.gov.uk/council-tax-reduction-claim
- To find out if you're getting the financial help you're entitled to, contact the Council's Money Hub at bit.ly/MoneyHubHackney



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	85	Year 3	90	EYFS & KS1	Lea
Reception	102	Year 4	76		99%
Year 1	96	Year 5	84	KS2	Avon
Year 2	119	Year 6	93		99.5%

TOP ATTENDANCE



GOLDEN AWARDS

(for last week)

Ouse class (Nur) Eliora
Lea class (Rec) Ann
Lagan class (Yr 1) Finley
Tyne class (Yr 2) Cormac

Severn class (Yr 3) Asmah
Ness class (Yr 4) Manha
Fowey class (Yr 5) Massimo
Avon class (Yr 6) Kyle

YEAR 3 VISIT NATIONAL GALLERY

Year 3 visited the National Gallery this week. We are starting to get to know that gallery well now and love it when the art specialists there tell us that the paintings belong to us (all of us!).



"I liked all the paintings but especially the Carravaggio of the family having a meal" - **Shaniya**. "I really liked the Titian painting with the bright blue sky" - **Robert**

We had fun in Trafalgar Square after our visit. We saw the lions, the fountains, Nelson's column and the huge Norwegian Christmas tree.



FESTIVE JUMPER DAY & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Staff and children came to school in festive jumpers on Tuesday last week and enjoyed the most delicious Christmas lunch, prepared by our wonderful Kitchen team! Thank you **Shernette, Ana, Jackie** and **Sulanina** for an amazing meal. Everyone enjoyed it enormously and the children loved having crackers to share.



FESTIVE JUMPER & XMAS LUNCH CONTINUED....



YEAR 1 VISIT LOCAL CHURCH

Last week, to round up our RE topic learning about Christianity, Year 1 visited St Michael and All Angel Church. The children learnt how Christians celebrate Christmas and the different things they do during this season, such as singing Christmas Carols, read bible stories, light candles on the advent wreath and put up Christmas trees. Year 1 are now very familiar with the Nativity story and were able to share key moments with Father Daniel.



"Jesus is the son of God" - **Calisa**
"Angel Gabriel told Mary that she was going to have a baby called Jesus" - **Musa**
"Christmas is on December 25th and it's Jesus' birthday" - **Carter**
We have enjoyed learning about Christianity and what happens during the Christmas period.



PTO

DRUMMING & DANCE

What a great end of term performance from years 6, 5, 4 & 3 as well as the Dynamix group. Each class performed a dance and a drumming sequence and wowed the huge audience of parents and carers who came to watch. Special mention to **Hussein** for leading his class' drumming session and to the incredible gymnastic back and front flips from **Sanaa** and **Ronel**....and a huge thank you to our amazing teachers Aaron and Ms Harley who continue to develop our children's amazing talent.



DRUMMING & DANCE CONTINUED....

"The performance was amazing! The children at Kingsmead are so lucky to have this provision. It was lovely to watch them all being so confident and enjoying themselves" - **Jane**, Yr 3 teacher who has never seen a Kingsmead end of term drumming and dance performance before.



PANTO COMES TO KINGSMEAD

On Wednesday last week children were treated to a fantastic performance of Cinderella by Chaplins. The team put up their sets in our hall and tah dah!, it was transformed into a theatre. Everyone was totally swept up in the story with lots of booing and cheering and singing from the audience.

'It was very funny, I loved the prince and buttons was great!' - **Catalaya** Yr 4

'I really enjoyed it and loved the dancing' - **Bilisan** Yr 3

'I loved it, the songs were sooo good' - **Skye** yr 4



"The energy, vibrance, talent and pure joy is palpable. How brave our parents are who stepped forward for the spontaneous drumming lesson with a huge audience! No room for nerves or mistakes there!" said **Evelyn**, our headteacher

GYMNASTICS

Last Thursday afternoon we had our very first Gymnastics performance from children in years 2 and 3. Autumn (the Gymnastics teacher) has been working hard with the children all term, practising balancing and strength techniques as well as cartwheeling, rolling and jumping, to create a seamless choreographed display of everything they have learned. Both classes put on a great show and we could definitely see some future gymnasts in the making. We can't wait to see what years 4 and 5 do next term.

Zacara Year 2 - 'We've been practicing for a few weeks and I like doing the cartwheels the best'.

Serine Year 2 - 'I liked it when Elena was balancing on my back'.

Suleyman Year 3 - 'Gymnastics is a fun exercise and is making me have lots of energy'

Skye Year 3 - 'I enjoyed it when I was standing and balancing on Manuela's back'



YR 5 & 6 GO ICE SKATING

Year 5 and 6 were very lucky to be given free tickets to go Ice skating at the Lee Valley Ice Centre. All of the children enjoyed the opportunity and most of them learned to ice skate very quickly.

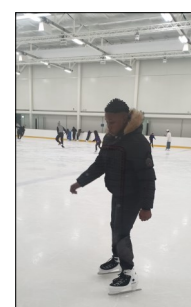
Anzel Yr 6, 'I enjoyed ice skating, and I helped a lot of the children to skate into the centre of the rink.'

Kyle Yr 6, 'I am a good skater and I helped quite a few of my peers to become more comfortable on the ice.'

Gabriella Yr 6, 'Ice skating was tricky at first, but I learnt to be more confident.'

Millah Yr 6, 'This was my second time and I managed to get a lot of tips from Anzel and skate into the centre of the rink.'

Ahija Yr 6, 'It was fun! By the end of the session everyone was really getting the hang of it'



Don't forget tomorrow is the last day of term and school will finish early at 1.30pm for children.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Kingsmead staff wish all our children and their families a relaxing break and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing the children back at school at 9am on Monday 8th January 2024 for the start of Spring Term.