

LEAP NEWS

Friday 23 February 2024

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Las flores están saliendo.... *The flowers are coming out....*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION RESULTS

We are delighted to announce that you, the parents and carers of LEAP federation, have elected two new Parent Governors following our recent election. We are immensely grateful to all 8 of the candidates who put themselves forward to stand and were willing to support the schools by joining our governing board. We especially want to thank each and every one of you that took the time to vote.

The two new parent governors are **Lizzie Thorne** and **Candice Gow-Smith** and they will be attending meetings and joining our committees very soon.



Lizzie Thorne



Candice Gow-Smith

LEAP & THE DECUS ENSEMBLE

Last week, some year 4 and 5 children from across the LEAP federation came to Gayhurst school to enjoy a session with The Decus Ensemble. The Decus Ensemble are a diverse group of professional classical musicians who promote the works of less well-known composers throughout classical music history. The workshop focused on the performance of classical music composed by musicians of African and Caribbean descent.



LEAP & THE DECUS ENSEMBLE CONTINUED....

Nahla Rose, Year 4 at Gayhurst said: *"It was really cool when we got to join in".*

Amirah, Year 4 at Mandeville said: *"I really enjoyed listening to the double bass and flute".*

Marquez, Year 5 at Kingsmead said *"It was really fun, we had to listen to music and guess who was playing it. It was classical music and they even played the Star Wars song. Some children in my class got up and performed, they held a hose and they could hear the music vibrating through it."*



MANDEVILLE OFSTED



Mandeville had a graded OFSTED inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This was the follow up inspection after OFSTED said in September 2022 that *'there is enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged outstanding'*

Four inspectors were with the school for two full days and looked into all aspects of school life from nursery to year 6, visiting lessons, playtimes, support for SEND, lunch provision and extended day. They looked at children's learning in great detail including a selection of children's work books and analysed our curriculum in great detail to look for exemplary practice in all areas. They met with parents in the playground, the local authority school improvement partner and our governors. Very importantly they held several meetings with children of all ages to ask them about their school.

They then decided grades for each of those areas. At present the outcome is confidential, as the inspectors judgements now have to go through a quality control process. The full report and outcome will be published in around 4 – 6 weeks.

A huge thank you to the amazing effort by Mandeville staff children, parents, the Gayhurst & Kingsmead staff, our community and all our school governors.

We are pleased about how it went and look forward to sharing the outcome with you as soon as we are allowed to.



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	90	Year 3	91	EYFS & KS1	Lagan
Reception	82	Year 4	80		98%
Year 1	130	Year 5	83	KS2	Severn
Year 2	75	Year 6	88		99%

TOP ATTENDANCE



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Leo
Lea class (Rec) Talya
Lagan class (Yr 1) Maldini
Tyne class (Yr 2) Zeynep

Severn class (Yr 3) Sukhpreet
Ness class (Yr 4) Arthur
Fowey class (Yr 5) Christian
Avon class (Yr 6) Jacob

YARAM ARTS WORKSHOP

On Tuesday this week Year 4, 5 & 6 children were lucky enough to take part in a fantastic dance and drumming workshop with West African drummers and a Lion Man dancer. The workshop came about thanks to our old drumming teacher Alex. Children really enjoyed the experience and those watching were captivated! Ronel, in Year 6 really impressed the West African professionals with his back and front flips. Thanks to Alex, Ms Harley and Yaram Arts for a great workshop.

"I felt so happy to be dancing with the Lion Man — there was a feeling where I could just follow the music with my heart and follow the dance leader....it felt really amazing to use my body that way" -

Isabel H year 5



YARAM ARTS WORKSHOP CONTINUED.....



COFFEE MORNING: POSTPONED

Please note the planned Coffee Morning session with our Speech and Language therapist Stella, on how to develop your child's language at home, that was due to take place next week on Thursday 29th Feb has had to be postponed and will now be taking place after the Spring holidays on **Thursday 25 April**.

Our next Coffee Morning will be on **Thursday 21 March**.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

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: theme to be confirmed
Thurs 28 March	Last day of term— school finishes early at 1.30pm

PTO

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.

FAMILY COACH PARENT GROUP AT MANDEVILLE

The Family coach service are running a Parent Empowerment group consisting of 5 sessions at Mandeville Primary School with a focus on **Increasing Confidence and Reducing Stress**. These sessions are free and are for families with children who have special educational needs (in any of the 4 areas of SEN: sensory & physical, cognition & learning, communication & interaction or social, emotional and mental health). No formal diagnosis or EHCP required. The sessions will be on **Tuesdays from 9—10am** but Rachel said the group are happy to wait for Kingsmead parents to walk over from Kingsmead after dropping their children at 8.50am so if you can't get there till a few minutes after 9am that's fine! The first session starts on **Tuesday 27th February**. Spaces are limited—only 10 available, for Kingsmead and Mandeville families. To book your place please email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk or tell Emma or Ruth on the gate that you would like to attend.



STARTING TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2024

Increasing confidence and reducing stress

Parent Empowerment group - Delivered by the Family Coach Service

TUESDAYS 9- 10 AM @ MANDEVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL



For families with children that have special educational needs (SEN).
In any of the 4 areas of SEN.
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27TH OF FEBRUARY

Establishing your best hopes

5TH OF MARCH

Identifying your strengths

12TH OF MARCH

How to catch and change your thoughts in stressful situations

19TH OF MARCH

Exploring what supports you when you feel stressed

26TH OF MARCH

What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail?

10 spaces available. Please send us an email to book your place today familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

**WEDNESDAYS 1-2 PM
FROM 28TH OF FEBRUARY**

Online

From the comfort of your own home

The Family Coach service are also running an online group you can book onto, if you can't make the Mandeville sessions. The online sessions can be done from home and will run

on **Wednesdays from 1 - 2pm** starting **Wednesday 28th February**.

YEAR 4 OPERA WORKSHOP

Just before the half term break Year 4 took part in an amazing interactive workshop with The Royal Opera House. We joined an online workshop with over 150 other schools across England. We met the artists from the German opera Die Fledermaus and compared and contrasted different repertoires, as well as gaining an insight into different voice types and the evolution of opera over time. We thoroughly enjoyed our introduction to opera, even though the entire

YR 4 OPERA WORKSHOP CONTINUED.....

performance was in German! We could work out the plot because of the artists' intonations and body language.

Some of the questions the children asked the artists were;

"Can we see a real life ballerina?"

Nylah

"How did you play the piano so fast and how long have you been practising for?" **Vivian**



BOOKING YOUR PARENTS CONSULTATION SLOT

We are using a different system to book parents slots for the upcoming Parent Consultation sessions that will take place on **Thursday 14**

March from 2pm onwards. Kingsmead are now using Arbor for booking parents consultation appointment times and we have set up accounts for parents.

You will need to access this Arbor account, to book a slot for our parent/carer evening on Thursday 14 March 2pm – 6.30pm. You will not be able to book a time slot, unless you access the parent account on Arbor.

- You need to register on Arbor using the email we have listed on our system. You can do this by following the instructions below.
- To finish creating your account, you just need to set a password. You can do this by going to login.arbor.sc, clicking on 'Forgotten Password?' and following the instructions on screen.
- You will have already received an email with your username.

If you have trouble setting up your password or have general questions about the Parent Portal, visit this [Help Centre article](#).

Staff in the school office are happy to help you if you have any issues.

Booking on Arbor for the Parent Consultation slots will open at 10am on Monday 26 February 2024.

