

LEAP NEWS Friday 26 April 2024

SPANISH PHRASE of the week Me siento saludable*I feel healthy*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

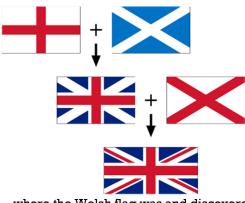
SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

At LEAP, our community is rich in diversity. Our families come from a variety of places and have a wide range of faiths and beliefs. Our diverse cultures and heritages are something we celebrate at LEAP and days such as International Evening are a wonderful way to share our differences. However, one thing we all have in common is where we live, England. This week we decided to look at the patron saint of England, St George as Tuesday 23rd April was St George's day.



We thought that a way to learn about the United Kingdom, is each year we look at a different UK patron saint and that way children will learn about each country once every 4 years, traditions, language, national flower and history or England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland for general knowledge.

This week there was an assembly learning about how the story of St George evolved. We were surprised to find out that he was not actually born in England, but came



from Turkey. We looked at the flag of England and explored how it is combined with the flag of Scotland and Northern Ireland to make the Union Jack. We questioned d that at the time

where the Welsh flag was and discovered that at the time the Union flag was designed, the Principality of Wales was actually united with England. We debated whether the flag should now be updated and some of us had a go at designing our own flags! This got us interested in learning more about the patron saints of the other countries in the United Kingdom.

Watch this space, as we will be finding out more about St David, St Patrick and St Andrew in the near future.

LEAP'S FREE FOOD SHOPS

Since the first Covid lockdown in Spring 2020 all three schools have been running a weekly Free Food Shop for any of our families who need this support. This was initially to help families through the very difficult lockdown periods but has continued, with the cost of living crisis, which we know continues to impact many in our communities. Our Free Food shops are open to anyone who needs to make use of them and are not means tested to avoid unnecessary administration and to avoid waste.



LEAP's Free Food Shops are possible thanks to our close partnership with the food redistribution charity The Felix Project. The Felix Project work across London fighting food waste and hunger. They rescue good, surplus food from the food industry that cannot be sold and would otherwise go to waste. This is high-quality and nutritious, including a high proportion of fresh fruit and vegetables, baked goods, salads, meat and fish. They collect or receive food from over 539 suppliers, including supermarkets, wholesalers, farms, restaurants and delis. They then sort and deliver this food to almost 1000 front-line charities, primary schools and holiday programmes in London, including our three LEAP schools.





We have recently been able to include some toiletry items at our Free Food Shops, which have been well received by families.

The Free Food Shops run every week on:

Monday mornings at **Kingsmead** and **Mandeville** schools (texts are sent out to families when the Free Food Shops are ready for you to visit) and on

Monday afternoons from 3 – 3.30pm at Gayhurst school.

We ask that all attending the Free Food Shops are mindful that the food needs to be shared amongst many and to not take more than their share.

You can find out more about the Felix Project <u>here</u> and if you would like to volunteer with the Felix project at one of their depots, you can find more information <u>here</u>.

More information about Cost of Living Crisis support that is available to Hackney residents can be found at <u>https://hackney.gov.uk/hackney-money-help</u>

KINGSMEAD



SUMMER TERM 2024

1st half of term: 15.04.24 - 24.05.24 Half term: 27 - 31 May 2024

2nd half of term: 03.06.24 - 19.07.24

INSET days: Mon 22, Tues 23 & Wed 24 July 2024

GOLDEN AWARDS

| Ouse class (Nur) | Giselle |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Lea class (Rec) | Nathan W |
| Lagan class (Yr l) | Musa |
| Tyne class (Yr 2) | Serine |

CROWN WINNERS

TOP ATTENDANCE

| Nursery | 92 | Year 3 | 86 | EYFS & | Ouse |
|-----------|-----|--------|----|--------|-------|
| Reception | 103 | Year 4 | 71 | KS1 | 98.5% |
| Year l | 81 | Year 5 | 85 | KS2 | Avon |
| Year 2 | 93 | Year 6 | 77 | | 99.8% |

Severn class (Yr 3) Heaven Ness class (Yr 4) Tinaye Fowey class(Yr 5) Daniella Avon class (Yr 6) Hue

YARAM ARTS PROJECT

On Tuesday this week, a Senegalese Lion Masquerade dancer called Moulaye came to run a workshop with our

Dynamix dancers. This is part of an exciting ongoing collaboration with Yaram Arts – a leading music development agency, which will be running this term – so look out for more news on this project in the newsletter in coming weeks.

Moulaye had visited our school last term to do a Lion dance for children in Years 4-6 so it was wonderful to welcome him back to Kingsmead.

"The workshop felt very creative and I really enjoyed it. It was great he came back to our school to do this with us" said Jason in Year 6.









Kingsmead's Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) - Alex and



KEY DATES THIS TERM

| Wed 1 May | Yr 4 RE assembly 3pm | | | |
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| Wed 8 May | Yr 5 RE assembly 3pm | | | |
| Wed 15 May | Rec class assembly 3pm | | | |
| Mon 27 - Fri 31 May Half term break | | | | |
| Wed 12 June | Yr 3 class assembly 3pm | | | |
| Thurs 13 June | Parent Cooking Session at School of Food 1- 3pm | | | |
| Wed 10 June | • | | | |
| Wed 19 June | Yr 1 class assembly 3pm | | | |
| Wed 26 June | Nur class assembly 3pm | | | |
| Wed 3 July | Yr 2 RE assembly 3pm | | | |
| Wed 10 July | Yr 6 end of year production | | | |
| Thurs 11 July | Kingsmead Summer Fair | | | |
| Friday 19 July | Last day of Summer Term – | | | |
| school closes early for children at 1.30pm | | | | |



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.

JRSO ASSEMBLY

Jemima - delivered a brilliant Q&A assembly with prizes this week. Their on-going campaign to help promote road safety within the school and their local community was well received by the whole school. They also gave information about an upcoming 'Speed Watch' project they will be involved with, working with the police to monitor car speeds on the roads around the school. More information on this will follow in the coming week....



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COFFEE MORNING REPORT

Thanks to Stella, our Speech and Language therapist, who delivered a really helpful and interesting presentation to parents at this week's Coffee Morning, full of tips about how to support children's language development at home.

All the parents attending had lots of questions that Stella answered very thoroughly. **Sara, Jontan's mum** said "*It* was very brilliant. I really found it helpful and Stella gave me some great ideas about how to help my child remember words". **Ire's mum** said "*I'm very glad I came - it was* very educational and helpful".

Stella gave out lots of useful resources which we will be uploading to a page on the school website in the next few days for all parents to access. We will let you know once

this has been done. Thanks to all the parents who managed to come along to the session. We are delighted you found it so useful.



ECOACTIVE FOREST SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Local charity EcoACTIVE are running a free Forest School after school club from Adventure Playground on Thursdays from 3.45pm to 5.15pm. The sessions will be full of activities interacting with nature out on Daubenev Fields. This Forest School after school club is aimed at local children aged between 7 - 11.



EcoActive's Forest School club starts on **Thursday 2nd May** and will run to **Thursday 11th July**. If your child wants to attend please email **catia@ecoactive.org.uk** to book a place, or take your child along to the first session at 3.45pm on Thursday 2nd May to sign them up. Please also let Kingsmead school know if you have registered your child for the EcoActive Forest school club so we know they can be collected from Kingsmead by EcoActive on Thursdays, after their first session that you need to take them to to register them..

DON'T TOUCH THE FLOWERS

Please can children not touch the beautiful flowers that Lidka has planted along the railings on the drive up to the school. Some of the lovely wisteria blossoms that have just bloomed have had flowers pulled off—which

damages the plants.

Please can parents make sure their children don't touch the flowers.







LEYTON ORIENT FREE LOCAL FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Free turn up and play football sessions are being offered for the local community by Leyton Orient at Kingsmead Primary school on Thursdays from:

5 – 6pm for 8 to 11 yr olds

6 - 7pm for 12 - 16 yr olds.

To sign up please click <u>here.</u>

