



LEAP NEWS

Friday 17th January 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Está muy oscuro..... It is very dark

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

CELEBRATING OUR PREMISES TEAM ACROSS LEAP

Sometimes, the invaluable work done by school staff behind the scenes doesn't receive the recognition it deserves. This week, we want to shine a spotlight on our resourceful and dedicated **Premises Team**, who work tirelessly to keep our schools running smoothly. Our site team starts their day early—some as early as **5 a.m.** They are the first to arrive, unlocking the school for the cleaners and ensuring they have the necessary equipment to carry out their jobs effectively. When it snows or the pathways are icy, they are out gritting and clearing to make sure everyone stays safe.

Each morning, they handle fresh food deliveries and milk, often cleaning up any mess left overnight by foxes in the playground. They check that the boilers are functioning properly so the building is warm for staff and students, and the kitchen has access to hot water. They also manage and distribute deliveries throughout the building. If something breaks or needs attention, the Premises Team is the first to respond and fix the problem promptly.

Their responsibilities extend far beyond daily tasks — they play a crucial role in ensuring our schools are safe and compliant. From conducting health and safety checks to managing statutory requirements like fire regulations and termly fire drills, their work underpins the safety and smooth operation of our schools.

At LEAP, we're fortunate to have **Colin**, who oversees the sites at Mandeville, Kingsmead, and Grasmere, and **Darren**, who manages Gayhurst. Both bring a wealth of experience and are highly skilled builders. For example, Darren creatively adapted a playground shed to create the #TAG ART Gallery at Gayhurst, and Colin built the impressive 'Fallen Forest' play structure at Mandeville. They also collaborate with external contractors to ensure every aspect of our buildings is expertly maintained.



Fallen Forest at Mandeville



#TAG Art Gallery at Gayhurst

CELEBRATING OUR PREMISES TEAM CONTINUED.....

Our dedicated site assistants this term include **Rashid** at Kingsmead, **Kayode** at Mandeville, **Ebenezer** at Grasmere and **Nick** at Gayhurst. You'll find them taking on various tasks, from keeping the premises clean, safe, and tidy to supporting the day-to-day needs of the school community. The site teams also support each other across the schools. We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Premises Team for being the first to arrive and the last to leave every day, and for their unwavering commitment to keeping our schools ready for staff and students. Their hard work does not go unnoticed, and we deeply appreciate everything they do to support LEAP.



Ebenezer



Colin



Rashid



Kayode



Darren



Nick

SCHOOL INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS

Grasmere school has recently created a school Instagram account, joining our three other schools, Kingsmead, Gayhurst & Mandeville, who all have a school Instagram accounts where school life, events and achievements are celebrated.

The LEAP Federation also has its own Instagram account where broader updates and notable achievements across all our schools are shared.

We thought it would be helpful to share all these accounts so you can explore how this works at other schools and stay connected. Feel free to follow these accounts if you are not already doing so:

Grasmere Instagram: [@grasmeren16](https://www.instagram.com/grasmeren16)

Gayhurst Instagram: [@gayhurste8](https://www.instagram.com/gayhurste8)

Kingsmead Instagram: [@kingsmeade9](https://www.instagram.com/kingsmeade9)

Mandeville Instagram: [@mandevillee5](https://www.instagram.com/mandevillee5)

LEAP Federation Instagram: [@leapfederation](https://www.instagram.com/leapfederation)



SPRING TERM 2025

1st half of term: 06.01.25 - 14.02.25

Half term: 17 Feb — 21 Feb 2025

2nd half of term: 24.02.25 - 04.04.25

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	97	Year 3	94
Reception	140	Year 4	112
Year 1	105	Year 5	98
Year 2	80	Year 6	120

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Ouse 98%
KS2	Ness 98.5%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Meryl
Lea class (Rec) Aminia
Lagan class (Yr 1) Nathan
Tyne class (Yr 2) Shaniya

Severn class (Yr 3) Charlie
Ness class (Yr 4) Simon
Fowey class (Yr 5) Saeeda
Avon class (Yr 6) Jontae

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

The Kingsmead School Council met on Monday for the first time in 2025 and the session was lively and productive. They reviewed items from the class suggestions box and discussed carrying forward plans from the Autumn term to improve the environment in the children's toilets.

Every member of the council created a poster, to be displayed on the toilet walls, that will encourage other children to wash their hands and maintain clean and tidy toilets. Council members have many great ideas on ways to improve life in Kingsmead and we look forward to sharing more of them with you soon.



PARENT WORKSHOPS: COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR AUTISTIC CHILD

A reminder that on **Monday 20th Jan at 9—10am** we have a parent workshop on Communicating with Your Autistic Child (**yr 3 – yr 6 age**), and on **Monday 27th Jan 2025 9 – 10am** we are holding another workshop on Communicating with Your Autistic Child for ages **Nur – Year 2**.

Both workshops will be run by a specialist teacher & Educational Psychologist, and would be helpful for all parents - especially if their child has difficulties communicating

FREE FOOTBALL SESSIONS AT KINGSMEAD

Leyton Orient coaches are running sessions with Freddy at Kingsmead again on Wednesday evenings:

5 - 6pm for 8 to 11 yr olds

6 - 7.30pm for 12 to 16 yr olds

Just come along to the playground entrance on Kingsmead Way. You can sign up [here](#).

KINGSMEAD ESTATE FOOTBALL

Free 'just turn up and play' football sessions for the local community. Come along and meet new people, make new friends and develop your skills!

ACTIVITIES

- Fun games and matches
- Tournaments & competitions
- Accredited courses
- Workshops

OPPORTUNITIES & PROGRAMS

- Leyton Orient Matchday Experience
- Play against CCO Kicks teams
- Coaching & Volunteering
- College Study Programme

WEDNESDAY
 5:00pm - 6:00pm
 6:00pm - 7:30pm

AGE GROUPS
 8-11 years old
 12-16 years old

KINGSMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL, ES SPP
 Entrance via Kingsmead Way
 3G Astutaf pitch

Registration Link:
forms.office.com/e/2A41b03aeY

For more information:
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KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Mon 20 Jan Parent workshop: Communicating with your Autistic Child **year 3—6** at 9am

Wed 22 Jan **Year 4** RE Assembly

Mon 27 Jan Parent Workshop: Communicating with your Autistic Child **Nur—Yr 2** at 9am

Wed 5 Feb **Nurs & Rec RE** Assembly at 3pm

w/c Mon 10 Feb Creativity Week

Wed 12 Feb **Year 3 RE** Assembly at 3pm

Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb Half term break

Wed 5 March Year 2 class assembly at 3pm

Wed 19 March Year 1 class assembly at 3pm

Thurs 20 March Parents evening - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**

Wed 26 March Rec class assembly at 3pm

Wed 2 April Year 5 class assembly at 3pm

Fri 4 April Last day of Spring Term - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**