



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 5th June 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**

## BLUE PETER BOOK CLUB EXPERIENCE FOR KINGSMEAD

Four Kingsmead pupils, **Aisha, Apollo, Teddy and Nylah**, were recently chosen to take part in a special Blue Peter Book Club feature, reviewing *The Adventures of Rap Kid* by MC Grammar. The programme aired on CBBC and is currently available to watch on BBC iPlayer. You can see the section featuring the children [here](#).

As part of the experience, the children met MC Grammar, who visited Kingsmead to lead an exciting rap workshop. Inspired by the book, the children worked together to create and perform their own original raps, developing their creativity, confidence and performance skills.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the filming and were fantastic ambassadors for their school throughout the project.

**Teddy** (yr 6) said, *"It was the best experience of my life."*

**Nylah** (yr 6) said, *"I really enjoyed recording our rap, it was so much fun."*

**Aisha** (Yr 6) said, *"It felt surreal filming for Blue Peter."*

We are incredibly proud of Aisha, Apollo, Teddy and Nylah for representing Kingsmead school so brilliantly. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading, creativity and self-expression, and one they will remember for many years to come.



### BLUE PETER BOOK CLUB CONTINUED.....



## JTP PARENT SURVEY

As this year's Justin Thompson Project draws towards an end, we would very much appreciate parent and carer feedback on their experience of participating in the project. Here's a short reminder of some of the elements of the project that you might have been involved in since September last year:

**My Name** - discussions with your child about the story of their name and why you chose it.

**My Story** - sharing elements of your families' story, your childhood memories, creating My Story posters using photos from your past, children's work with visiting poets, story jars, story stones etc

**Story Exchange** - child and parent cooking sessions at School of Food, sharing family recipes, phrases, favourite songs, multi-generational interactions and sharing of stories.

**My Future Story** - children thinking about their hopes and dreams.

Please do take a minute to complete this short online questionnaire so we can gather feedback from LEAP families about the project. Thank you.

JTP Parent Feedback 25-26





## 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	85	Year 3	72
Reception	74	Year 4	109
Year 1	83	Year 5	92
Year 2	90	Year 6	86

## TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lea 99%
KS2	Fowey 98.8%



## GOLDEN AWARDS

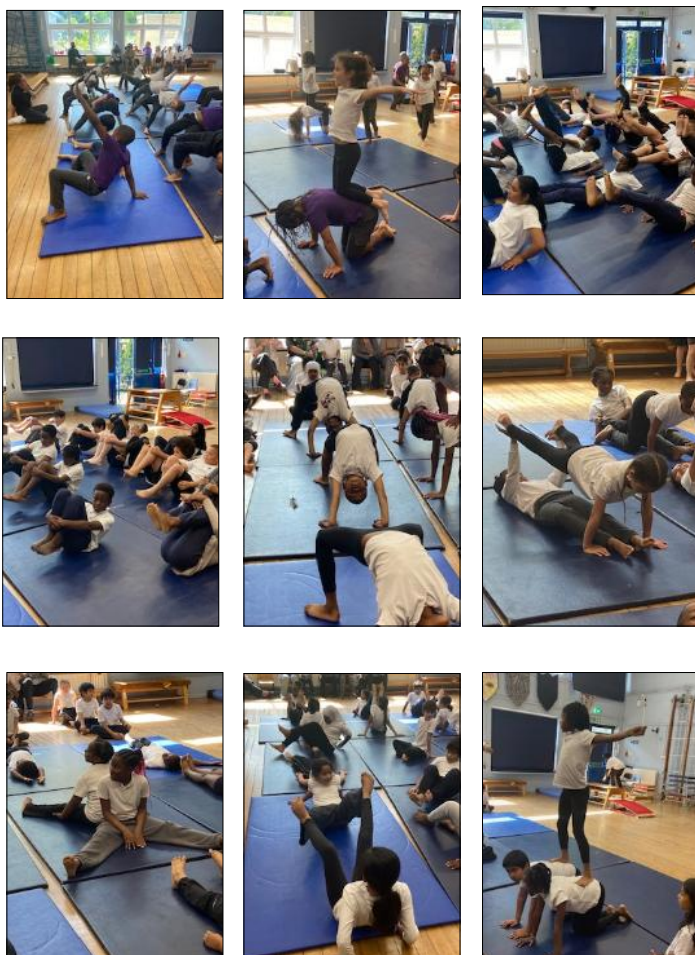
**Ouse class (Nur)** Zainab  
**Lea class (Rec)** Oakley  
**Lagan class (Yr 1)** Eliora  
**Tyne class (Yr 2)** Anu

**Severn class (Yr 3)** Emmanuel  
**Ness class (Yr 4)** Prince Royson  
**Fowey class (Yr 5)** Veselin  
**Avon class (Yr 6)** Harry

## GYMNASTICS PERFORMANCES

On Thursday 21st May, just before the half term break, we were treated to fantastic Gymnastics performances from Years 2, 3 and 5. We could see how the skills of the children progress over the years through the amazing work of Autumn (the Gymnastics teacher). All three performances demonstrated great coordination, balance and the ability to work together and it was easy to see how much physical strength gymnasts need. Well done to all the children who performed!

This second half of Summer term it will be Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2, 4 & 5's turn to have weekly Gymnastics lessons with Autumn and we look forward to seeing their performance at the end of term.



## MULTI-SPORTS EVENT FOR YEARS 3 & 4

Year 3 and Year 4 had a fantastic time at the recent multisport festival, where the focus was on celebrating hard work, resilience and team spirit. Children took part in an exciting array of activities, including wheelchair basketball, netball and taekwondo, embracing each challenge with enthusiasm and determination.

Throughout the day, children demonstrated excellent cooperation, encouragement and sportsmanship, truly supporting one another as a team. Two special trophies were awarded for sporting achievement and outstanding team spirit, and we are delighted to share that one of our Year 4 teams proudly brought home the sporting trophy—a wonderful recognition of their effort and perseverance. All pupils represented the school superbly, and we are incredibly proud of their positive attitudes and commitment. Well done to everyone involved!

*It was such a good event because all the sports were really fun - Cormac Y4*

*I really enjoyed it because you got to try a lot of different sports in one day! - Jamillah Y4*



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### SUPPORTING TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL



Next week on **Thursday 11th June at 9am**, we will be running a Parent Workshop for

parents and carers with children in years 5 & 6, looking at ways that families can support their child's transition to secondary school. **Hannah**, Kingsmead's Educational Mental Health Worker will be delivering the session. All parents and carers in Years 5 & 6 are welcome to join. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided.

### KINGSMEAD'S SUMMER CARNIVAL

We have started preparing for our Summer Carnival which will take place on **Thursday 2nd July from 4-6pm**

#### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

**Raffle Prizes** - We need help sourcing Raffle Prizes for the famous Kingsmead Raffle (which helps to raise vital funds for the school).

Do you have any new and unused beauty products, luxury food, drink or fashion items, decorative or useful household items, or nice new kids toys at home that you could donate as Raffle Prizes? Or maybe you run or have contacts with a local business that could donate a voucher or gift to our Raffle as a Prize?

**Face Painting** - Would you be able to spare 30 - 45 mins at the summer fair helping on the Face Painting stall? Please let Emma, Ruth, or Michelle & Debs in the school office know.



### FAMILY COOK -A-LONG AT SCHOOL OF FOOD

The Hackney School of Food has managed to secure funding to offer a series of three family cook-a-long sessions on Thursdays after school (see dates on poster). This is for families who qualify for Free School Meals or other means-tested support.

Suitable for children aged 7 upwards - if you'd like to apply for a slot please [complete this form](#).



### FAMILY GARDENING SESSION

We are excited to invite parents & carers and their children to a special after-school gardening session at Kingsmead on **Wednesday 10th June**, between **3:30pm and 4:30pm**.

### FAMILY GARDENING SESSION CONTD..

Come and join us for an hour of fun, planting & creativity as we work together to make our school garden flourish. This session is a wonderful opportunity to spend time outdoors, learn simple gardening skills, and enjoy connecting with nature & each other. During the session, we will take a closer look at what is currently growing in our school garden and plant a selection of plants that help attract pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, to make our garden even more wildlife-friendly.



No previous gardening experience needed - everyone is welcome! Together, we will plant, explore and celebrate the joy of growing, while helping to create a beautiful space for the whole school community to enjoy. **Please sign up at the school office** if you'd like to come as we have limited space and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

### CAKE & ICE CREAM SALE

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

### KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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 9—9.45am
- 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—6pm
- 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**