



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 20th June 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Juego al fútbol con mis amigos..... *I play football with my friends.....*

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

## LEAP SPANISH AMBASSADORS

This week the Spanish Ambassadors from across LEAP visited the new Sadler's East theatre in Stratford. The children went on a tour of the theatre and got to explore the professional stage and rehearsal rooms. Our guide, Elina, taught us new vocabulary in Spanish about el teatro during our visit. We were even lucky enough to be taken into a rehearsal to watch some professional dancers!

Next, we met Sonia who is a professional Flamenco dancer. She introduced us to the costumes and props used in Flamenco dance, which the children later used in their performances. They learnt a routine following instructions entirely in Spanish! Well done to all the Spanish Ambassadors from LEAP for representing your subject and school so well on this trip.

**Taeyah-Mae, Mandeville** - *'It was really fun learning about a new culture. We learnt about their dance styles.'*

**Dave, Mandeville** - *'I was very happy to learn some new Spanish words. We learnt ensayo, derecho, bailarín, and teatro.'*

**Saeeda, Kingsmead** - *'We can teach our classes new words when we go back to school!'*

**Sonny, Grasmere** - *'I loved trying all the props out!'*

**Romi, Gayhurst** - *'I had a really fun day. I would go back to Sadler's East'*



## LEAP HEAR BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

LEAP year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the Hackney Empire last Friday. Through the BBC symphony orchestra, the children were immersed in the natural world spectacular Wildlife Jamboree. They prowled with tigers, stamped in the snow and heard the desert wind through music and song. **Hassan, Gayhurst:** *'I really enjoyed watching this show and seeing all the different wildlife animals.'*

The children met **Duggee, Bluey** and the **Octonauts** from CBeebies.

**Joud, Kingsmead:** *'I knew the characters because I have seen them on TV. I liked singing with my friends.'*

**Daya, Grasmere:** *'I liked how they made the music in the orchestra match the movement of the animals'*

The show included music from Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Vivaldi and Alberto Ginastera.

**Janelia, Kingsmead:** *'I really loved seeing a live orchestra play.'*

**Destiny, Mandeville:** *'I've never visited the Hackney Empire so it was cool to go inside!'*

**Reuben, Grasmere:** *'My favourite thing was when a random man chased a wallaby across the stage'*

**Kevin, Gayhurst:** *'My favourite part was when we earned the new badges.'*



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## OPINION PIECE IN HACKNEY GAZETTE

Louise Nichols, LEAP's Executive Headteacher, has written an opinion piece about falling school rolls and the impact on communities, for the Hackney Gazette.

You can find a link to the online copy of the article, that was printed in last Friday's Hackney Gazette, [here](#).

### MANDEVILLE & THE LANG LANG PIANO LAB



On Tuesday, Mandeville hosted a very special event to launch their state-of-the-art new piano lab. Introduced with the support of the **Lang Lang International Music Foundation**, founded by the world-famous

classical pianist Lang Lang, this piano lab consists of 21 digital pianos that can be used for whole-class piano teaching. Particularly exciting is that Mandeville's piano lab also comes equipped with the brand-new 'ONE Classroom' app, providing an online platform that supports children's learning through a carefully sequenced series of activities, games and challenges. Mandeville is the **first school in Europe** to receive this system, providing them with an unprecedented opportunity to raise standards in music education.

The event on Tuesday was organised in order to celebrate this new venture and was attended by a range of visitors who had supported the project. These included the chairwoman of the Lang Lang International Music Foundation, **Amy Lam**, representatives of the **Pan family**, whose support made the creation of this piano lab possible, and **Oli Rose**, the foundation's global development director.

After some brief introductions, the children in attendance were rewarded with a trio of jaw-dropping performances. First up were **Sofia and Louis Pan** who, at only 9 and 10 years old respectively, dazzled everyone with

pieces by Mozart and Mendelssohn. Following them, the children were treated to a performance by one of the foundation's musical



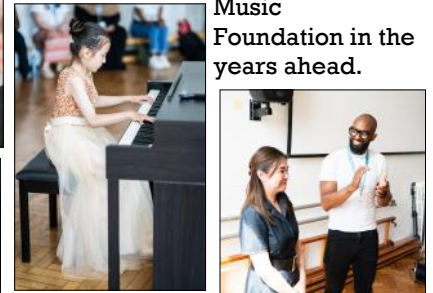
ambassadors, **Zara Williams**. A student at London's prestigious Royal Academy of Music, she played music by Chopin and the 20th-Century African American composer Margaret Bonds, a piece based on the traditional spiritual 'Wade in the Water'. Having performed, Zara answered questions from the children; it was genuinely inspiring to hear about her passion for and dedication to playing piano at the highest level.

Finally, a group of children from Year 4, who have been learning piano with Mandeville's music lead, James, since the beginning of Summer term,

### MANDEVILLE'S PIANO LAB CONTINUED.....

demonstrated the piano lab in action. Everyone commented on how focused and engaged they were throughout: a sign of great things to come! This was only the beginning of what is sure to be a productive

partnership between Mandeville and the Lang Lang International Music Foundation in the years ahead.



### KINGSMEAD AWARDED ECO SCHOOL GREEN FLAG

We are proud to announce that Kingsmead has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag with **Distinction!**

This internationally recognized award celebrates the school's commitment to environmental education & sustainability.



Receiving the Green Flag with Distinction means that Kingsmead went above and beyond in their efforts to create a greener, more sustainable school. From reducing waste and conserving energy, to growing their own plants from cuttings and raising awareness about climate issues, Kingsmead's students and staff have worked incredibly hard to make meaningful changes.

A huge thank you goes out to Kingsmead's Eco-Warriors and teachers Shenaz & Hang - Kingsmead's Sustainability Leads, whose passion and leadership helped drive many of the school's amazing initiatives this year. This award is a reflection of the whole school community's dedication to making a positive difference for our planet.

We will proudly fly our new Green Flag as a symbol of our ongoing commitment to building a brighter, greener future—one step at a time!



## 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

<b>Nursery</b>	91	<b>Year 3</b>	106
<b>Reception</b>	95	<b>Year 4</b>	90
<b>Year 1</b>	82	<b>Year 5</b>	78
<b>Year 2</b>	86	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>130</b>

## TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	<b>Lagan</b> 98.4%
KS2	<b>Avon</b> 99%



## GOLDEN AWARDS

**Ouse class (Nur)** Eline  
**Lea class (Rec)** Elijah  
**Lagan class (Yr 1)** Ariana  
**Tyne class (Yr 2)** Arhab

**Severn class (Yr 3)** Bilise  
**Ness class (Yr 4)** Veselin  
**Fowey class (Yr 5)** Maryam  
**Avon class (Yr 6)** Isatu

## YEAR 4 MEET OUR TWIN KAMPALA SCHOOL ONLINE

Year 4 had a wonderful Zoom call last week, with our twinning school in Kampala, Uganda. Ness class had the opportunity to speak with the children from the New Brain school and ask lots of different questions about their daily and school life. We shared wonderful stories, poetry and even a drumming and dance session. The children in Uganda were delighted to see how multicultural our school is and were even happier to see someone from Kampala in our class!

Their teacher later shared that the children couldn't stop talking about the call all day. We hope that this is the start of a long lasting friendship between the schools.

*"I enjoyed speaking to the children in Kampala because we got to see some gymnastics & dancing. We also got to ask questions and they asked us some too. We met their teacher who told us about their primary school and how the classes were set up."* **Sukhpreet**

*"My experience calling Kampala was good because the children were kind. I got to ask a couple of questions and they did dancing for us."*

**Kahleo**  
*"I enjoyed speaking to Kampala because we got to know about them and we got to see them dancing."*

**Kimarni**



## RECEPTION CLASS VISIT CITY FARM

Reception had a super time visiting Hackney City Farm recently. We travelled on the bus and had a picnic in Haggertson park. At the farm we saw, geese, pigs, goats, donkeys and chickens!

*"The pig is in the mud"* **Eliora**

*"Is the donkey doing a wee?!"* **Zainab**

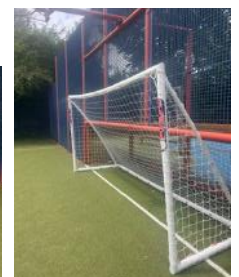
*"Those are the lambs with the goats"*

**Emaan**



## THANK YOU SANCHEZ!

A huge thank you to Sanchez, director of Team Get Involved who are Kingsmead's sports coaches, who has very generously purchased some new goal posts for Kingsmead as a donation to the school, as our old ones were falling apart! We are so grateful Sanchez and thank you for your generosity. The children have already been making excellent use of their new goal posts.



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### KINGSMEAD'S SUMMER CARNIVAL 2025

Our Summer Carnival will take place on **Thursday 3rd July from 4—6pm**. This is a lovely annual event, where the whole school community come together to share food prepared by our school kitchen team (delicious BBQ burgers, sausages, vegan options with salads), cocktails, refreshments and ice creams, as well as cakes and treats donated by our families. There will be live music, DJ Ben and a raffle with fabulous prizes, as well as a bouncy castle, face painting and some other fun activities for children. All funds raised go towards supporting the wonderful trips and extra curricular activities we are able to offer the children throughout the school year.

Raffle tickets will continue to be on sale in the playground so remember to bring change! £1 for a strip of 5 tickets.

If you would be able to support the Summer Carnival by making cakes/ sweet treats to sell on our refreshments stall please let Emma, Ruth or Sarah know on the school gate.

**Kingsmead's Summer Carnival**  
**Thursday 3 July 2025**  
**4 – 6pm**

**Face Painting Bouncy Castle**  
**BBQ Live Music Steel Pans**  
**DJ Refreshments Raffle**

It's our Summer Carnival, come in your party clothes and have fun!

Come and join us for a celebration

**Fabulous raffle prizes including:**  
Air fryer, Amazon vouchers, 2 x Laptops, Microwave oven, Discover Children's story centre voucher, Tenpin bowling voucher, Family Swim vouchers, Cinema tickets, Hackney Empire Panto tickets, Food hamper, Beauty items and much more.....

**Raffle tickets on sale in the playground: £1 per strip of 5 tickets**

Children need to come with an adult

**FREE ENTRY**

### CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

Climate Action week takes place across the capital between **21st June to 29th June**. Hackney Council are running many events (which we shared last week.) Have a look at their website for further details. [How to get involved in London Climate Action Week 2025 in Hackney | Hackney Council News](#)



If you're free next weekend, you could also go along to cheer and support **Relay Your Way** which is an epic relay across Britain

championing the 1.5 million young people in the UK with disabilities, including half a million children living with brain conditions. Have a look at [their website](#) to check the route to see where you could register to join or go along to cheer them on Relay Your Way

To celebrate and raise awareness of this in school, we are asking children to have a look in their homes at items that they would normally throw away (cardboard packaging, toilet roll holders, yoghurt pots and much more!) Is there a way they could repurpose it into something new and reloved? We'd love to see what you create so please bring them into school or share a picture!

### KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 23 June** Hackney Music Festival: Dynamix 1.30pm @ the Round Chapel
- Wed 25 June** Yr 5 RE assembly + Year 2 Infant singing Festival 10.45 – 11.45am @ the Round Chapel
- Thurs 26 July** Yr 4 Junior Singing Festival 4—5.15pm @ the Round Chapel
- Wed 2 July** Yr 2 class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 3 July** Kingsmead's Summer Carnival 4-6pm
- 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**
- Mon 21 July - Fri 8 Aug** LEAP Summer Camp