



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 9th May 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar al aire libre, es genial en primavera.....
I like to play outside, it's great in the Spring.....

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

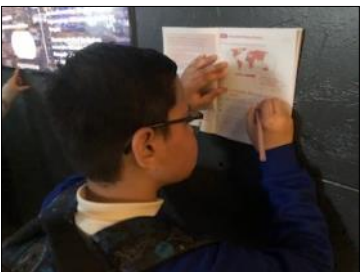
GEOGRAPHY AMBASSADORS VISIT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Last week the Geography ambassadors from **Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville** and **Grasmere** went on a special trip together. After meeting throughout the year in their ambassador teams at their respective schools, all of the LEAP geography team finally got to meet each other for the first time at the Natural History Museum. The ambassadors were given books with clues and had to go on a fact hunt through the Active Planet gallery. Later, we all went to a special workshop on Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We saw a demonstration of how a seismometer works, learnt how volcanoes form and some of us even got to take part.

Laria was invited up to show how lava flows (don't worry, it was wax, not real lava!) **Bilisan** and **Millie May** got to rescue some of the residents living nearby a model volcano from an imminent eruption. After that, we had just enough time to experience the earthquake simulator before heading home. It was great to make new friends across LEAP and share our passion for geography during the day!



Hanif - "Seeing the waves on the seismometer when we all banged our feet was crazy!"



Bilisan - "I liked when I had to rush to save the toys from the eruption!"

Teddy - "The trip was great, I loved taking part in the workshop."



EARLY ADOPTERS BREAKFAST SCHEME

Some parents have been asking questions about the Early Adopter Breakfast club scheme because some media circulated a false list of schools that were participating in this scheme. Grasmere was incorrectly listed as taking part.

The scheme is a new government pilot which involves offering 30 minutes of free childcare to schools in the 30 minutes before school, the idea is that all schools will eventually take part in this scheme but for now only the schools on this list are taking part.

[Breakfast clubs early adopters: schools in the scheme - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/breakfast-clubs-early-adopters-schools-in-the-scheme). Mandeville is one of the schools and will pilot the scheme and feed back on how it works.

FEDERATION: LATEST NEWS

The Governors from both Governing Bodies (Grasmere and the Leap Federation) met this week and agreed that Grasmere and the LEAP schools would join together to form a new federation from September 2025, on a permanent basis.

The governors will be in touch with more details soon but we thought everyone should know as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the consultation - your views and thoughts will help guide us to create our new structure.

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS MAY HALF TERM FOR YEARS 5 & 6

Are there children in year 5 & 6 who aren't yet confident swimmers? Hackney Council want to help support children to gain this important life skill! They are offering the opportunity for children in Years 5 & 6 to have one week of funded intensive lessons during May Half Term at Kings Hall Leisure Centre.

The offer includes free costumes, goggles and swimming cap and child membership to the local pool funded by Sports England in partnership with Better and Hackney Council's 10x10 programme

<https://forms.office.com/e/9T5fcqKxHm>

Places are on a first come first served notice and families need to sign up their children by 11th May.

You can see a short film about how the sessions will run by clicking [this link](#):





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	92	Year 3	133
Reception	103	Year 4	75
Year 1	86	Year 5	91
Year 2	88	Year 6	97

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lea 98.6%
KS2	Severn 98.8%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Talilah
Lea class (Rec) Amina
Lagan class (Yr 1) Ayla B
Tyne class (Yr 2) Azariah

Severn class (Yr 3) Raleigha
Ness class (Yr 4) Racheal
Fowey class (Yr 5) Kyron
Avon class (Yr 6) Isabel

YEAR 3 VISIT SCHOOL OF FOOD

On Tuesday year 3 were lucky enough to go to the Hackney School of Food in the morning. We made Irish soda bread and Italian stew. We really enjoyed the feeling of kneading the bread, as well as rolling our rolls and adding seeds. We learnt to safely chop with knives, use the hobs and sizzle vegetables in the pan!

We made the most of the local trip and walked along the canal. We were using our senses to collect interesting words for a poem to describe the walk. While we were there we realised that we might also be able to write sensory poems to describe our cooking experience with Tom, the School of Food's Food educator.

"I liked making the bread best because it felt nice." **Nerayah**

"My favourite part was putting on the seeds because they are yummy!" **Nusaybah**

"It was so much fun kneading the bread. We learnt to 'push, fold and twist'. **Bilise**

"I like the sound of the knife chopping, shhhhp, shhhp, shhhp." **Believe**

"I liked making the stew best. I like cutting up vegetables. I do it at home with my mum." **Jamillah**



Year 3 parents can listen out for our poems in our 'Poetry Assembly' that is taking place next week. Here are a couple of examples of poems written by the children after their cooking session.

The Kitchen

Chop, chop, chop,
The sounds of the onion,
Chop, chop, chop,
The sounds of the celery,
Chop, chop, chop,
The sounds of the garlic,

Snip, snip, snip,
The sounds of the scissors,

Shhhh, shhhh, shhhh,
The sound of the courgette,
Shhhh, shhhh, shhhh,
The sound of the carrot,

Roll, fold, twist,
Roll, fold, twist,
Roll, fold, twist,
The kneading of the dough.

Prince-Royson

The Kitchen

Push, fold twist,
Push, fold twist,
Dough feels soft,
Sough feels squishy,
Dough feels slippery.

Snip, snip, snip,
The noise of the leaves,
Cut, cut, cut,
The noise of the tomato,
Rip, rip, rip,
The noise of the celery
Swissol, swissol, swissol,
The noise of the carrot.

Mix it all up and mmmmm,
It's delicious!

Manha



YEAR 4 NEWS

CLASS ASSEMBLY

During English, the children have been reading some of the Greek myths to tie in with our History and Art topic. We particularly enjoyed Pandora's box and decided to share the story with the rest of the school in our class assembly. The story represents humans desire for curiosity and desire for knowledge. We explored some of the challenges humans face and how we all have hope to overcome these. We discussed how hope is important and how it applies to our daily lives.

"When Pandora opens the box, everything was released. I was excited to find out what would come out of the box." **David**

"Since we've read Pandora's box, I've wanted to read more Greek myths and asked if we could read them in class." **Alia**



CRICKET SESSIONS

Year 4 have been taking part in a series of lessons learning the essential skills of cricket. They've been learning batting techniques, stance, bowling techniques, hand eye coordination and wicket keeping. Most importantly, the children have been learning team spirit and how to cheer on their other team members! In the first session, the children had the opportunity to meet and receive tips from **Monty Lynch**- a professional England cricketer. Following their lessons, they will take part in a tournament in July competing against other schools in Hackney.

"Cricket has been really fun. I've learnt how to bat and catch a ball." **Kimarni**

"We have been learning how to use a bat, put the bat on the ball and the coaches have been helping us learn how to practise our stance." **Skye**



CRICKET SESSIONS CONTINUED.....



YEAR 6 SATS NEXT WEEK

Next week, from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May, Year 6 will be completing their SATs. Our Year 6 children have been working really hard in preparing for the upcoming statutory tests. To support their preparation, we are encouraging all Year 6 children to attend our free breakfast club next week from **8.00am**.

It is very important that ALL CHILDREN are in school by **8.55am**. Please make sure Year 6 children get lots of sleep and go to bed early so they are rested and ready to reach their full potential.

We are all very proud of all their hard work and preparation and we are looking forward to many exciting reward trips and fun activities in the upcoming weeks.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

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