



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 21st November 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

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

LEAP R.E. AMBASSADORS TRIP

Our LEAP Religious Education Ambassadors recently had the opportunity of visiting the stunning BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden. The trip provided an inspiring opportunity to deepen their understanding of Hindu faith, culture and traditions.

The visit began in the Arti Hall, where pupils observed an intricate arti session led by highly skilled Pandits. They were able to watch Pandits chanting holy prayers around "Murti's" of various Hindu Gods.

The ambassadors then explored the informative temple exhibition, which brought key aspects of Hindu history and belief to life. A particular highlight was learning about the story of Rama and Sita, a central narrative of courage, devotion and the triumph of good over evil. The visit was a reflective and enriching experience for all involved, and our ambassadors returned with a deeper appreciation of the spiritual heritage celebrated within the Mandir.

Louie from Mandeville said,

"This was the best trip I have been to! My favourite part was the exhibition

centre where we got to see different instruments."

Maryam from Kingsmead said, *"The Gods looked beautiful with all of their elaborate clothes and jewellery."*



LEAP RE AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED....



Edith from Grasmere said *"I really liked learning about how all of the individual pieces*

were carved in India and then transported over to England to be put together. There were also lots of tiny statues that were beautiful."

CALLING MASTER BAKERS...

Have YOU got what it takes to be the next Star Baker? Love Productions are looking for a new batch of bakers for the next series of The Great British Bake Off and they want to hear from you!

If you or someone you know is a talented home baker, then apply now at www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk or email us on

applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk or call 0117 456 8530 for an application form.

Closing date for applications is 1pm on **Monday 15th December 2025**.



ARCHITECT OR SURVEYOR?

A callout to our LEAP parent body for anyone who could help us with layout drawings for a possible premises development capital grant application at one of the school's within the LEAP Federation. If you are able to help please email admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

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JUSTIN THOMPSON PROJECT— INTRODUCING MY STORY

Celebrating Identity, Building Belonging

We're excited to share that we are moving onto the next phase of the Justin Thompson Project - My Story, a celebration of the stories that shape who we are and connect us to one another.



Rooted in the belief that personal storytelling can transform children, families, and whole communities, we will be exploring how sharing lived experiences builds emotional resilience, strengthens family bonds, deepens cultural identity, and nurtures wellbeing & belonging.

All four schools will be engaged in a variety of activities and projects around this central theme. The activities and ideas are designed to help children and families tell their stories with confidence, creativity, and joy. From Story Circles and Memory Maps to spoken-word poetry, digital storytelling, and intergenerational projects, My Story offers accessible ways for everyone, children, parents, carers, and staff, to take part.

At its heart, My Story reminds us that every voice matters, every experience has value, and every family has a story worth telling. Together, we can build classrooms and communities where belonging grows through the simple, human act of sharing who we are.



The Justin Thompson Project @ LEAP

Celebrating the Power of Story to build Connections, Empower parents and communities and change lives.

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#We are LEAP

My Story: Celebrating Identity, Building Belonging



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!

We have LOADS of incredible prizes on offer...

7-course tasting menu at Apricity (Chef Chantelle Nicholson)

2 x Guest Area Passes to All Points East 2026

2 x Tickets to Cooking Workshop with Star Chef Ixta Belfrage

£150 feast at Hawksmoor

Signed Loyle Carner merch

Meal for two + drinks at Dalton's Dalla Restaurant

Italian feast at Noci (up to £150)

Meal for two at Shake Shack

£100 Wahaca dining voucher

Two tickets to any gig at Earth Hackney

£120 Belazu luxury food hamper

Month of gut-health goodies from Agua de

Madre worth £185

Membership to Castle Cinema, Dalton

£100 PlantHood voucher

A brilliant bundle of brilliant cookbooks

Book Vouchers from Pages of Hackney

...and lots more generously donated by our community.



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	85	Year 3	78
Reception	92	Year 4	83
Year 1	93	Year 5	119
Year 2	72	Year 6	90

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Ouse 98.4%
KS2	Avon 99.2%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Zainab
Lea class (Rec) Eline
Lagan class (Yr 1) Ridhwan
Tyne class (Yr 2) Hayden

Severn class (Yr 3) Anaiah
Ness class (Yr 4) Hawa
Fowey class (Yr 5) Heaven
Avon class (Yr 6) Maryam

PARENT & CARER COME TO SCHOOL WEEK

Thank you to all the parents and carers who booked a slot to come and see the fantastic teaching and learning going on in their child's classroom this week. Here are a few of the many wonderful comments parents left on our feedback wall.

"It was an amazing class. I really enjoyed doing maths class especially the way it's been taught".

"Great to see how well everyone is listening and then putting their knowledge to practise".

"Very good session with Y5 today. Learned a lot during the science lesson. It's always nice to be able to be part of this!"

"Nursery was very warm & welcoming with well structured and organised, stimulating lessons. Teachers were hands on and patient"

"Really enjoyed the session. Kids enjoyed it too. Children are very engaged and so was I!"

"Interactive, engaging, fun, great teaching technique, hands on approach....was so good"

"Really enjoyed watching the children getting challenged. I even remembered what I had forgotten!"



"It was interesting to see how the children learn at school. Definitely a nice experience for me".

"I really enjoyed the lesson. The children are focused and work really hard happily!"

"Very nice and interactive session. I really enjoyed it overall. Techniques are good with a fun way. I had a nice time....good job!"

"Great interaction between the pupils on Evolution. Amazing posters and presentations. Well done!"

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YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week, our Year 2 children took us on a powerful journey back to 1666 as they shared their learning about the Great Fire of London. Through confident narration and expressive acting, they told the story of how the fire began in Pudding Lane and how the people of London worked together to rebuild their city. We were incredibly proud of the courage and teamwork the children showed on stage.



BATTERY RECYCLING

We are excited to share that Kingsmead school is now actively recycling batteries as part of our commitment to helping the environment. Used batteries can be very harmful if they are thrown away with normal rubbish. They often leak and contain chemicals which are harmful to wildlife and the wider environment. By recycling them properly, we can keep these harmful materials out of landfill and help turn old batteries into new products.

We have already collected 240 old batteries as a school! If you have any old batteries, they can be dropped off at the main reception or children can give them to their class teachers.

BATTERY RECYCLING CONTINUED....

We are pleased to share the fantastic progress we are making with our recycling initiatives here at Kingsmead. We are continuing to recycle soft plastics of baked goods, biscuits and polybags of tea and coffee. We are just about to send off our first full box to Terracycle to be recycled into new products!

Thank you for your continued support. Every battery & soft plastic packaging helps.

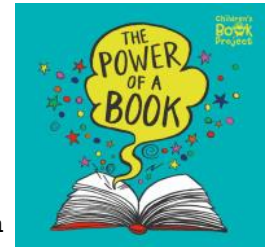


PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING PLANS

On **Thursday 27th November**, next week, school will close for children at 1.30pm to allow for parents and carers to come in for their booked appointments with their child's class teachers, to discuss their progress.

CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

We are very lucky to have another delivery of books for children to look at and select some to take home, thanks to the donation from the wonderful Children's Book Project. A browsing bookstore will be set up in the dining hall for children to spend some time in with their parents. Any children who do not attend the Parent's Evening will have the chance to make their book selection the following day in school.



MY STORY

On parents evening, there will also be a few activities for parents, in the dining hall, based around this term's Justin Thompson Project theme of My Story (as outlined on the LEAP page of this newsletter).

It would be lovely if you could bring a photo or two to share one or two of your experiences or memories from childhood.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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