



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 2nd May 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Vamos a hacer un picnic.....*Let's have a picnic.....*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere Primary Schools working in partnership

LAUNCH OF SCHOOL OF FOOD'S NEW GARDEN ROOM

Yesterday saw the official opening of the new Hackney School of Food Garden Room. The Garden Room is a vibrant, inclusive hub designed for hands-on garden education, shared meals, and community-centred events. It is a fantastic addition to the Hackney School of Food and Mandeville school offer and will help deliver 'seed-to-spoon' food education for the whole community.

In the morning, the Mayor of Hackney - Cllr Woodley; Deputy Mayor, Cllr Bramble; and Cllr Young, were on hand to cut the flower ribbon to officially open the doors. The councillors enjoyed a seed planting lesson with a class of Mandeville children and were very impressed with the children's knowledge and commented that sowing seeds had never been more fun!

*"The lessons in the garden room are great, i can't wait until my broad bean grows" - **Courage**, Y5*

"The HSoF garden is literally integral to the growth of the minds and bodies of Mandeville children. We have seen a significant improvement in children's knowledge & understanding of the world; of food, nutrition & health; & their understanding and sense of responsibility for the environment.

The new Garden Room facilitates hands-on garden education and is a wonderful addition to the resources the children can access."

Marc Thompson – Mandeville Headteacher



LAUNCH OF NEW GARDEN ROOM CONTINUED.....



Then in the evening the Hackney School of Food held a launch party celebrating the official opening of the Garden Room with friends and supporters of the School of Food and it's gardens. Donors, supporters and volunteers were invited to come and take part in a range of activities in the gardens, including pesto making, butter churning and the construction of a hut bug hotel in the sensory garden area.

Delicious food and drink was served in the Garden Room and several children from Mandeville spoke about what they love about the School of Food and recent sessions they've enjoyed in the Garden Room.

Here are some quotes from some of those who were at the evening party:

Victoria –who is the volunteer recruiter for HSoF: *"I am the first point of contact for volunteers and organise their induction. We have two great volunteer opportunities and are really keen to recruit local people from the nearby community:*

Kitchen Assistants: *who help with the cooking classes as an extra pair of hands.*

Gardening Volunteers: *we are helped by volunteers in the School of Food garden every Friday between 10am — 12noon. Any local people who ideally have a little experience with gardening, but if not just lots of enthusiasm are welcome apply.*

The HSoF Volunteer page where you can find sign up forms [can be found here.](#)

More photos and further quotes from guests can be found overleaf.....

LAUNCH OF HSOF NEW GARDEN ROOM CONTINUED.....

Merinda from Infoysy - *"It is fantastic to see the launch of the Garden Room, and the opportunities it will offer for the expansion of the School of Food's Garden Education programme. It's a great space for private hire too—so a call to action - friends, parents book the space!"*



Lucy from We are Grow "This is an amazing experience to sit here and make fresh pesto using herbs and leaves from this very special garden!"



D. T. AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED.....

The magical exhibition showcased the entire career and creative output of the film-maker and illustrator. It was incredible to see his design process, from original idea in sketchbooks, through to model making and film and learn more about the different types of film making that he has used in his career such as stop motion. The children were fascinated by his work and surprised at how creepy some of it was!

We talked a lot about the different types of design and after lunch we visited the Designer, Maker, User exhibition to think more about the design process and how design focusses on solving problems for the end user. Finally, we got to see a 3D printer in action. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and said that design is 'creative' and 'functional'!



D. T. AMBASSADORS TRIP

On Tuesday the Design & Technology ambassadors from **Kingsmead**, **Gayhurst**, **Mandville** and **Grasmere** came together to visit the excellent **Tim Burton** exhibition at the Design Museum in West London. It was a long journey to get there on the overground, but it was well worth it.



SUMMER TERM 2025

1st half of term: 22.04.25 - 23.05.25

Half term: 26 — 30 May 2025

2nd half of term: 03.06.25 - 18.07.25

INSET days: Mon 2 June 2025,
Mon 21 & Tues 22 July 2025

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	84	Year 3	90
Reception	98	Year 4	126
Year 1	105	Year 5	85
Year 2	112	Year 6	93

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lagan 98.2%
KS2	Ness99 %



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Talilah
Lea class (Rec) Ridwhan
Lagan class (Yr 1) Malachi
Tyne class (Yr 2) Aheli

Severn class (Yr 3) Yontan
Ness class (Yr 4) Issak
Fowey class (Yr 5) Wunpini
Avon class (Yr 6) Fanta

YEAR 4 & REIMAGINE LONDINIUM PROJECT

Jo from Animate Arts visited Kingmead to deliver an amazing two part workshop with Year 4. She is a professional artist who worked together with the children to re-create 3D versions self portraits using coloured card. Their self portraits will be part of a trail around London- being displayed on an interactive screen outside St Paul's cathedral. The self portraits have a Roman twist! Can you spot them? When Jo returns, the children will work collaboratively to create different elements which will come together to become a life sized masterpiece which will be displayed during the Summer.

"I can't believe her work is made from only card! We had lots of questions about how she created them, how she transported them and also how long they took." **Kahleo**

"I enjoyed the workshop and can't wait to see my work over the summer." **Jay-**



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Mon 5 May	Bank Holiday
Wed 7 May	Yr 4 class assembly 3pm
Wed 14 May	Yr 3 class assembly 3pm
Wed 21 May	Nursery class assembly 3pm +
Thurs 22 May	Kingsmead STEM Fair 3.30 - 4.30pm
Mon 26—Fri 30 May	Half term break
Mon 2 June	INSET day (school closed to children)
Mon 9 - Fri 13 June	Yr 6 School Journey
Wed 11 June	Yr 1 class assembly 3pm
w/c 16 June	Parent & Carer Come to School Week
w/c 23 June	Hackney Music Festival: Dynamix & Yr 4 singing
Wed 25 June	Yr 5 RE assembly
Wed 2 July	Yr 2 class assembly 3pm
Thurs 3 July	Kingsmead's Summer Carnival 4-6.30pm
Wed 9 July	Rec class assembly 3pm
Thurs 10 July	Gymnastics performances Yr 5 & 6- 3pm
Fri 11 July	Sports Day: Yrs 1—3 at 10 - 11.30am Yrs 4—6 at 1.30 - 3pm
Mon 14 July	Sports Day Nur & Rec at 10 - 11.30am
Tues 15 July	Drumming & Dance performances at 2.15pm - Rec, Yrs 1, 4, 5 & 6 + Dynamix
Wed 16 July	Yr 6 End of Year performance at either 2pm or 4pm
Thurs 17 July	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 11am + End of year class parties
Fri 18 July	Last day of Summer term -

school closes early at 1.30pm for children

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SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

On Wednesday morning Kingsmead's School Council visited the Houses of Parliament to get a better understanding of how democracy is implemented and how it relates to their own roles in school. They were given special visitors passes and taken on a tour of the palace.

They learned about the difference between the House of Lords and the House of Commons and had the opportunity to sit inside the House of Lords and do a mini debate. The tour was followed by a fun workshop based on all we'd seen. It was a great trip and very informative and we hope to repeat it with School Councils in the future.

Teddy yr 5 said *"It was interesting looking at the floating microphone hanging from the ceiling in the House of Lords. My favourite bit of the day was our lunch in the park!"*

Serine yr 2 said *"We went to a workshop and got to see the Queen's dressing room and where the King sits. We also saw the large stairs where they put out the red carpet for the King".*

Latisha, Kingsmead's Pastoral Support Manager *"I found the Queen's dressing room, where she visited once a year, really interesting to see".*



COFFEE MORNING ON ADHD

It was wonderful to see how many parents and carers came along to this week's Coffee Morning on ADHD. A huge thank you to specialist teacher Jane and her colleague Kelly an ADHD specialist, for this very informative session. Lots of parents commented on how useful the discussions were and they picked up many handy tips from attending.

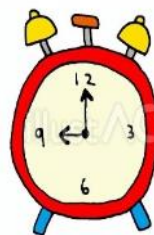
"I didn't know much about ADHD and really learnt a lot at the Coffee Morning!" - **Balqis**, Kingsmead parent

"Certain information that was shared at the Coffee Morning, that I wasn't aware of, was really helpful. It was also great to hear so many strategies that could be used at home to support children" -

Siobhan, Kingsmead parent.



WHY IS PUNCTUALITY SO IMPORTANT?



Coming to school on time at the start of the school day is vital. Kingsmead's school day starts at **9am** when the register is taken in class. **Children are able to arrive at school from 8.50am**, when the playground gate opens.

Families can also make use of our **Free Breakfast club** which helps many to overcome lateness, by

coming to school between **8.10—8.30am**.

Arriving late can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class and if it happens often can have a negative impact on your child's learning.

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR BEING 5 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY = 3 DAYS MISSED LEARNING IN TOTAL