

LEAP NEWS

Friday 1 March 2024

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Las flores están saliendo.... *The flowers are coming out.....*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

LEAP SCHOOL COUNCILS

On Monday the School Councillors from Gayhurst, Kingsmead and Mandeville met to discuss an exciting joint project. The children met with Jessie Mond Wedd, a legal consultant for Lawyers for Nature. They found out about the 'We are Nature' project which wants to change the dictionary definition of 'Nature' to include humans.

The school council listened to why this was important, how humans are connected to nature, how we can protect it more and how we can get involved.

'I liked the idea of changing the definition of nature, because in the future I can tell my children that I helped to change this. It makes us humans more aware of nature' - Michael Y6.

'I like that Jessie loves nature because I do too. I love the trees that give us oxygen and they are helping the environment, keeping us alive.' - Amirah and Alvin Y4

The school councillors plan to deliver an assembly in their LEAP school, following a discussion with the Headteacher. They will be asking the children across LEAP, 'How do you define nature?' Children are able to respond to the question in the form of a drawing, a poster, a story, a poem, or by writing their own definition.

'I am amazed to be one of the children chosen to be a part of this amazing opportunity' Solene Y5

'Animals are part of nature, so humans are part of nature too. We should protect all nature because we are all living things.' Cody and Lara 3C



SPANISH TRANSLATION WORKSHOP CONTINUED.....

borough. They learnt about some of the difficulties translators face in their work and what makes a good translation. Each group produced their



own translation of the Colombian story 'Eloisa y los Bichos'. We loved the story and highly recommend it to Spanish learners to improve their reading skills!

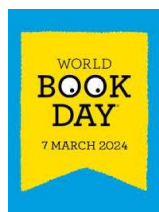
The children demonstrated outstanding communication and teamwork skills and made us all very proud. ¡Un trabajo bien hecho!

SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

All three LEAP schools will be offering Spring Holiday camps from **Tuesday 2 April to Friday 5 April from 10am to 2pm**. Gayhurst's camp will be at Gayhurst school and the Kingsmead and Mandeville camp will be at Kingsmead school. More information and how to sign up in next week's newsletter.

WORLD BOOK DAY REMINDER

NEXT WEEK ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH



Gayhurst, Kingsmead and Mandeville schools will be celebrating World Book Day next week on **Thurs 7 March**. World Book Day is a special day when children and staff come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book or comic. So start planning your costume!

Please don't feel you have to buy a costume - we are hoping to see lots of homemade creations. You could make your costume using cardboard boxes, tin foil, an old sheet that you could draw on, face paints....whatever you have to hand at home! Get creative! Prizes will be given out at each school to the best home-made costumes.

If you need help with ideas here's a link to some very easy homemade costumes linked to lovely children's books
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/cheap-and-easy-ideas-last-minute-world-book-day-costumes>

SPANISH TRANSLATION WORKSHOP

A group of children from each LEAP school took part in a Spanish Translation Skills workshop run by the University of Oxford with Hackney Council at Parkwood Primary School. The children worked in translation teams with children from other schools across the



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	85	Year 3	85
Reception	79	Year 4	91
Year 1	95	Year 5	104
Year 2	88	Year 6	73

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lagan
	99.5%
KS2	Severn
	98.7%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Lamiyah
Lea class (Rec) Annabel
Lagan class (Yr 1) Adrian
Tyne class (Yr 2) Thandiwe

Severn class (Yr 3) Toyin
Ness class (Yr 4) Gabriel
Fowey class (Yr 5) Solene
Avon class (Yr 6) Tahira

YEARS 4 & 5 GO ICE SKATING

Year 4 and 5 had a wonderful opportunity to visit Lee Valley ice skating centre. For many of the children, this was their first time going ice skating. All children were incredibly brave and showed determination to learn how to ice skate! It has sparked many children wanting to go ice skating with their families.

"Ice skating was so much fun and I only fell down once!" **Lily Yr 4**

"It was my first time going ice skating and I was terrified!" **Catalaya Yr 4**



ECOACTIVE WORKSHOP AT LEASIDE TRUST

Year 5 had a fantastic day out at the Leaside Trust taking part in an EcoActive workshop! The morning session was filled with learning about local wildlife and finding out ways that we can co-exist with these creatures to make sure we are keeping their habitats safe. We found out that as cities are developing, more and more animals are moving back to the cities as it provides opportunities for shelter and food. We spent the rest of the morning exploring creatures living near Leaside and learning about how they help us too! We learned some fantastic facts about the creatures we found such as worms have 5 hearts and they breathe through their skin! In the afternoon, we went canoeing on the River Lea to do a bit of litter picking to keep our local environment and the habitats safe and clean.

ECOACTIVE WORKSHOP CONTINUED...

We were shocked to see a wide range of rubbish that affects the habitats of the animals living on and near the water. The rubbish we collected ranged from water bottles to a scooter! We did a great job clearing the area and felt great that we helped the wildlife.

"I loved canoeing on the river!"- **Kinza**

"Clearing more rubbish meant more fun for us!"- **Laria**



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
Fri 8 March	School photographer in today
Mon 11 March	Parent cooking session at HSoF 10am - 12noon
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.

PARENT COOKING SESSION AT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

We have a limited number of spaces available for a fun FREE cooking session just for Kingsmead parents & carers at the Hackney School of Food on **Monday 11th March from 10am to 12noon**. The cooking session will focus on preparing delicious low cost family meals and reducing food waste in the kitchen.

How to sign up:

If you are interested in registering for a place please let **Emma or Ruth** know on the school gate or email admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk and mark your email **FAO Emma** saying you would like to register for a place on the free Kingsmead Parent Cooking session. **Please let us know of any dietary requirements you have.**

A further session will be offered in June.

The Hackney School of Food is in Oswald Street, Lower Clapton, London E5 0BT.



FREE PARENT & CARER CLASSES

At Hackney School of Food

Join us for a free class preparing delicious family meals on a budget.

When? 11th March
10am - 12pm

How do I sign up?
Let Emma or Ruth know at the school gate that you'd like to take part. Please tell us if you have any dietary requirements

Where to find us:
Hackney School of Food,
Oswald St, Lower Clapton,
London, E5 0BT



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER IN



A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on **Friday 8th March** taking individual and sibling photos. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform and brings their PE kit in a bag.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We hope this information from NHS England is helpful:

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

Coughs and colds: It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.

Sore throat: You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day they are off. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.



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/carers evening on Thursday 14 March 2pm - 6pm. 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 your email that 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.
- Your username is your email

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 is now open