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LEAP NEWS

Friday 22nd May 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta mirar las mariposas *I like to watch the butterflies*

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

EXCITING FILMING IN MANDEVILLE'S KITCHEN

This week Mandeville school were delighted to welcome the charity Chefs in Schools (with whom the LEAP federation work closely) into school to film some of the fantastic work taking place in our kitchen and dining hall. The filming also involved renowned chef Nicole Pisani, (who used to be the Head Chef at Gayhurst school) who worked alongside Mandeville's brilliant Head Chef, Hodan. The filming focused on the high-quality, freshly prepared food our children enjoy at Mandeville, and how our school is already showing what is possible in relation to the proposed School Food Standards. The team captured the kitchen in action, including food being prepared from scratch, the salad bar, finished dishes, and children enjoying their lunches.

A special thank you goes to Hodan, who showcased the care, skill and creativity that goes into school meals every day. The filming also highlighted the important role that school food plays in children's wellbeing, readiness to learn and wider school life. We are proud that Mandeville has been chosen to help share this positive message more widely. It is a lovely recognition of the work happening across Mandeville and the LEAP Federation schools, from the kitchen teams to staff supporting children at lunchtimes, and of LEAP's commitment to providing children with healthy, enjoyable food they want to eat.



"It was nice to work with Nicole again and to be one of the schools helping to improve school lunches for children. We are very proud that all of our food is cooked fresh every day." - **Hodan**, Mandeville chef

"I love the lunch because there are so many options on the menu and the salad bar is the best." - **Salma**, year 2

FILMING IN MANDEVILLE'S KITCHEN CONTINUED....

"It has been such a pleasure to see Hodan grow into the chef and leader she is today. She knows exactly what she is doing in the kitchen and brings a unique culinary flavour to the team; we had an okra salad that we couldn't get enough of and her leadership is kind as well as knowledgeable" - Nicole, Chefs in Schools



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FAMILY COACH SERVICE

The Family Coach Service are offering a number of different events in the next half of Summer Term to support Hackney parents of children with special needs (no formal diagnosis needed). All events are free and sign ups are on a first-come, first-served basis.

To sign up for any of the events please email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk with:

- Your name
- Child's school
- The name of the event(s) you would like to attend

A member of our team will then send a confirmation email.

Family Coach Service
Summer 2 Wellbeing Walks 2026*

For parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities.
No formal diagnosis or Educational Health Care Plan necessary.

<p>Wednesday 24th of June, 10 - 11 am</p> <p>A walk to connect</p> <p>Create something for others to connect with on their walks</p> <p>Meeting: Hackney Downs Mosaic Project</p>	<p>Monday 6th of July 1 - 2 pm</p> <p>A walk to focus</p> <p>Take notice to your surroundings whilst focusing on your own choices</p> <p>Meeting: New River Cafe, Clissold Park</p>
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To sign up please email: familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

Can't make the walks but still want to be part of the community? Please email us to be sent the walks to complete in your own time.

*We need a minimum of 3 parents attending to be able to go ahead. If we don't have at least 3 parents sign up, we may cancel the session the day before. Anyone who has signed up will be notified via email

FAMILY COACH SERVICE CONTINUED.....

The Family Coach Service
Cake, Coffee and wins

Friday 3rd of July 1 - 2pm

- Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, E8 1DY
- Open to any parent who's previously attended a Parent Empowerment Group
- Connect with the groups and share journeys, the highlights and the sticky bits!
- Celebrate you and think about how you continue to maintain the changes you made

To confirm your place, please email familycoachehackney.gov.uk

FELIX EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME



THE FELIX PROJECT
GOOD FOOD FOR GOOD CAUSES

The Felix Project's Employability programme is open to receive applications. This programme offers 2 days per week across 8 weeks of building skills that employers

want to see in a friendly working environment with the possibility of getting qualifications e.g: Food & Hygiene Level 2, Manual Handling training etc.

Applications are open to **anyone over 18 who has the right to work in the UK.**

You can [find out more here](#) and the [referral form](#) can be found here.

The Felix Project is a charity that rescues good-to-eat surplus food that cannot be sold but would otherwise go to waste from across the food industry.

Their Employability Programme runs from their Poplar warehouse on Tuesdays and Thursday from Tuesday 16th June to Thursday 13th August.

If you are interested please apply asap.



Understanding Autism Training

Are you waiting for assessment or does your child already have an Autism Diagnosis?

Are you curious and would you like to know more about Autism?

"Helping to develop good autism practice"

Sign me up!
familycoach@hackney.gov.uk
Let us know which session you'd like to attend. We look forward to working with you!

Understanding Autism Training for Parents*

Tuesday 16th of June, 10 am - 12pm (ONLINE)

*We need a minimum of 3 parents attending to be able to go ahead. If we don't have at least 3 parents sign up, we may cancel the session the day before. Anyone who has signed up will be notified via email.

The Family Coach Service's 5 week Parent Empowerment Group

Finding tools to support your child's independence

@ Nightingale Primary School (E5 8NA)
Thursdays 9:15-10:45 am

All families with a child that has a need within any of the 4 areas of SEND are welcome. We are a needs based service. No EHCP or formal diagnosis is needed.

<p>4 Areas of SEND</p> <p>Communication & Interaction</p> <p>Cognition and Learning</p> <p>Social, Emotional & Mental Health</p> <p>Sensory and Physical</p>	<p>11th OF JUNE 9:15-10:45AM</p> <p>Areas of independence</p>	<p>18th OF JUNE 9:15-10:45AM</p> <p>How do we learn to be independent?</p>	<p>25th OF JUNE 9:15-10:45AM</p> <p>Tools for independence</p>
	<p>2nd OF JULY 9:15-10:45AM</p> <p>Your capacity for their independence</p>	<p>9th OF JULY 9:15-10:45AM</p> <p>Maintaining the changes</p>	

There are 10 spaces available. We ask that you're able to attend all 5 sessions. To sign up email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk with: Your name, Child's school



SUMMER TERM 2026

1st half of term: 13.04.26 - 22.05.26

Half term: 25 - 29 May 2026

2nd half of term: 02.06.26 - 17.07.26

INSET days Mon 1 June & Mon 20 July

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	92	Year 3	92
Reception	105	Year 4	86
Year 1	78	Year 5	108
Year 2	134	Year 6	75

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lea 99.2%
KS2	Avon 100%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Ivvy
Lea class (Rec) Abdulaziz
Lagan class (Yr 1) Zainab
Tyne class (Yr 2) Wassim

Severn class (Yr 3) Joud
Ness class (Yr 4) Nerayah
Fowey class (Yr 5) Shaniyah
Avon class (Yr 6) Nylah

YEAR 5'S ADVENTURE AT BOX HILL

On Monday Year 5 travelled out of London to build on their learning in Geography. As part of our topic, **Our Amazing Physical World** (including learning on hills, mountains and rivers), we caught the train to Box Hill in Surrey.

After using the stepping stones to cross the River Mole, we ascended Box Hill via 275 steps! Year 5 showed amazing perseverance and fortitude in making it up to the top so quickly. On stepping out of the woods into the clearing, Year 5 were astounded by the view across the valleys and hills!

After stopping for a picnic (and sheltering from a short rain shower!), the children enjoyed a playtime on Box Hill and then the walk down the hill on the chalk slopes known as The Whites. Near the bottom, some children even put the slopes to the test with some rolling down the grass. We certainly got to understand the significance of the contour lines on maps!

It was a long, adventurous day and the adults were all very proud of how Year 5 managed new challenges and experiences!

'When I was rolling down the hill, I felt like the fastest in history' - **Simon**

'I liked going across the stepping stones and going down the steep part of the hill' - **Bilisan**



YEAR 5 AT BOX HILL CONTINUED.....



'The best bit was when we had lunch with a view' - **Shaniya**



TEAM SPIRIT WORKSHOP FOR YEARS 3 & 4

On Monday, both the Year 3 and Year 4 class took part in a multisports workshop by Sports Inspired. The workshop prepared the children for the sports festival which will happen on the 3rd June at Britannia Leisure centre. All children will complete 6 different sports activities with other Hackney schools and work together to create and celebrate team spirit. To prepare them for the day, Joe, from Sports Inspired, worked with the children to create team names, banners and a chant!

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SUNFLOWER PLANTING

At Kingsmead we have been busy planting sunflowers with the children as part of a special project in memory of local resident, Alistair Livingstone, known for his efforts in making the Kingsmead Estate a greener place. We were really pleased to involve most classes across the school, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed every stage of the process—from sowing the seeds, to looking after them in their classrooms, and finally planting them out. Some of the sunflowers are now growing in the school playground, while others have been shared with Concord Youth Hub. It has been lovely to see how much care and pride the children have taken in looking after their plants, and we're all looking forward to watching them grow and brighten our local community.



WONDERMATHS EVENT AT KINGSMEAD

On Tuesday afternoon Kingsmead hosted one of the first heats of the fabulous Wondermaths Competition. Teams from nine other schools attended the competition to compete to enter the final in July. Each team consisted of five enthusiastic, competitive mathematicians from Year 5 who had to solve mathematical word problems, shape problems (T-shapes and Pentominoes), pattern problems (domino patterns and code-breaking) and calculate at lightning speed (24 cards and dice problems).

The Kingsmead team (**Wunzoya, Alia, Sukhpreet, Kimarni and Robert**) made us very proud with their teamwork and determination. We are now waiting to hear if we have managed to get into the final, so fingers crossed!



WONDERMATHS EVENT CONTINUED.....

Alia 'I enjoyed the competition more than I thought I would. It wasn't as difficult as I thought it would be because we had practiced'

Wunzoya 'I enjoyed the 24-card part the most because I had practiced a lot and I was really good at it!'

NURSERY ASSEMBLY DATE

Please note that we've had to change the date for Nursery's assembly—this will now be taking place on **Wednesday 17th June at 11am**

CAKE & ICE CREAM SALE

Reminder that the next cake & ice cream sale will take place on **Friday 5th June** when, it will be **Year 6's** turn to provide the treats!

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 25 - Fri 29 May** Half term break
- Mon 1 June** **INSET day– school closed to children**
- Tues 2 June** Children return to school
- Fri 5 June** **Yr 6** cake & ice cream sale
- Mon 8 June** Citizens Advice support 9.30—12.30
- Mon 8—Thurs 11 June** **Yr 6** School Journey
- Wed 10 June** Parent & Child Gardening Session
3.30 - 4.30pm
- Thurs 11 June** Yr 5 & Yr 6 Parent workshop on
Supporting your child with their transition
to Secondary School
- Fri 12 June** **Yr 5** cake & ice cream sale
- Wed 17 June** Nursery Class assembly at 11am
- Fri 19 June** **Yr 3** cake & ice cream sale
- Mon 22 June** Citizens Advice support 9.30—12.30 +
Dynamics performing at Round
Chapel 12.45—2.45pm
- Wed 24 June** **Yr 2** singing at Round Chapel am
- Fri 26 June** whole school cake & ice cream sale
- Thurs 2 July** Kingsmead Summer Carnival 4—7pm
- Fri 3 July** Whole school cake & ice cream sale
- Mon 6 July** Citizens Advice support 9.30—12.30
- Wed 8 July** **Yr 6** performance 2.30pm & 4.30pm
- Thurs 9 July** Parent Workshop - Supporting your
child with their emotions 9 -10am +
Gymnastics performances time tbc
- Fri 10 July** Sports Day for **Yrs 1, 2 & 3** am &
Yrs 4, 5 & 6 pm +
Whole school cake & ice cream sale
- Mon 13 July** **Nur & Rec** Sports Day am +
Steel Pans performance 11am
- Tues 14 July** **Yr 6** end of year assembly 11am
- Fri 17 July** Last day of Summer Term -
school closes early for children at 1.30pm