



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 28th November 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Navidad es en diciembre..... *Christmas is in December.....*

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

SPANISH AMBASSADORS TRIP

"¿Roméo, Roméo dónde estás?" were some of the lines our year 5 and 6 Spanish Ambassadors recognised whilst watching a play entirely in Spanish! The play was called "Un Ensayo Desastroso" held at All Saints Catholic High School. It was performed by two actors who needed the help of the audience during a chaotic audition for the play Romeo and Juliette. The children had to use their listening skills to look out for familiar vocabulary and cognates to help them understand the fast-paced plot. It was an excellent opportunity for them to encounter native Spanish speaking accents and put their learning into context.

Melike, Mandeville: *"I was surprised by how much I understood! It's helped me feel more confident understanding Spanish!"*

Arin, Grasmere: *"It was really funny."*

Saeeda, Kingsmead: *"We enjoyed spending the afternoon watching the play. It was interesting to see the secondary school too. It had its own theatre!"*

Romi, Gayhurst: *"I recognised phrases that I have learnt in class like ¿Cómo te llamas?"*



PINES & NEEDLES CHRISTMAS TREE DISCOUNT



We're excited to share that Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville schools have kindly been donated a beautiful Christmas tree by Pines and Needles.

As part of their gift, they are also offering LEAP parents 10% off Christmas trees from their London pop-up stores and online shop.

Discount Code: **SCHOOL10**

Follow @pinesandneedles for festive activities at local stores, and visit www.pinesandneedles.com for full details and all store locations across London.

They have stores across Hackney at sites in Lee Valley (Waterworks), Victoria Park, Clissold Park and Hoxton.

Grasmere school has its own special Christmas Tree arrangements and offer to families that are organised by FROGS.

SCHOOL OF FOOD'S FESTIVE RAFFLE & AUCTION

Win brilliant prizes while supporting the Hackney School of Food to deliver food education for local families and young people next year. Our first-ever Festive Raffle and Auction is now live and we'd love you to take part. All funds raised will help us bring the joy of cooking and growing to even more children and families in 2026.

How it works—Head over to [our prize platform](#) to:

- ◆ Enter the Raffle: Tickets are just £10 each. A winner is selected at random for every prize.
- ◆ Bid in the Auction: The highest bid per item wins.

Both close on **Sunday 28 December**, so don't miss out!

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

NOW LIVE!

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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	74	Year 3	78
Reception	80	Year 4	96
Year 1	86	Year 5	82
Year 2	91	Year 6	116

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Tyne 98.8%
KS2	Severn 98.2%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Alfia
Lea class (Rec) Suleiman
Lagan class (Yr 1) Josiah
Tyne class (Yr 2) Zhavia

Severn class (Yr 3) Nayla
Ness class (Yr 4) Zafeera
Fowey class (Yr 5) Yaqoob
Avon class (Yr 6) Anaiah

YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY

This week, Year 6 shared their learning about Judaism with a thoughtful and engaging assembly based on the story of Moses. The children have been exploring key beliefs, traditions, and historical events within the Jewish faith, and the assembly provided a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their understanding.



The pupils retold the major moments in Moses' life — from his early years in Egypt to the burning bush, the plagues, and the dramatic crossing of the Red Sea. Their performance highlighted important themes such as courage, faith, leadership, and freedom, which they have been discussing during their RE lessons.



We are incredibly proud of Year 6 for their hard work and amazing performance. Well done to all the pupils.



GIRLS STEM CLUB NEWS

We have started another Girls' STEM group this year with a group of fantastic children who have embraced all challenges and given 100% to every task set. Already we have assembled a flat pack sofa, a bed and a chest of drawers (carefully following manufacturer's instructions) and checked the water and oil of a teacher's car.



GIRLS STEM CLUB NEWS CONTINUED.....

We are now in the process of creating wooden models that are a tenth of the size of our real bedrooms that we will decorate and display in the corridor when complete.

Zaynep G (Yr4) *'You learn to do lots of stuff, for example if something breaks in your house you know how to fix it'*



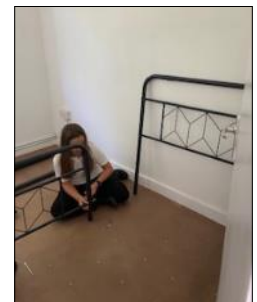
Rania (Yr4) *'You learn a lot and after stem I made a shoe rack at home'*



Alia (Yr5) *'I like how we saw and it's interesting learning to do it at different angles'*

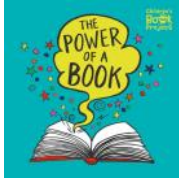


Sukhpreet (Yr5) *'I like making holes with the drill'*



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PARENTS EVENING BOOK SHOP



Thank you so much to the **Children's Book Project** for the fabulous selection of books donated to Kingsmead. We set up a great book store with all the books on Thursday at Parents evening. Children who attended Parents evening with their parents were able to choose a book to take home and enjoyed using the Booksparks resources supplied by the Children's Book Project, that supported them to browse the books with their families. Children who didn't come to Parents Evening will have their turn of browsing and choosing books in school next week.



MY STORY STAFF DISPLAY — The Justin Thompson Project

It was wonderful to see how much interest in the staff 'My Story' display generated at Parents Evening. Parents and children had great fun looking at the photos and reading the captions that staff had written, and trying to see if they recognised any staff members. It was really great to have so many parents and carers express

MY STORY STAFF DISPLAY CONTINUED....

interest in taking part in the My Story parent activity we have planned for early next term.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Tues 2 Dec** Panto comes to Kingsmead
- Tues 9 Dec** Kingsmead Christmas Lunch & Festive Jumper Day
- Wed 10 Dec** Yr 1 Nativity assembly
- Tues 16 Dec** Drumming & Dance performances 2.15pm
- Mon 15 Dec** Class parties in the afternoon. Please bring party food donations.
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**