



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 14th November 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Está lloviendo mucho..... *It is raining a lot.....*

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

ANTI BULLYING WEEK @ LEAP

Children at LEAP started Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks on Monday to celebrate everyone's uniqueness. Throughout the week, they explored this year's Anti Bullying week theme, 'Power for Good', during their PSHE lessons, thinking about how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

To end the week, on this very grey and wet day children and staff across LEAP got cosy, spending the day at school in PJs to help raise funds for the charity Children in Need.

At Grasmere children created colourful odd-sock posters to show how they can use their voices and actions to help others.

"Being kind makes everyone happy." - **Liam** (Year 1).

"We all have the power to help someone if they're feeling sad." - **Janessa** (Year 5)

"We have powers like super-heroes and we can help people." - **JJ** (Reception)



ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

At Gayhurst, during assemblies and PSHE lessons we talked about the definition of bullying and what we mean by power and kind actions. The Anti-Bullying Alliance's definition of bullying is - *The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face to face or online.*

We spent time discussing different scenarios and thought about how we could help and what we could do if we needed help ourselves. Some of our Mental Health Champions spoke in assembly and let us know how they would be using their power for good. Each child then thought of one way they want to use their power for good and created posters to show their ideas. The Mental Health Champions and School Councillors are going to use these to help create a kindness display.

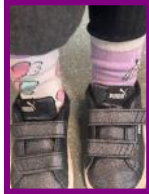


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ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

At Kingsmead younger year groups read the lovely book **One** by Kathryn Otoshi, a moving story about friendship and standing up for yourself and others, that is very accessible for young age groups. We looked at the book **'Kindness is my Superpower'** by Alicia Ortego and discussed how it's never too late to be kind to others, how to make amends, the importance of making the right choices and how being kind can make you and others feel. Evelyn delivered a whole school assembly on The Power of Good and how we can all make a difference. This is a week to stand together against bullying, a chance to celebrate kindness, courage and respect. It's important to speak up and speak out if you are worried and how bystanders can become upstanders.

Imani Campbell, a children's author who read with some children at Kingsmead this week, shared her book **My Classroom Bill Of Rights** with some of the older children. It's an uplifting story of how one girl stood up for herself against someone who was unkind to her, with positive outcomes for both of them.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

Mandeville launched an odd sock poster competition. Posters will be judged by our Mental Health ambassadors and the winners will be announced in Fridays achievement assembly.



A NIGHT OF AUTUMN MAGIC AT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Wow! Our Autumn Trail last Friday night was a HUGE success, with families from the local area stopping by, thank you to the nearly 500 of you who joined us for a truly magical evening.

As the darkness descended, the gardens were transformed! We lit the fire pits and the beautifully carved pumpkins glowed, creating a wonderful, warm atmosphere. Guests settled in with spiced pumpkin soup, sparklers and steaming hearty drinks. Our crafting activities in the Garden Room were abuzz with creativity as we made bird feeder pine cones.

We were treated to the most engaging and enthralling story telling with the fantastic Rich & Adam from Tongues in Trees; they captivated everyone young and old alike!

And of course we couldn't do this without the mega support from LEAP SLT team, and staff & PTA at Mandeville as well as our wonderful collection of volunteers.

We were also hugely thankful for the generosity of our suppliers too - the brilliant Shuanie from Natures Choice donated produce for the event and Tesco helped us out with other ingredients

The team at Dalston Curve Garden were amazing in dropping over 100 pumpkins for us to carve and light the gardens with.



A NIGHT OF AUTUMN MAGIC CONTINUED....



Staff members across LEAP contributed carved pumpkins for the Autumn trail, in a competition to see whose would be voted best design by all visitors attending the Autumn Trail. The results are out and congratulations to each school's winning pumpkin design

Mandeville - Jodie



Gayhurst - Ella



Grasmere - Barley



Kingsmead - Omi





AUTUMN TERM 2025

1st half of term: **02.09.25 - 24.10.25**

Half term: **27 — 31 Oct 2025**

2nd half of term: **03.11.25 - 17.12 25**

INSET days: Mon 1 Sept 2025,
Thurs 18 & Fri 19 Dec 2025

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	93	Year 3	110
Reception	78	Year 4	76
Year 1	80	Year 5	96
Year 2	132	Year 6	71

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Tyne 98.3%
KS2	Ness 99.2%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Elijah
Lea class (Rec) Samuel
Lagan class (Yr 1) Rebecca
Tyne class (Yr 2) Nathan J

Severn class (Yr 3) Faith
Ness class (Yr 4) Cormac
Fowey class (Yr 5) Gideon
Avon class (Yr 6) Wunpimi

YEAR 5 ECOACTIVE SESSION

Last Friday, Year 5 continued their work with Eco-Active learning more about planting and also helping to make the area around the school entrance look even more beautiful in the spring as well as supporting our local pollinating insects, in Kingsmead's continuing collaboration with the Hackney Buzzline project.

The children planted some seeds and bulbs along the Daubeney Fields side of the school fence. They enjoyed learning about the garlic bulbs they planted, getting to dig in the soil and then stamping up and down on it to ensure the soil was packed back down on top.

'The best part was when we stomped on the soil and we got to see the worms!'-
Shaniya

'I liked seeing all the different insects.'
Gideon

'The bulbs looked like small onions!'
Charlie



PARENT DRUMMING & DANCE SESSION

Our wonderful dance and drumming teachers, **Ms Harley and Victor**, ran a fun adult Drumming & Dance session this week allowing Parents to sample the drumming and dance sessions their children enjoy at school. Thanks to all who came along and took part - we hope you had fun!



PARENT CARER COME TO SCHOOL WEEK

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into the classroom next week during our Come to School week. Places are limited and if you weren't able to secure a spot this week please don't worry as we will be running another Come to School Week later this year and will prioritise parents who did not manage to attend next week.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

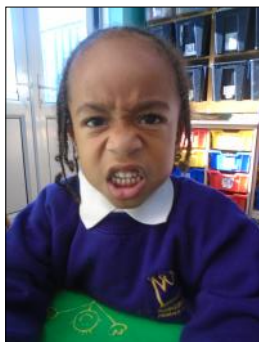
w/c 17 Nov	Parent Carer Come to School week
Wed 19 Nov	Yr 2 class assembly 3pm
Wed 26 Nov	Yr 6 RE assembly at 11am
Thurs 27 Nov	Parent Carer consultation school closes early at 1.30pm for children
Wed 10 Dec	Yr 1 Nativity assembly
Wed 17 Dec	Last day of Autumn term - school closes early at 1.30pm for children

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NURSERY EXPLORE FEELINGS & EMOTIONS

In nursery we have been talking about feelings and how to show them. We took photos of ourselves with different expressions on our faces: happy, sad, angry, surprised and excited. Then we did drawings of faces showing those different feelings.



COFFEE MORNING: SUPPORTING YOUR NEURODIVERSE CHILD AT HOME

Thanks so much to Jane, our Specialist Teacher, who delivered what parents found to be a really helpful session on ways to support neurodiverse children at home. Thanks also to the many parents who attended the session. For anyone unable to make it, but interested to see Jane's presentation, you can find her Powerpoint on the Parent Workshop page of our school website.

Jane will be delivering another Coffee Morning session next term, on Thursday 8th January 2026, titled Supporting Children with Literacy Challenges at Home.



CITIZENS ADVICE AT KINGSMEAD

Don't forget Kingsmead has **our very own Citizen's Advice advisor. Maria**, who is in school every two weeks on a Thursday morning, can help Kingsmead families with a range of issues including:

- Immigration
- Charity applications
- Form filling
- Energy Advice
- Cost of Living advice
- Employment advice
- Money/Debt advice
- Welfare benefits help, including Universal Credit
- Family matters
- Housing

Citizens Advice provide free, confidential & independent advice to help people overcome their problems and are here for everyone. Just call **02038802266** and say you are a Kingsmead Parent and leave a short message and someone will call you back to book an appointment.

Maria is next at Kingsmead on **Thursday 27th Nov**, so call the number above now if you'd like to meet her then for support with any of the areas listed above.