

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Qué ves en la primavera?..... *What do you see in Spring?.....*

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

POLKA DOT SISTERS 360

Polka theatre company from south London brought their play Sister's 360 to perform at both Mandeville and Kingsmead last week. Grasmere years 4, 5 and 6 and Gayhurst's year 5 attended the performances as well.

The play was inspired by real-life skateboarding sisters Layna, Maysa and Amaya, and their hero Sky Brown. The play was about determination and having a big dream. The actors, Farah Ashraf and Sara Abanur were brilliant as the skateboarding sisters and the whole show and workshop was fantastic.

Teddy (Y6): *'It was great, the whole thing!'*

Saeeda (Y6): *'The acting was amazing.'*

Aisha(Y6): *'It was very entertaining.'*

Orlando: *'It was good because I like skateboarding'*

Swafaa (Y6) *"It was really nice seeing women, wearing hijabs leading the show. It was a lot of fun."*

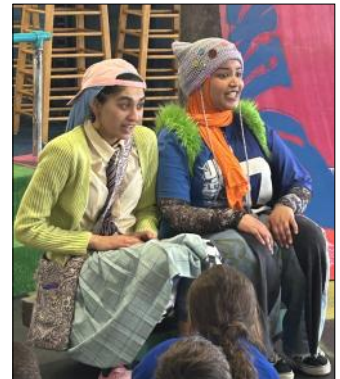
Shiloh (Y4) *"I enjoyed the show, especially the skating part. I wanted to join in."*

Marnie (Y5) - *"I liked Fatima and Salima's special handshake."*

Sianna (Y5) - *"I liked how creative it was."*

Lily (Y5) - *"I thought the children at Kingsmead were very welcoming."*

POLKA DOT SISTERS CONTINUED.....



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TV SHOW LOOKING FOR FAMILIES

The makers of *Cooking with the Stars*, *Freddie Flintoff's Field of Dreams & DIY SOS* are making a brand-new show, *Home For The Weekend* (wt) the exciting home makeover competition show.

They are looking for fun, outgoing families that would love to redesign their home with a budget that will be provided by us. They would compete against another family and the family judged to have the best re design wins a fantastic prize!



Filming will last for 48 hours in May – August. Anyone interested should email hftw@southshore.uk



RED NOSE DAY @ LEAP



It was wonderful to see so many children and staff come to school today wearing something red to support Red Nose Day and help raise funds for Comic Relief. You can see how much everyone enjoyed taking part in these photos from all four of our schools.



LEAP SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER YOUR CHILD!

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 has shared information about the camps and how to register your child. If you have any queries or are having problems registering please contact your school's office, who will be happy to help you.



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	86	Year 3	102
Reception	81	Year 4	93
Year 1	135	Year 5	95
Year 2	92	Year 6	84

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Tyne	98.6%
KS2	Avon	99.4%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Gurvinder
Lea class (Rec) Ayram
Lagan class (Yr 1) Harleen
Tyne class (Yr 2) Huzaif

Severn class (Yr 3) Martin
Ness class (Yr 4) Marcel
Fowey class (Yr 5) Preston
Avon class (Yr 6) Nathaniel

VISIT TO KINGS COLLEGE

On Monday 16th March five children from Year 6 had the opportunity to visit Kings College London to take part in a Spanish trip.

The workshop was run by students in the 2nd year of their Spanish degrees and involved Year 6 and Year 7 pupils from five schools.

During the workshop children worked with those from the other schools to complete Spanish related tasks, writing a diary partly in Spanish, comparing a Spanish beach to one here and completing Spanish sentences. At the end of the session, children were all given a half hour tour of the magnificent building, including the dome-shaped chapel and the study hall/library (that they had to walk around in complete silence).

Samuel 'There are 6 libraries and the one we visited has 750,000 books!'

Zahcai - 'I enjoyed working with others in the group, especially because my cousin was there'

Wunpini - 'I enjoyed having lunch in the basement'



YEAR 4's LONDINIUM WORKSHOP

Last week, Year 4 had an exciting trip to the Roman Amphitheatre at Guildhall as part of our Re-imagining London-Londinium art project. The children stepped back nearly 2,000 years as they explored the remains of London's ancient arena, discovering how Romans gathered for entertainment and public events.

We examined real artefacts from Roman times, sparking thoughtful discussions about daily life in Londinium and inspiring ideas for our upcoming artwork. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring history to life and connect our modern city with its ancient past.

'When we walked below street level to the ruins it felt very peaceful' - **Manha**



VET ASSEMBLY

We were delighted to welcome a special visit from Hello Vet, a new local veterinary practice, to our school on Thursday morning. During the assembly, children had the chance to explore real animal x-rays, learn how to care for animals (and how some, like guide dogs, care for us), discover veterinary tools, and get a glimpse into a day in the life of a vet. It gave children a fascinating insight into the world of veterinary medicine and helped them understand the role vets play in keeping animals healthy. Children from our Reception class had the opportunity to meet Truffles the dog and explore the equipment as part of their 'Animals' topic. We're grateful to the Hello Vet team for giving their time and expertise, and we're sure the children came away feeling inspired and curious.

Hello Vet will also be running in-clinic "behind the scenes" days for children on **April 25th & 26th** at the London Fields location. Head to littlevetshackney.eventbrite.com to register - it's free!



YR 6 PROTEST WORKSHOP

Year 6 recently took part in an exciting and thought-provoking workshop delivered by the Hackney Museum at Mandeville school. We explored the history of protests in the local area allowing pupils to travel back in time and learn how people in Hackney have used their voices to stand up for change.

During the workshop, the children examined real artefacts from different periods, giving them a unique, hands-on insight into the past. These objects helped bring historical events such as the Anti-apartheid movement, women's rights to life and sparked meaningful discussions about fairness, equality, and the power of collective action.

The children were particularly engaged when learning about how ordinary people made extraordinary differences through peaceful protest. **Jamal** shared, "I liked seeing the real objects because it made it feel like we were actually there when it happened." **Angela** added, "It was interesting to learn that children and adults both took part in protests to make things better."

The workshop was a valuable experience for Yr 6, helping them understand the importance of standing up for what is right and how communities can work together to create change.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS REMINDER

A reminder that school will close early at 1.30pm on Thursday next week for the Parent & Carer consultation evening.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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