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LEAP NEWS

Friday 6th March 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Los pájaros cantan en la primavera..... *Birds Sing in the Spring.....*

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

LEAP TRIP TO CINEMA

As part of Spanish week, children in years 3-6 from all four LEAP schools had the exciting opportunity to take part in a special cultural trip to the Rio Cinema in Dalston.

The visit brought our school communities together for a shared cinematic experience, as the children enjoyed a Spanish-language film on the big screen. The event supported their language learning outside the classroom. The children represented their schools brilliantly, showing enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout.

'The environment was enjoyable and exciting. It was nice of the Rio to allow just our schools to watch a movie together.' **Vivian** - Yr 6 Kingsmead

'I really liked that I could use my Spanish' **Isabella** - Grasmere

'I loved the movie so much, it made me realise you can be yourself and never give up.' **Sienna** - Grasmere

'It was absolutely brilliant movie in Spanish' **Lulu & Taylor** - Mandeville

'I loved going to the cinema for Spanish Week!' **Jarrell** Gayhurst.

The trip was a fantastic highlight of Spanish Week to support the learning of new languages and cultures. ¡Qué experiencia fantástica!



LEAP TRIP TO CINEMA CONTINUED.....



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HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

The Hackney School of Food has two new community groups starting up which might be of interest to friends and relatives in the local area:

Gardening for Wellbeing Club



Who it's for:

Adults aged 18+ in Hackney experiencing mental or physical health challenges or social isolation. No previous gardening experience is required—just enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in.

What it offers:

10 therapeutic gardening sessions led by an expert garden

facilitator, involving food growing, garden maintenance, and skill-building.

When & where: Our productive garden at Hackney School of Food, Oswald Street, **third Wednesday of every month**, (first session Wed 18th of March) 10am–12.30pm.

Cost: Free for participants, with an expectation to attend at least the first 5 sessions. Only last few places available now.

To express interest, please ask interested participants to fill out [this form](#).

Mornings in Motion

Gentle, low-impact movement sessions aimed at older adults and people who have fewer opportunities to be active, paired with healthy breakfasts, aimed at improving physical wellbeing and social connection.

These will take place on **Saturday mornings once a month, over ten months.**

Find out more [here](#) and please ask interested participants to express interest [here](#).



POETRY @ LEAP CONTINUES...



LondonVerse

Our recent poet visits have really captured our love for poetry. LondonVerse is a city-wide celebration of poetry spanning all 33 London boroughs.

Marking the National Year of Reading 2026 - why not share your voice, tell your story, and be part of something extraordinary?

You can take part in LondonVerse by following the instructions below:

How It Works

1. Write Your Poem

Create an original poem inspired by London, your community, or any theme that moves you.

2. Submit Online

Use our simple submission form. Select your age category and borough.

3. Review & Selection

Library staff review all submissions. Selected poems are featured on our website.

4. Celebrate

Featured poets may be invited to special events throughout 2026.

Find out more [here](#).

One budding Gayhurst Poet has made it onto the features page with a poem about Gayhurst. You can find his poem here: [LondonVerse – Poetry Across London](#)

LEAP SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS



A four day Spring Holiday camp will be running at **Gayhurst**, for **Gayhurst** and **Grasmere** children and at **Kingsmead** for **Kingsmead** and **Mandeville** children on **Monday 30th March through to Thursday 2nd April**. The camps

will run from 10– 2pm and will be staffed by school staff running a range of fun activities including sports and games, art activities, gardening sessions and more. The holiday camps will be for children from Reception class to Year 6.

Each school will be sharing further information about the camps and how to register your child today or Monday next week.



SPRING TERM 2026

1st half of term: 05.01.26 - 13.02.26

Half term: 16 - 20 Feb 2026

2nd half of term: 23.02.26 - 27.03.26

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	78	Year 3	75
Reception	97	Year 4	95
Year 1	110	Year 5	93
Year 2	140	Year 6	81

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lea	99.4%
KS2	Severn	98.8%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Aisha
Lea class (Rec) Sanaa
Lagan class (Yr 1) Zainab
Tyne class (Yr 2) Amayah

Severn class (Yr 3) Joud
Ness class (Yr 4) Prince Royson
Fowey class (Yr 5) Anya
Avon class (Yr 6) Vivian

WORLD BOOK DAY

What fun we had at Kingsmead on Thursday this week, celebrating World Book Day. The whole school, staff and children, dressed up as characters from books and comics - and we had some really creative home-made costumes too. Children in years 3—6 went to the Rio cinema in their outfits—for the Spanish week cinema trip that had already been booked.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 had a World Book Day assembly together while the older years were out on their cinema trip and then enjoyed their playtime in the Junior playground, in their costumes—a rare treat!



WORLD BOOK DAY CONTINUED.....



KINGSMEAD'S BOOK SWAP

At the end of the day on World Book Day, Hang, one of our Sustainability Leads, ran a Book Swap stall, where children were able to choose a pre-loved book and many children brought books in to donate and swap. This was so successful we are looking into ways of running a book swap stall at Kingsmead on a regular basis.



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YEAR 5 AT PAGES OF HACKNEY

Year 5 enjoyed a visit to Pages of Hackney bookshop on Lower Clapton Road to spend their World Book Day tokens. The owner, Eleanor, very kindly opened the shop early for us to go in and choose a book each. She gave a brief talk about each book that was available and then the children were excited to choose the special World Book Day Bunny vs Monkey book, or the new Hannah Gold story or a book full of interesting facts! While there, the Reading Champions also chose a new book for each class to enjoy. Thank you to Eleanor for a great opportunity to get a new book for free!

If you haven't spent your World Book Day tokens yet, don't forget to visit Pages of Hackney or other bookshops to get your free book!

"I am so pleased to get this new book of football stories!"

Michael. *"I can't wait to read this new Hannah Gold book called Bear Rescue."* **Ali.**



TENERIFE TRIP CELEBRATION EVENT

This week the Reading Champions, who recently enjoyed their trip to Tenerife, had a very exciting reunion with the other students and staff. A celebration was held at Bridge Academy and the Kingsmead students delivered a fabulous presentation on the days they spent at school in Tenerife. They also got to enjoy seeing their fellow Hackney school students presenting on other parts of the trip and see the amazing Hackney secondary students' Classical Meets Jazz performance again. To celebrate such a memorable experience, they were presented with special certificates and sampled some Spanish tapas! Well done to all of the students and thank you to their families for supporting both the trip and this special celebration event.

"It was lovely to see our new friends again!" **Sukhpreet**

"I'm happy to have a special certificate to remember this time." **Gideon**



SANCTUARY HOUSING'S COMMUNITY DAY

Sanctuary Housing are holding a Community Day at the Kingsmead Estate, taking place on Wednesday 18 March 2026 from 11am – 4pm

It's a free, drop-in event (in place of their usual Kingsmead Housing surgery) and is open to all

Sanctuary residents living on or around the Kingsmead estate. As well as those listed on the flyer, Sanctuary have quite a few partners and organisations that will also be attending, including:

- London Fire Brigade – Home fire safety and prevention advice
- Community Safety Team – Support on community issues and local safety
- Housing, Income & Estates Teams – Repairs, tenancy questions, rent support and more
- Housing & Debt Advice Services – Independent guidance on finance and tenancy-related issues
- Community Partnerships Team – Information on local opportunities and support offers
- Hackney Council – Advice on services, support pathways, and local initiatives

Residents will have the opportunity to speak directly with staff, ask questions, receive guidance, and connect with a range of organisations offering practical and wellbeing support. It's also a good way to meet neighbours; free food and refreshments will be provided.



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Tues 10 March** Parent Champion meeting 5pm
- Wed 11 March** Yr 4 RE assembly 3pm
- Wed 18 March** Yr 1 class assembly 3pm
- Tues 24 March** Drumming & Dance performance for Yrs 1, 4, 5, 6 & Dynamix 2.15pm
- Wed 25 March** Rec class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 26 March** Parent & Carer consultation evening
school closes early at 1.30pm for children
- Fri 27 March** Last day of Spring term -
school closes early at 1.30pm for children
- Mon 30 March to Thurs 2 April** - Mandeville & Kingsmead Spring Holiday camp 10 - 2pm daily