

LEAP NEWS

Friday 2 February 2024

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Está lloviendo mucho.... It is raining alot....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

LEAP TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

The LEAP Table Tennis Competition brought together enthusiastic children from Year 5 and 6 representing Mandeville, Kingsmead, and Gayhurst schools. The event was a testament to the talent and sportsmanship of these young athletes, showcasing not only their exceptional table tennis skills but also the spirit of camaraderie and support that permeated the competition. The matches were closely contested, showcasing the high level of competitiveness among the participants. The competition not only celebrated the current achievements of these young players but also hinted at a promising future for table tennis. Congratulations to all who took part. A special mention for the two individuals who emerged as the overall winners: **Princess**, year 6 Mandeville, demonstrated superb skill and determination, securing the title for the girls' category. On the boys' side, **Yigit**, year 5 Gayhurst, displayed great prowess, earning him the top spot and the title of overall winner.

Thank you to our dedicated staff members who organised the LEAP Table Tennis Competition – Sanchez & TGI team, Freddy and Kaltum. We hope to organise another one in the summer term!

"I didn't give up. I am proud of myself." - **Princess**, year 6 Mandeville

"I enjoyed it. Lots of the children were really good." - **Yigit**, year 5 Gayhurst

"I had a lot of fun. I will get better!" - **Ellie**, year 5 Kingsmead (second place girls finalist)



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION ONGOING - **PLEASE VOTE!**

The Parent election is still in process. Thank you to the 100 people who have voted so far but that leaves a lot who haven't yet. If you haven't received your voting form and instructions, please contact your school office.

Closing date for the election is **5pm Mon 19th February**.

BRITISH BIRDS ART COMPETITION

Get your paint brushes at the ready for an exciting new competition! Sky Arts are looking to feature some children's artwork in a very special episode of 'Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir' that will broadcast on Sky Arts during arts week in June.



The challenge: To celebrate our British birds, they're challenging you to create a picture of a bird, in whatever material you choose. The focus is British Birds so try to find birds local to Britain. You could paint a bird you've spotted in your playground, playing field or garden. Look for shapes, textures and colours and find creative ways to capture them through art.

Bring your picture to school and hand it in to your teacher. The deadline is **Thursday 29th February 2024**

SAFER INTERNET DAY



SAVE the DATE
Safer Internet Day
2024 | Tuesday
6 February
www.saferinternetday.org



WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



It's that time of year again! Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place next week on the **6th of February**, with celebrations and learning based around

the theme **'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'**.

Safer Internet Day is a fantastic opportunity for millions of people around the world to raise awareness of children and young people's online safety and wellbeing. The internet is an amazing resource to aid learning, keep in contact and have fun, when used safely. We will be having class discussions and activities around keeping safe online and ways to implement safety in all areas of internet use. Click on the link below to look through resources to implement safety measures at home and beyond. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



SPRING TERM 2024

1st half of term: 08.01.24 - 09.01.24

Half term: 12 - 16 Feb 2024

2nd half of term: 19.02.24 - 28.03.24

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	94	Year 3	79
Reception	88	Year 4	134
Year 1	95	Year 5	86
Year 2	83	Year 6	72

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lea	98%
KS2	Ness	98.6%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Khalil
Lea class (Rec) Ailya
Lagan class (Yr 1) Immanuel
Tyne class (Yr 2) Zafeera

Severn class (Yr 3) Yaqoob
Ness class (Yr 4) Nylah
Fowey class (Yr 5) Ayza
Avon class (Yr 6) Taivon

YEAR 4 VISIT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

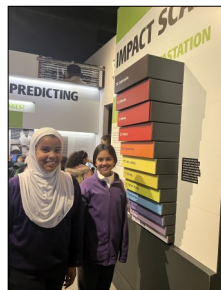
This week, Year 4 visited The Natural History Museum and explored the Volcanoes and Earthquake gallery. They were fascinated by the models of the Earth's different layers, the earthquake simulation and learning about volcanoes around the world. The children particularly enjoyed the amazing architecture of Hintze hall and the immense blue whale skeleton hanging from the ceiling!

"I enjoyed the earthquake simulator and thought of how scary it would be to be in an earthquake." **Kyron**

"I enjoyed seeing the creepy crawly exhibition. We went into a home which was infested with different creepy crawlies." **Aisha**

"I really enjoyed the visit and seeing all the different things we learnt about inside the classroom."

Arthur



DYNAMIX PERFORM AT HACKNEY EMPIRE

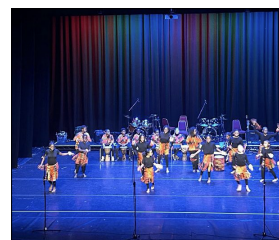
The Hackney Empire was bursting with creativity and talent on Tuesday evening to present the Hackney Music Service Annual Gala Concert and Mayor's Music Awards.

Kingsmead's Dynamix performed a vibrant drumming & dance piece called 'The Spirit' and blew the audience away with their energetic and exciting routine. The audience were so captivated by them all with roars of encouragement and joy, especially when **Ronel** performed his astonishing acrobatic moves! A huge well done to all the Dynamix for making Kingsmead and their parents so proud! The children even got a huge round of applause outside the Empire from all the parents, carers and staff who came to see the show.

A special thanks goes to **Miss Harley & Aaron** for all their creativity, aspirations and the incredible work that goes into getting the performers ready for the actual show. A big thank you to all the staff - **Julia, Amanda, Francoise & Julie** for organising the children and giving up their time to make this such a successful event. We are all looking forward to many more exciting performances by the Dynamix in the near future.

Stephanie: 'It was a really fun experience and I enjoyed performing on the stage in front of an audience'. **Tamia:** 'I thoroughly enjoyed dancing on stage, and I feel like we did our best'. **Robera:** 'It was really fun performing at a place like the Hackney Empire and it was a once in a lifetime experience'. **May** (parent): "The performance was mind-blowing!!! I felt totally involved in the dance. I was so proud of Kingsmead! **Kay** (audience member): "The standing ovation and cheering from the crowd was amazing, the Kingsmead children were spectacular!"

Thanks to Hackney Council's photographer Gary Manhine, for this amazing photo of the Dynamix.



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COFFEE MORNING REMINDER



Don't forget to come along to next week's coffee morning. This will be taking place on




Wednesday 7th February at 9am and will be all about supporting children's Mental Health and Wellbeing.

This will be a chance for parents to come and meet **Jon**, our school counsellor, along with **Ruth, Emma** and **Latisha**, other members of Kingsmead's Inclusion team, who will be explaining how we support children's Mental Health and Wellbeing at Kingsmead and sharing ideas and suggestions for how families can support this at home.

GILPIN SQUARE COMMUNITY DAY

During the half term break, there will be a fun Community Day being held in the Gilpin Square area. Organised by Hackney Council in conjunction with the Pedro Club this FREE event will take place on **Thursday 15th February from 12pm to 4pm**. All are invited! Hackney School of Food will provide the food - Jerk Chicken, Rice and Peas.



Gilpin Square Community Day
15th February 2024
12pm-4pm
Venue: Pedro Youth Club
Come see a working Fire Truck, Police Horses, Close-up Magician, play board games and see our CCTV van in action.
Just turn up on the day. No tickets or admission fee.
Hackney

The local police will be there, hopefully with some horses and dogs. The fire brigade will be outside with a fire engine. There will be some activities and stalls (such as gardening, arts and crafts) as well as a magician who will be doing some close up magic tricks. Leyton Orient will be attending to talk to people about football as well as some information stalls sharing useful information about careers, health advice and what the council plans are for the development of the area.

Come along for some free tasty food and lots of fun!

FAMILY GAMES EVENING

On Wednesday we held our very first 'Games Evening' for parents, carers and children and it was a great success. Both children and adults played all sorts of games including Hopscotch, Connect 4, Chess, Ludo and Uno amongst others. Thank you to the fantastic group of

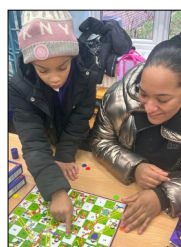
FAMILY GAMES EVENING CONTINUED...

Year 6 children who were teaching both children and adults how to play the games, it was lovely to see adults together and showing their competitive sides. We know that playing games with children helps both their maths and social skills and we hope to repeat the experience again in the summer term.

Immanuel Yr 1 'The best part was playing chess with a boy from year 6.'

Rico Yr 2 'I played Uno with my mum and I won and it was fun beating my mum.'

Gabriella Yr 6 'I was teaching people Mancala which was a bit complicated but I enjoyed helping other people play games because I like to see people happy.'



KEY DATES THIS TERM

w/c 5 Feb	LEAP Creativity Week
Wed 7 Feb	Coffee Morning: Supporting children's Mental Health & Wellbeing 9 - 10am + Nur & Rec assembly – Chinese New Year 3pm
w/c 12 Feb	Half term break
Mon 19 Feb	LEAP Parent Governor election closes 5pm
Thurs 29 Feb	Coffee Morning on supporting language development at home with our Speech & Language Therapist, Stella 9 - 10am
Wed 6 March	Yr 5 class assembly 3pm
Thurs 7 March	World Book Day - dress up as your favourite character from a book or comic
Wed 13 March	Yr 3 class assembly 3pm
Thurs 14 March	Parent Carer consultations - school finishes early at 1.30pm
Fri 15 March	Red Nose Day – wear something red
Mon 18 - Fri 22 March	Yr 6 school journey
Wed 20 March	Yr 1 class assembly
Thurs 21 March	Coffee Morning
Thurs 28 March	Last day of term— school finishes early at 1.30pm