



LEAP NEWS

Friday 26th June 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me siento en la sombra cuando hace sol....*I sit in the shade when it's sunny...*

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

THANK YOU!

Thanks to every one for bearing with us this week, the staff and children have been wonderful this week adapting to the temperatures in our school buildings and playgrounds. Thanks to all the parents who had to collect early, we know this is not easy for some of you.

Our buildings were not designed for these kind of temperatures and we will be looking to improve this in the future but we get £7,000 per year for a one form entry school for our buildings and about £11,000 a year for our two forms. Air conditioning even for one floor would run to £80,000.

If any parents have any experience of installing and or managing air to air heat pumps we would be very interested in speaking to you. Or alternatively if we were to focus all our fund raising efforts we might be able to raise the necessary funding!

In the meantime, stay cool out there!

LEAP AT HACKNEY DANCE FESTIVAL

This Monday, LEAP schools participated in the annual Hackney Music Service Dance Festival. This long-running event is an opportunity for children from across the borough to come together and celebrate the power of dance within their musical learning. We had children from all four LEAP schools involved as dancers, sharing performances that had been developed under the supervision of Ms Harley, who is also involved in organising this unique event. Each school wowed the audience with the quality and variety of their dances, with classes from across Key Stages 1 and 2 being represented. Sadly, due to the heat, none of our children were able to attend the singing and instrumental events scheduled for later in the week, but it was fantastic to see LEAP putting our best foot forward to show the rest of Hackney what we can do!

"I liked all the different costumes and colours." - **Maia, Gayhurst**

"I enjoyed listening to all the lovely music. It made me want to dance." - **Coco, Gayhurst**

"It was really cool to see the different dances from each school." - **Sienna, Grasmere**

"My highlight was the professional dancers doing flips!" - **Sonny A, Grasmere**

"We saw a lot of great acts and had so much fun." **Aisha, Kingsmead**

"I really enjoyed dancing with the Dynamix and this is our last performance together." **Nylah, Kingsmead**

LEAP AT HACKNEY DANCE FESTIVAL CONTINUED..

"I enjoyed the part when we did our own dance moves." - **Rafferty, Mandeville**

"I enjoyed being on a big stage." **Nova, Mandeville**



LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

We're delighted to confirm that we will be running two camps for three weeks of the Summer Holidays this year. The holiday camp at Kingsmead school will cater for children at Kingsmead & Mandeville and the camp at Gayhurst will cater for children at Gayhurst & Grasmere.

The camps will run from **Monday 20th July to Friday 7th August** from 10—2pm daily and are open to children from Reception to Year 6. The camps will be staffed by adults from our schools who know the children, and everyone attending will be offered a hot meal freshly prepared every day. There will be plenty of great activities for children to choose from at both camps including lots of sports and physical games, arts and crafts, gardening and Forest School fun and cooking at the School of Food, as well as some trips which are being planned. More information about how to register your child for the holiday camp will be shared with families on **Monday 29th June** and booking will be live from **9am Tuesday 30th**



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

Nursery		Year 3	
Reception		Year 4	
Year 1		Year 5	
Year 2		Year 6	

EYFS & KS1	
KS2	



GOLDEN AWARDS

No Golden Awards issued this week

YEAR 5 VISIT THE GLOBE

Last week, Year 5 went to explore some incredible literary history at Shakespeare's Globe on the banks of the Thames.

After a playtime at St Paul's, the students headed across the Millennium Bridge towards the Globe, taking in other iconic sites of London as they went. Once there, they enjoyed a tour and talk about this famous theatre and were able to show off how much they have learned in class about history around Shakespeare and theatre in Elizabethan times.

Then they went to the drama studio where they were led in a drama workshop by a Globe actor. They channelled what they have learned in class about the characters in Romeo and Juliet which led to some fantastic dramatic interpretations of an extract using Shakespeare's iambic pentameter. The facilitator, Gaby, was so impressed with the students and commented afterwards on how inquisitive and engaged they had been throughout. Jane was so proud of how they embraced such a fantastic opportunity and threw themselves into the drama so well. A bonus ending for the day was bumping into Michael Rosen on the way out!

"It was really interesting seeing the theatre and finding out how much tickets cost a long time ago!" - Simon



"My favourite part was the acting because it was fun using lots of expression. I was very good at being Lord Capulet!" - Gideon



"I loved getting to act out the original lines of Shakespeare's play." - Alia



YEAR 5 VISIT THE GLOBE CONTINUED.....

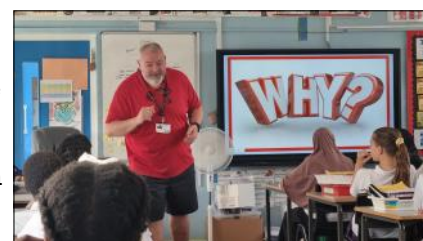


YEAR 6'S TRANSITION & SAFETY WORKSHOP

Year 6 were visited by Max from Hackney Road Safety team for an informative and engaging session designed to support children as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.

During the workshop, they class explored important topics including road safety, bus safety, travelling independently, and understanding TfL rules and expectations. Max shared practical advice to help the children make safe and confident choices when travelling to and from school, whether walking, cycling or using public transport.

The session gave pupils the opportunity to ask questions and discuss real-life scenarios, helping them feel more prepared and confident about the increased independence that often comes with moving from Year 6 to Year 7.



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KINGSMEAD'S SUMMER CARNIVAL

Kingsmead's celebrated Summer Carnival is happening soon! Save the date - **Thursday 2nd July 4—6pm!** Raffle tickets are on sale in the playground with lots of great prizes and vouchers to win and as usual, all money raised goes to supporting the school. Bring change - £1 per strip of 5 tickets.

Raffle prizes include an Air Fryer, Huawei media tablet, £100 Amazon voucher, 2 tickets to Hercules Disney musical, Hackney Empire Panto tickets, lots of authentic Arsenal training kit clothing for children, a World Cup football, cinema tickets, Lido family swim vouchers, beauty treats, mini portable speaker and more.....



Face Painting Bouncy Castle
BBQ Steel Pans Raffle
DJ Refreshments

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, £100 & £50 Amazon vouchers, original Arsenal kit prizes including various jackets, t-shirts, shorts and socks, World Cup football, tablet with games games, 2 tickets to Hercules Disney musical, 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

PARENTS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CAKES & TREATS NEEDED FOR SUMMER CARNIVAL



We would be really grateful to any parents & carers who are able to make some cakes and sweet treats to donate to our Refreshments Stall at our Summer Carnival. All funds raised go towards supporting the school to be able to continue to offer the wonderful trips and additional activities that the children receive.



SUPPORTING YEAR 6'S TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Year 6 have been delighted to welcome Hannah, Kingsmead's Education Mental Health Practitioner, into the class to help Year 6 children with their preparation for secondary school.

Hannah has been delivering a series of practical and engaging workshops designed to support the children emotionally and mentally as they get ready for this important next step. The sessions have focused on building resilience, managing worries, and developing confidence about the move to Year 7.

Through group discussions, activities, and practical strategies the children have been encouraged to share their thoughts and feelings about transition, helping to normalise any concerns they may have. Hannah has also provided helpful tools and coping techniques that they can take with them as they begin their secondary school journey.

The workshops have been extremely well received, and it has been wonderful to see the class growing in confidence and positivity about the changes ahead.

We would like to thank Hannah for her valuable support in helping our Year 6 pupils feel prepared, reassured, and excited for the next chapter of their education.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

Thurs 2 July	Kingsmead Summer Carnival 4—6pm
Fri 3 July	Whole school 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	Gymnastics performances for Rec, Yr 1 & Yr 4 at 3pm
Fri 10 July	Sports Day for Yrs 1, 2 & 3 from 10am—11.30am & Yrs 4, 5 & 6 from 1.30—3.15pm + Whole school ice cream sale
Mon 13 July	Nur & Rec Sports Day 10—11.30am
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