



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 6th June 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Quisiera un helado..... *I would like an ice cream.....*

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

LIFE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB RETURNS

Following the success of the first Life School programme, the weekly after school club run jointly by the Hackney School of Food and The Garden Classroom were thrilled to welcome a new group of young adventurers - this time, enthusiastic Year 5 pupils from Mandeville and Kingsmead who have been attending these weekly after school sessions since the start of the Summer Term.

Set once again in the vibrant surroundings of Hackney School of Food, the sessions continue to spark creativity, teamwork, and practical learning in the kitchen and garden. Every session blends nature based learning with hands-on activities in the kitchen to build core skills for life.



LIFE SCHOOL CLUB RETURNS CONTINUED....



In our most recent session, children were introduced to the ancient art of whittling - carefully carving their own skewers from wood. Once their skewers were ready, it was straight to the fire pit, where they prepared and cooked their own bread dough over the glowing embers. One pupil summed up the moment perfectly: *"It smells like heaven!"* Another called the freshly cooked campfire breads *"chef foods from the gods"* - and judging by the silence as they were eaten, everyone was in agreement!

As part of the session's theme of welcome and belonging, the children also tried their hand at weaving on a hand-made loom to create a communal welcome sign - a beautiful piece of work that now greets everyone arriving at Life School.

There's something magical about the mix of fresh air, glowing fires, and working together that makes Life School so special - and we can't wait to see what this new group of learners discovers in the weeks ahead.





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	86	Year 3	83
Reception	92	Year 4	95
Year 1	124	Year 5	86
Year 2	79	Year 6	90

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lagan 98.2%
KS2	Avon 99%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Zayne
Lea class (Rec) Jai
Lagan class (Yr 1) Mara
Tyne class (Yr 2) Nathan

Severn class (Yr 3) Apollo
Ness class (Yr 4) Andrea
Fowey class (Yr 5) Lily
Avon class (Yr 6) Layah

YEAR 4 COMPLETE PROJECT

Kingsmead was one of eight schools selected to work with Jo from Animate Arts on the Re-Imagine Londinium project. She returned to work with the children on their final piece which will be displayed in London's Roman amphitheatre, this summer. During the session, the children learnt about the Roman goddess Fortuna, before creating a cardboard bust of her. They used an umbrella parasol to keep the column upright! The children also explored what gladiators would have worn and worked in groups to make a cardboard life-sized cutout. They then created mosaics out of coloured card. The pieces of art can be seen in the foyer of our school, until they are collected to be displayed.

"It was really fun and creative. I never knew we could make so many things out of cardboard." Anya

"We made cardboard gladiators by drawing an outline of a body first. We then focused on what a gladiator might wear or pose like."

Skye

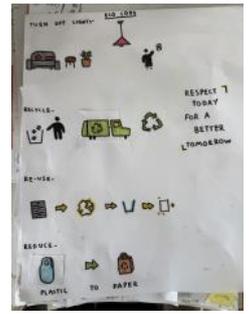
"I really liked working in a team to make the mosaics and am excited to see it over the summer."

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ECO CODE COMPETITION CONTINUED....

The fabulous entry also included a direct message of Turn off the lights, Recycle, Re-use and Reduce. Look out for the eco-code around our school! Congratulations to Kinza, Yr 6, on her winning entry.



YEAR 6 VISIT PIZZA EXPRESS

Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to visit the new, modern Pizza Express as a special treat to celebrate their hard work this year. The team at Pizza Express, led by Agash the chef, welcomed the children and guided them through the exciting process of creating their very own pizzas.

After learning that the classic Margherita pizza was named in honour of Queen Margherita of Italy — and was designed to reflect the colours of the Italian flag — the children got stuck into creating their own. First, they spread a rich tomato base onto the dough using the back of a spoon, before adding generous chunks of Mozzarella cheese on top.

Once the toppings were ready, the pizzas went into the oven, and after just 12 minutes of cooking, they were done! The children then enjoyed their delicious creations in the large dining area of the restaurant. It was a memorable and educational experience for everyone involved — and now Year 6 are expert pizza makers!

Isatu, *"It was a fun experience and it was the first time I created my own pizza at a place like Pizza Express."*

Jemima, *"The pizza tasted fresh and exquisite and the restaurant was very fancy."*



ECO-CODE COMPETITION

Thank you everyone for your entries for the school's eco code. We received many applications and wonderful eco codes- some were very creative including songs!

Unfortunately, the Junior EcoTEAM could only choose one. We have decided to go with a very clear message of Respect Today for a Better Tomorrow.



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KINGSMEAD'S STEM FAIR Celebrating sustainability

In the last week of last half term, Kingsmead explored the theme of 'Sustainability' by having a fantastic STEM Fair for both children and adults to participate in and enjoy. All classes had a different topic to learn about, experiment with and explore.

Children in **Nursery** discovered the excitement of bubbles by making their own beautiful lava lamps and the **Reception** children experimented with cold ice and how it is formed by making their own ice-lollies. **Year 1** children showed off their creative recycled planters for growing plants and in **Year 2**, the children designed and made their own amazing bug hotels. **Year 3** designed and created bird feeders with exciting designs. **Year 4** created workable wind turbines and were able to demonstrate their effectiveness. In **Year 5** the children designed and built solid flood proof houses that stood up to the test! The **Year 6** children worked collectively by building superb model sustainable cities that looked fantastic.

All the Kingsmead children were very proud of their achievements and were able to explain the importance of sustainability and what they had learnt during the week. The Kingsmead families all took part and had a great afternoon exploring and experimenting. Thank you everyone for all your hard work and making STEM Fair such a success!

"I made a planter from recycled materials and added buttons, then I planted mustard & cress seeds that grew very tall." – **Ayla B, Yr 1**

"It was such fun! I was so impressed with how me and Khalifa made a bug hotel for all the insects" – **Aheli, Yr 2**

"The ice-lollies were fun and sweet. We liked going under the tree to eat them, but they kept melting." – **Elijah & Emaan, Rec**



STEM FAIR CONTINUED.....

"I was surprised by how sustainable the houses are, even after we tested them with water" – **Catalaya, Year 5**

"A very creative and beautiful afternoon, fun for parents to enjoy" – **Beh, Jaden's dad**

"The growing plants topic encourages my daughter to know how things are grown, what plants are edible and how much the children really enjoy these activities. I enjoyed all the STEM Fair and it was lovely to see all the children enjoying themselves" – **Kelly, Ayla B's mum**



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 9 - Fri 13 June** Yr 6 School Journey
- Wed 18 June** Yr 1 class assembly 3pm
- 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**