



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 23rd May 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Las flores son bonitas..... *The flowers are beautiful.....*

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

WONDERMATHS COMPETITION

On Tuesday, Kingsmead hosted one of the first heats of the Wondermaths Competition. There were nine schools in total and they included the three LEAP schools

Kingsmead, Mandeville and **Gayhurst**. Teams worked relentlessly all afternoon on lots of problem-solving activities. All teams did amazingly well and we are waiting to hear if any of us have gained a place in the final at the end of June. Watch this space for more information on this.....



GAYHURST & GRASMERE TAKE PART IN HACKNEY SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

Last Saturday, Grasmere and Gayhurst children took part in the Hackney Moves, Schools' Challenge Run. Children have been The Hackney Schools' Challenge is an initiative open to primary school children and encourages students to run 12 miles in the lead up to the event, by breaking it down into half a mile or mile distances at home or at school. Grasmere and Gayhurst children showcased all their brilliant training by running the final celebratory mile course which finishes on the Hackney Half finish line! Huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support and also take part in the run! Well done to the 60 Grasmere and Gayhurst children for taking part and representing our schools!

Sonny, Grasmere Year 4 said, "There were a lot of people there and it was great being able to challenge myself during the run!"

Axel, Gayhurst Year 5 said, "It was so much fun, I loved the warm ups and being able to run with my friends!"



GRASMERE'S CHESS TOURNAMENT

Grasmere is extending an invitation to children from **Kingsmead, Mandeville & Gayhurst** who are keen chess players, to come and take part in their annual Chess Tournament which takes place at Grasmere School* on **Friday 6 June from 3.45—6pm**. International Chess Master and Grasmere parent Ruth Sheldon, will be battling against up to 12 players at once.

Children can play on their own or form teams. Tickets costs £5 – and be bought from the Frogs (Grasmere's PTA) [online shop now](#). There will be cakes and drinks on sale, as well as fun activities and games for everyone.

New for this year: our Fancy Dress Competition! If they want to, children can dress up in their best black-and-white creations; there will be prizes for the best chess-themed costumes!

* Grasmere School address:

92 Albion Rd, London N16 9PD

GRASMERE SCHOOL'S CHESS TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY 6 JUNE 3.45-6PM

Calling all chess players! This is your chance to compete (solo or as part of a team) against our very own International Chess Master, Ruth Sheldon, who can play up to 12 teams at once

CHESS FANCY DRESS COMPETITION!

Cakes and drinks - Children's activities - Great prizes! Tournament ticket: £5. Places are limited, so get your ticket now on [friendsatgrasmere.com/shop](#)



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	95	Year 3	86
Reception	87	Year 4	128
Year 1	90	Year 5	92
Year 2	102	Year 6	84

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lea 99%
KS2	Fowey 98.5%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Yannah
Lea class (Rec) Khimi
Lagan class (Yr 1) Victoria
Tyne class (Yr 2) Asia

Severn class (Yr 3) Rico
Ness class (Yr 4) Asha
Fowey class (Yr 5) Wunpini
Avon class (Yr 6) Mia

NURSERY'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday this week, Nursery performed a really wonderful version of Jack and the Beanstalk to the rest of the school and a large group of parents and carers. It was a performance full of songs, puppets and laughter.

The set design and props were a huge success with great excitement from the whole school at certain points in the production. What a wonderful show Nursery put on. Well done to all involved!

Ben (class teacher), "Wow, what an incredible performance, all of the children were fantastic, full of confidence and I'm so proud of them all".

Waliyah (who played the old lady)- "I liked the singing the most. My favourite song was Pebble"

Khalil—"My favourite song was the Chick Chick Chicken song!"

Meryl -"I liked my chicken hat!"



Yr 6's BUSY WEEK CONTINUED.....

Each child created a piece of bunting, carefully designing it using their own handprint as a symbol of identity and belonging. While the front of each bunting features the child's handprint decorated with meaningful patterns, colours, and imagery, the reverse side displays a simple yet powerful heart — representing care, love, and unity.

The completed pieces will form part of a long chain of bunting that will be showcased in an upcoming public exhibition (details to follow). The project centres on themes of safety, togetherness, and community spirit, encouraging pupils to reflect on what makes them feel secure and connected.

We are incredibly proud of the beautiful, thoughtful artwork produced by Year 6, and we look forward to seeing their contributions displayed as part of this inspiring collaborative piece.



YEAR 6'S VERY BUSY WEEK!

This week, Year 6 have been taking part in multiple workshops, as a post SATS treat.

Hand on Heart Community Art Project

They began the week by participating in an art project called the 'Hand on Heart' project. This is a powerful community art initiative led by artists Helen and Kira, originally launched during lockdown to bring people together through creativity and connection.

Trip to Kew Gardens

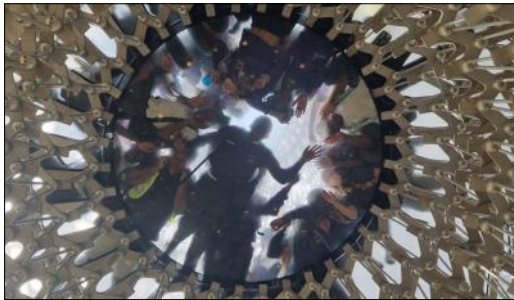
On World Bee Day (Tues 20th May), Year 6 had the incredible opportunity to visit the stunning Kew Gardens — a trip made possible thanks to our partnership with EcoACTIVE and our wonderful community ecologist, Gerry Tissier, who generously arranged free tickets for our class. We are so grateful for this unforgettable experience!

YEAR 6'S BUSY WEEK CONTINUED....

World Bee Day at Kew Gardens – Live from The Hive!

Our day was packed with exploration, discovery, and a touch of international connection. We wandered through the gardens, explored the fascinating world of bees, and even got to visit the breathtaking Hive installation.

Towering at 17 metres tall and set in the middle of a wildflower meadow, the



Hive recreates life inside a beehive and gave us a unique, immersive look into the world of bees.

From inside the Hive, we went live on Instagram with our twin school in Kampala, Uganda — The New Brain School — sharing our discoveries and excitement in real time. It was a fantastic way to connect and celebrate nature together across continents.



Live Insta link with Kampala

During our visit, we learned about the 270 different species of bees found in the UK. We discovered that different types of bees prefer different flowers, and that while honey bees live in hives, most bees are solitary and nest on their own — often in tiny nests they seal with mud. These solitary bees, although small, play a huge role in our ecosystem.

We were lucky enough to meet Patricia, a scientist from Brazil, who is currently researching ways to reduce the spread of disease among bees. Her work gave us a



YEAR 6'S BUSY WEEK CONTINUED....

really interesting glimpse into the world of scientific research and its vital role in conservation.



To end our amazing day, we climbed the Treetop Walkway, 18 metres above ground! From up there, we observed the forest canopy & the incredible biodiversity of Kew's tree ecosystem.

A huge thank you to Gerry Tissier & his colleagues from EcoACTIVE and to Kew Gardens for making this experience possible. It was a truly buzzing day we'll never forget!



YEAR 6'S BUSY WEEK CONTINUED....

Year 6 Support East London Water Parks Project

Finally on Wednesday, we were visited by representatives from East London Water Parks, who invited our help with an exciting new project. They are hoping to purchase a plot of land near Lea Bridge Road to develop a sustainable park for the local community (which is currently owned by Thames Water) — and they want it to be shaped by children's ideas.

The goal is to design the park using recycled and repurposed materials, with a strong focus on sustainability. Together, we explored creative ways to reimagine waste. The children thought critically about how rainwater could be harvested for features like swimming ponds, how food waste might support community gardening, and whether crushed concrete could be reused as a growing medium. We also discussed the potential use of renewable energy and even the idea of a biodiverse green space being built on top of existing concrete surfaces.

This project encouraged pupils to think like environmental designers, turning problems into possibilities and waste into valuable resources. We're proud of the thoughtful and imaginative contributions our children made to this important local initiative.



YEAR 6'S BUSY WEEK CONTINUED....



INSET DAY & FREE FOOD SHOP

Although school is not open to children on **Monday 2nd June** as we have an INSET day, **the Free Food Shop will still be running in the usual way on that date.**

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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 + Year 2 Infant singing Festival 10.45 – 11.45am @ the Round Chapel
- 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**