



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 4th July 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
¡Me encanta el verano!.....I love Summer!

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

LEAP HISTORY AMBASSADORS TRIP

Our LEAP history ambassadors from **Grasmere, Kingsmead, Mandeville** and **Gayhurst**, visited the Ragged Museum on Tuesday to learn about Victorian London. Despite the scorching heat, the children participated eagerly in the activities. They started the day with a lesson in what would have been a real Victorian classroom, with the very strict and formidable Mrs Davies! The children were given a slab of blackboard and a measly piece of chalk to write on. *"We found out that paper would have been too expensive for children to use so they had small blackboards!" Erin.*

The children were set the task of writing the alphabet in cursive writing, then were asked to recite a piece of poetry before calculating difficult mathematical questions in their heads - all whilst sitting with their backs rigidly straight and in silence! *"Mrs Davies taught her lessons very differently to the way we are taught." Jamal.* The ambassadors learnt that corporal punishment was common in the Victorian era, as was humiliating punishments such as wearing a 'dunce' hat. *"I enjoyed the classroom session the best as has reminded me of how lucky I am to live in this century"- Henry V.* They learnt that children were only educated until they were ten before they were expected to find work in local factories or on farms.

The children then became history detectives by finding clues within information around the museum.

"I enjoyed learning how people dealt with cholera outbreaks" Yohan.

"I didn't know the Middlesex filter beds beside Mandeville and Kingsmead were built to help treat the dirty water," Courage.

At the end of the session the ambassadors learnt about the hardships of family life during the Victorian era. They explored the inside of a replica of a Victorian family living room where up to 10 family members would live, work and sleep.

"Women's work was so hard! Imagine washing your clothes for four hours a day!" Gideon.

"I can't believe so many people lived in one room and that they had to remove their buttons every time they cleaned their clothes" Roxy



LEAP HISTORY AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED.....

"The best part was the lesson with Mrs Davies because it was fun pretending to be a Victorian child," Basma.

"I enjoyed learning about how much has changed since the Victorian era" Alex.



FAMILY COACH SERVICE PARENT TALK & WALK

The Family Coach Service are offering a new Parent Talk & Walk programme for Hackney parents & carers. See information below:

When? Tuesday 15th of July 11am-12:30pm

Where? In front of the Hackney Mosaic Project in Hackney Downs E5 8NP

For who? Open to parents of children with SEND (no formal diagnosis or EHCP necessary) who are confident in conversational English. You're welcome to bring little ones in buggies but we unfortunately won't be able to welcome pets on this occasion.

Why come? It's an opportunity to connect with other parents while walking in the community

Walks theme is: Wellbeing and resilience

What's the plan?

1. Meet at the meeting point and introduce ourselves
2. Route and talking topics introduced
3. Walk in your small group of 2-3,
4. Reflection and intention setting

This sounds great. How do I book my place? We have 10 spaces available so please email us on familycoach@hackney.gov.uk to reserve your place.



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Connect with other parents while walking in the community



This walks theme is resilience and wellbeing

To book your place on the walk please email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

HACKNEY CHESS TOURNAMENT

Last Friday, Grasmere hosted this years chess tournament. There was steep competition from a number of local schools: **St. John the Baptist, Queensbridge, Our Lady and St. Joseph, Millfields, William Patten, Southwold, Rushmore and Gayhurst.**

After an initial game, points were collected and the children were then repaired with similar scoring opponents. *'Some people would try to checkmate with the 'Scholar's Mate' and I was doing the 'Fried Liver', which is a technique where you fork the queen and the rook - it was very successful! The tournament was very exciting and I would like to do it again.'* **Rami (3L) Gayhurst.**

After 4 very competitive rounds **Grasmere** were crowned champions with **Gayhurst** second, missing out by 0.6 points! Huge congratulations to both schools!



FREE OR CHEAP THINGS FOR FAMILIES TO DO IN SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Many thanks to Kingsmead's Year 4 class teacher, **Hang**, who has taken the time to put together this great list of Summer Fun for LEAP families.....

If you're stuck or wondering what to do with the children over the long summer holidays, we have compiled a list of local-ish activities and places which are low cost or free to visit. We've also included some low cost activities for families who claim Universal Credit which families may not be aware of. Some places may require booking beforehand, so please take a look on their website for further details.

Farms

Mudchute farm, E14 3HP free

Stepney city farm E1 3DG free

Hackney city farm E2 8QA free

Spitalfields city farm E1 5AR free

Many of the local farms host workshops- details can be found on their websites.

Outdoor film showings

From 9th June to 3rd August, Leicester Square will run a pop-up outdoor event featuring a big screen show blockbusters, sports and a selection of family favourites for free, daily until 10pm. Check the website for the full line up of what is playing on the big screen each day. <https://summerinlsg.com>

At **Kings Cross**, bring a picnic blanket and snacks to relax and enjoy a free classic or family favourite. It does get pretty busy so make sure that you arrive in good time to get a good position. <https://www.kingscross.co.uk/event/everyman-on-the-canal>

Cultural fun and workshops

From 15th July to 10th August, The **Royal Academy**, **W1S 3ET** will host a free Young Artist exhibition showcasing artwork from some of our very own LEAP children. <https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/young-artists-summer-show-2025>

The **London Museum of Docklands**, **E14 4AL** will host family events between 12 July-31 August where children can step into the shoes of an archaeologist, experience the story of Great Fire of London or celebrate London's diverse Caribbean culture. Some events are ticketed however they have a free family drop in crafts <https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/summer/>

FREE OR CHEAP THINGS FOR FAMILIES CONTINUED....

Other family fun

Royal Docks Summer Splash 2025 from 25th July up to 17th August. It is a family free lido with a shallow section for children, sandy play areas and exciting activities for children. <https://www.royaldocks.london/articles/summer-splash-2025-save-the-dates-for-free-family-fun>

The **Royal Academy** will also host a free family day on 27th July where families can design and construct a city of the future

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/event/family-studio-design-a-city>

Every Friday, **Young V&A E2 9PA** will host free drop-in activities during the holidays.

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/event/wANr40Pvyv/yva-family-fridays-summer-2023?srsltid=AfmBOor503GPvveojunhCIOLCTH8V5W74T8upqma2cBvEPoQidb7mvuu>

Our Hackney libraries will be running a reading quest this summer! Booklets and stamps can be collected at any local library. Many of the libraries will host activities

<https://www.lovehackney.uk/the-great-hackney-libraries-quest#:~:text=Join%20the%20Great%20Hackney%20Libraries.in%20our%20fun%20creative%20activities.>

Universal Credit days out

For families claiming Universal Credit, there are many venues in London which will offer a discounted entry. With most venues, you will need proof of benefits at point of entry. It is best to book beforehand to avoid disappointment. Here are a selection:

- £1 entry to **Kew gardens TW9 3AB**
- £1 Unlimited annual pass at **London Transport Museum WC2E 7BB**
- £4 child £7 adult entry to **London Zoo, NW1 4RY** (Popular so please book in advance online)
- <https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/london-zoo-tickets/universal-credit-tickets>
- Free tickets to selected shows at **Little Angel Theatre, N1 2DN** (Will need to register for the Free Puppets for All scheme on their website.)
- <https://www.littleangeltheatre.com/about-us/our-impact/puppets-for-all/>
- Free entry to all paid exhibitions at **V&A, SW7 2RL**



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	92	Year 3	99
Reception	81	Year 4	75
Year 1	83	Year 5	80
Year 2	137	Year 6	94

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Tyne 98.4%
KS2	Severn 98%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Samuel
Lea class (Rec) Tallulah Belle
Lagan class (Yr 1) Violet
Tyne class (Yr 2) Hana

Severn class (Yr 3) Cormac
Ness class (Yr 4) Asha
Fowey class (Yr 5) Teddy
Avon class (Yr 6) Issa

KINGSMEAD'S SUMMER CARNIVAL 2025

On Thursday we held another AMAZING Summer Carnival at Kingsmead. It was a lovely opportunity for our wonderful school community to come together and socialise, with delicious food & drink, lots of fun activities and great music. Huge thanks to **all the staff** who helped run the different stalls and prepare for the Summer Fair, for our fabulous **Parent Champions** who came along to help set up, to all the parents who donated so many incredible cakes and treats, and to our Kitchen Team, **Sergio, Shernett, Ana & Su** for the great BBQ. Thanks also to **Colin & Rachid**, our premises team. Many thanks to the local businesses who donated prizes to our raffle: **Hackney Empire, Art Housing, Sugarman Agency, Rowans Bowling, Discover, London Fields lido, Rio Cinema, Annie's Nail parlour, Art K, the Hackney School of Food and Hackney Buzzline**. Thanks also to **Prescott Thomas** at Spitalfields Market for donations of fruit.



Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.



KINGSMEAD SUMMER CAMP

Kingsmead & Mandeville are 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 were sent a letter this week, with details about how to sign up for the camp as there is a new registration process in place. Places are free for families who qualify for Free School Meals but there is a charge of £10 a day for those who are not. If anyone is going to find it difficult to pay this, they should contact the school office to discuss their options as we don't want anyone unable to come for this reason.

From **Mon 7th July** you can sign up for Summer Camp using this QR code or [this link](#).



Debs and Michelle in the school office will be available to help every morning if you need help with registering or are unsure.

YEAR 6 PERSONAL BEST FINALS

Year 6 had a fantastic time attending the Young Hackney Personal Best event, spending the entire day immersed in a wide range of sports and activities. The children rotated through different stations, trying their hand at both competitive and non-competitive challenges.

From team-based events like the relay race to individual skill-based activities, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The focus was not just on winning but on teamwork, effort, and achieving their own "personal bests."

The day ended on a high with an exciting final race, leaving everyone buzzing with energy and pride. A big well done to all of Year 6 for their enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and determination throughout the day!

Ayza, "I enjoyed taking part as I tried out activities I have never tried before."



YEAR 4 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Year 4 have been taking part in cricket sessions and were invited to take part in an inter-school cricket tournament. Held at Hackney Marshes, the day started off with the children warming up and honing their skills, before competing against other schools. In teams of 8, they showed great sportsmanship through teamwork, communication and perseverance. From batting to fielding, all children had the opportunity to represent our school. The children were full of excitement and anticipation as they had been counting the days down for the tournament since they first heard of it. We are incredibly proud of our children! Thank you to the wonderful parents who came along to cheer our children on and the coaches for making the tournament possible.

"I've been very excited to play with my friends and cheer my team on."

Asha

"I liked batting and fielding. It's the first time I've played cricket."

Kahleo

"I hope that we can play again next year!" **David**



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

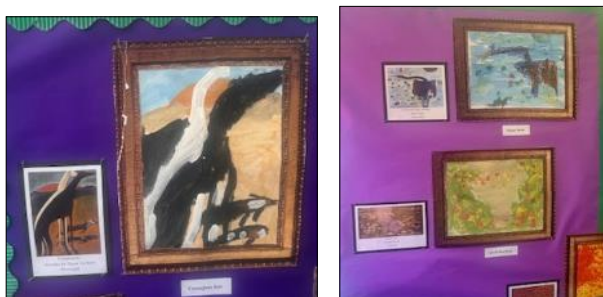
- Wed 9 July** Rec class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 10 July** Gymnastics performances Yr 5 & 6- 3pm
- Fri 11 July** Sports Day: Yrs 1—3 at 10 - 11.30am
Yrs 4—6 at 1.30 - 3pm
- Mon 14 July** Sports Day Nur & Rec at 10 - 11.30am
- Tues 15 July** Drumming & Dance performances at 2.15pm - Rec, Yrs 1, 4, 5 & 6 + 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

NURSERY'S ART GALLERY & PRIVATE VIEW

Ouse class have been looking at artists and their art from around the world for our topic.

We recreated our own versions of some of these art works using paints, oil pastels, tissue paper, cloth, chalk and photography.

We invited all the teachers from Kingsmead to a Private View of our exhibition. They all loved it!



HACKNEY BUZZLINE PLANTING SESSIONS

Why not go along and join some fun **free** family activities run by the Hackney Buzzline celebrating pollinating insects and the vital role they play in the natural world. All events are **FREE** & taking place in our local area on various

UPCOMING EVENTS ON CLAPTON PARK ESTATE

- 12TH JULY** Family pollinator day @ Daubney Community Gardens 11:00-2:30. Pollinator planting, ID skills, arts & crafts.
- 16TH JULY** Bee bank and hotel creation on the corner of Mandeville st/Millfields rd next to the canal. Come and find us from 3pm!
- 16TH SEPT** Harvest time reflections on the Buzzline and upcoming plans, wildflower bombs and meadow workshops, tasty autumn treats! Gilpin Square 11:00-1:30.

