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LEAP NEWS

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SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Me encanta el verano!.....I love Summer!

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

HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

All four schools, **Kingsmead**, **Grasmere**, **Gayhurst** & **Mandeville**, took part in the Hackney Music Festivals this week at the Round Chapel.

Dancers from the four schools and drummers from Kingsmead performed at the dance event on Monday 23rd. Year 2 from Kingsmead and Mandeville performed at the Infant singing event on Wednesday 25th. Year 4 from Kingsmead and Year 5 from Grasmere performed at the Junior singing event on Thursday 26th.

Today, Reception classes from Mandeville, Gayhurst and Grasmere performed at the EYFS event (which will be reported on in next week's newsletters).

Ben, the Music Lead across all the schools said, *'I have been so proud of the children's dedication leading up to this week and the performances WOW!they were all WONDERFUL..'*



HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL CONTINUED....



MANDEVILLE AT GREAT BIG DANCE OFF NATIONAL FINALS

Earlier this year, Mandeville's Dance Squad qualified for the Great Big Dance Off Grand National Finals for the fourth year in a row - battling hundreds of schools to make it to the final thirty! The finals took place in Oxford on Monday evening, and we are



proud to let you know that they placed 12th. Our dancers are fierce competitors and were very disappointed not to have placed higher but being the 12th best in the country is an achievement to be proud of. Our dancers impressed the judges & audience with a fabulous performance and accepted the final decision with exceptional professionalism, resilience and grace; we are so proud of them.

Huge thanks to their dance teacher, Principal Marie-Reine Bouchereau from Storm the Stage Academy, for her dedication to Mandeville, committing time and energy to our dancers and transforming our dance club attendees into one of the best teams in the country!

Thanks to Jodie, Freddy our PE teacher, & the rest of the team who supported behind the scenes.



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LEAP TAKE PART IN UEL SPORTS FESTIVAL

What an incredible day we had at the Sports Summer Festival at the University of East London SportsDock last week! The event was packed with excitement, as children from lots of schools, including our amazing four LEAP schools came together to enjoy a day full of fun, energy, and friendly competition.

Children eagerly tried their hands at skateboarding, jump rope, basketball, breakdancing, indoor rowing, boxing, and sitting volleyball, showcasing their skills, enthusiasm, and collaborative spirit. The event was not only a celebration of physical activity but also an opportunity for children to develop essential life skills. To recognise their efforts and dedication, the children were scored on three core attributes: teamwork, listening skills, and participation.

Our LEAP schools brought so much energy and enthusiasm to the festival, and it was great to see how excited everyone was to be part of the action. The positive vibes were everywhere, with children cheering each other on and giving their all in every activity.

A special congratulations goes to **Mandeville** and **Kingsmead**, who demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship, earning the top spot in a **joint first-place finish!** Both teams showed incredible teamwork and spirit throughout the day. A huge well done to everyone who took part. The organiser was very impressed with our LEAP schools!

"I was really proud of all the children. It was a great opportunity for them to explore activities they wouldn't usually do, such as skateboarding and rowing- their behaviour was fantastic." - **Kaltum**, Deputy headteacher at Mandeville

Gayhurst: *"It was a brilliant event, I liked the boxing!"* - **Chidi**, Year 5

"I loved all of the activities, it was fun to do something different". -

Acai, Year 4



UEL SPORTS FESTIVAL

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Grasmere: *"It was really fun and enjoyable, I loved every moment of it!"* - **Bell**, Year 5
"My favourite activities were breakdancing and basketball." - **Ahmed**, Year 6



Mandeville: *"My favourite activity was cricket because I was hitting the ball really far. The coach said I had a natural talent!"* - **Taynara**, Year 3

"We got top marks in all areas because we worked as a team. We were very loud, cheering each other in rowing." - **Armani**, Year 5



Kingsmead: *"We got to do some fun activities we haven't done before - breakdancing was brilliant and we got to do some cool moves!"* - **Elena**, Year 3

"We worked well together and showed team spirit and that is why we won first place. I am really proud of my team!" **Jontae**, Year 6



GRASMERE SCHOOL JOINING FEDERATION FROM SEPTEMBER 1st 2025

The governors from both LEAP and Grasmere have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure a smooth transition this summer to the new LEAP federation that includes Grasmere. We are pleased to confirm that the new governing board will consist of existing governors from each governing board and that as always, governors will represent all the children across the federation equally. We will share details of the new governing board in September when the new federation starts, and we are grateful to Ian Quest and Gillian Brady, who are the current chairs of governors, who have agreed to act as shadow chairs until the first meeting of the new governing board when a new chair and vice chair will be elected.

Governors have roles including chair and vice chair. All governors have a link role, so each link governor looks at a particular element in each of the schools over the course of the year and then reports back to the full governing board. New chairs of the three specific committees (Curriculum, Resources and Standards) will also be proposed in September. So for example, if a governor is the link governor for Early Years, SEND, Creativity, Health and Safety, Attainment, Equalities or Sport (to name but a few possible link roles) they will meet with the staff in each school who lead that area and then will create a report for the FGB.

Parent workshops and surveys will take place in each individual school to make sure that parents' voices are heard by the leadership team for that school. Governors will receive termly reports from each of the 4 headteachers on an agreed schedule of development areas such as premises and safeguarding or staffing.

In September we will be holding elections for new parent governors and parents from all 4 schools are encouraged to apply. Once applications are received a parent vote will take place using an online voting system and 2 successful parent governors will be appointed following this process. Existing parent governors from each of the schools who wish to continue in their roles have been amalgamated into the new governing board as co-opted governors thereby ensuring that parents have a strong voice across all the schools. Once the new governing board has been able to meet for the first time in September the new chair and vice chair will be duly elected at that meeting.

We will keep you updated through the newsletter on any new developments in governance as we move through the process.

YEAR 6 CREATIVE TRANSLATION WORKSHOP

This week groups of children from year 6 across LEAP met to take part in a special translation workshop led by the Stephen Spender Trust. We met Andy who is a professional translator to find out about his job. He then introduced us to the poem No Sé Por Qué Piensas Tú by Nicolás Guillén. The children worked in groups to make a literal translation of the poem, before then attempting a 'creative' translation. They had to think about the context, language features and poetic devices when amending their translation. Andy and the LEAP team were very impressed with the resilience and determination the children demonstrated throughout the workshop. They have gained key skills that will help them with their future linguistic studies at secondary school.

Eliana (Kingsmead): *'It was a challenge to translate a poem in particular. We had to think about the meaning of the word.'*

Cormac and Pau (Gayhurst): *'We enjoyed listening to the tone of the poem. It gave us a clue about the meaning.'*

Nadia (Mandeville): *'We started thinking about words from languages we speak at home. It was like a warm up!'*

Alice (Grasmere): *'I think I got better at translating today.'*



TRANSLATION COMPETITION

The Stephen Spender Trust is also running a national translation competition. If your child would like to enter, they should select a published poem from any other language than English and then translate it into English. They should hand the translated poem, as well as a copy of the original poem, to their teacher by **Friday 11th July**.





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

Nursery	88	Year 3	75
Reception	86	Year 4	118
Year 1	95	Year 5	92
Year 2	93	Year 6	79

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Tyne	98.8%
KS2	Avon	98.7%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Ayah
Lea class (Rec) Rebecca
Lagan class (Yr 1) Wassim
Tyne class (Yr 2) Anaiah

Severn class (Yr 3) Ayla
Ness class (Yr 4) Assya
Fowey class (Yr 5) Princesia
Avon class (Yr 6) Mia

YEAR 6 MENTIVATION WORKSHOPS

Year 6 have had the privilege of welcoming Michael and Maashes from Mentivation, who have been providing them with inspiring sessions aimed at fostering a positive self-image, building strong relationships, and encouraging students to make meaningful contributions to their community.

They emphasized the importance of adhering to the laws of our environment, whether at school, at home, or within the wider community. They also highlighted the consequences of breaking these laws, which are designed to protect us all.

The sessions include powerful testimonies from individuals who shared their regrets over past actions, offering valuable lessons on how different choices could have led to better outcomes. The reflective discussions encourage students to think critically about their own decisions and the impact they have on others.

Overall, the sessions have been a valuable opportunity for our students to learn about responsibility, empathy, and the importance of making positive choices.

Jontae, "I learnt that manners at home are just as important as manners at school or outside of school."

Mia, "I enjoy the sessions as they are educational and insightful."



PEDAL POWER! YEARS 5 & 6 GET CYCLE CONFIDENT

Over the last two weeks, our Year 6 pupils, and a few children from Year 5, have been taking part in exciting cycling training sessions with 'Cycle Confident'. The children began by practising their skills in the safety of the school grounds before progressing to real roads in small, supervised groups, for those who were ready for this stage.

Through this experience, pupils learned essential road safety, signalling, and awareness skills — all while building their confidence on two wheels. The sessions were not only informative but incredibly enjoyable, with many pupils now feeling more independent and road-ready.

PEDAL POWER CONTINUED...

"I was nervous at first, but now I feel confident riding near traffic!" said **Rio** in Year 6.

"It was fun and I learned how to stay safe on the road." added **Saeeda** from Year 5.

A huge thank you to the Cycle Confident team for their expert guidance and to the children for showing such enthusiasm and focus. We're proud of all our new street-smart cyclists — keep pedalling safely!



YEAR 3'S NATURE WALK

Year 3 went on a walk over to Hackney Marshes as part of our geography topic on Environments of the UK. We learned about the different ways that people use the marshes, from playing sports to cycling to establishing habitats for the field mice and voles that live there. We stopped by the side of the River Lea to sketch the beautiful nature around us and learned a bit of history about how Hackney's water used to be cleaned in the filter beds. We also got to have a play on all that lovely space before heading back to school!

I love nature. That was the best day of my life!" **Rico**

"It was almost three hours of walking but it was still fun!"

Thandiwe

"The plants need lots of looking after."

Manha



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YEAR 4 GET COOKING

Year 4 cooked up a storm at The Hackney School of Food last week. Guided by chef Tom, the children rolled up their sleeves to make two delicious dishes: Spanish frittatas and pan-fried bread. The kitchen buzzed with energy as the children chopped vegetables, cracked eggs, and carefully watched their bread sizzle on the hob. The Spanish frittatas were packed with colourful, seasonal vegetables, and many children were proud to try flavours they hadn't tasted before. The pan-fried bread was a big hit too—with many children unable to resist until we got back to school!



Not only did we practise our knife skills, we learnt all about how we can reduce our food miles by buying locally grown food in season. This tied in with our Geography topic of Spain and the UK as well as learning about foods in Spanish. We also learnt how important vegetables are for providing our bodies with the nutrients we need and how food preparation can impact the healthiness of our meals. Chef Tom also taught us how to keep a kitchen clean!



To end the morning, Lidka led us around the Hackney school of food garden and introduced us to the chicks. We had the opportunity to stroke them and enjoy the garden!

"I learnt how to chop the vegetables safely and how to knead the dough until it was ready."

Andrea

"I enjoyed learning how to make the frittatas and eat them of course!"

San'aa

"I really enjoyed meeting the chicks and getting to cook with my friends."

Anya



KINGSMEAD SUMMER CAMP

Kingsmead & Mandeville will be running a joint summer camp at Kingsmead School for children in Reception to Year 6 classes for the first three weeks of the summer holidays, **from Mon 21st July to Friday 8th August , from 10am to 2pm.**

Families will be receiving a letter next week, with details about how to sign up for the camp as there is a new registration process in place.

NURSERY RE-VISIT WILD FLOWER MEADOW

In January of this year, Nursery helped to sow in some wild flower seeds on Daubeney Fields, to create a wild flower meadow. The children waited and waited and then this week, they went to visit the area where they'd sown the seeds. They were delighted to find the area covered in yellow flowers with some red poppies and pretty blue flowers too. Gerry from the Hackney Buzzline project, has confirmed that lots of pollinating insects have been spotted in the wild flower area.

Abdulaziz - *"So many yellow flowers"*

Eline - *"They smell lovely"*



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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 pm
- Fri 18 July** Last day of Summer term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**
- Mon 21 July - Fri 8 Aug** Kingsmead & Mandeville's Summer Camp at Kingsmead 10am - 2pm

KINGSMEAD'S SUMMER CARNIVAL 2025

Our Summer Carnival will take place on **Thursday 3rd July from 4—6pm**. Come and join us for delicious food (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 are on sale in the playground so remember to bring change! £1 for a strip of 5 tickets.

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

WE NEED CAKES & TREATS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are 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.

CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

At Kingsmead School, we've been buzzing with activity for Climate Action Week – and what a week it's been!

To kick things off, we were honoured to welcome a Greenpeace speaker who gave an inspiring talk about climate change and how young people like us can be powerful voices for change. It was eye-opening and energising to learn how small actions can make a big difference.

Following the workshop, we felt inspired to design posters calling for climate action, which we proudly sent to our local MP.



CLIMATE ACTION WEEK CONTINUED....



Out in the community, children and their parents joined together for litter picks, helping to clean up our local area and protect wildlife. It was sad to see how much litter there was but also very interesting to see what was the most littered item...



At home, we got inventive with our Junk to Treasure contest, turning old or unwanted items into something useful or beautiful. It was a brilliant way to rethink how we can repurpose and re-love what we already have – from robot sculptures to jet packs, the creativity was amazing! We also explored sustainable food choices, tasting new plant-based dishes in our school lunches and learning about how what we eat can impact the planet.



And this is just the beginning! We have more exciting sustainability projects coming up soon – so keep your eyes peeled and stay tuned for more green action at Kingsmead!



'I liked the litter picking because it made me sad that there was lots of rubbish around which is hurting our environment. However it was fun to experience.' **San'aa**

'I learnt how fossil fuels are used to power some of our homes. I realised how important renewable energy is.'

David

'I liked how we learnt about the start of Greenpeace and how a small difference can make a big change. It made me realise I can make a change.' **Assya**

'I like that Greenpeace are making changes all over the world to make our planet healthier and greener' **Sulayman**