

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

No me gusta el viento..... *I don't like the wind....*

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

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?



**DON'T MISS OUT**  
REGISTER FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS TODAY

If you are entitled to benefit related Free School Meals your child is also entitled to a wide range of other free services including, free and discounted trips, clubs, music lessons, holiday playschemes, holiday lunches, holiday supermarket vouchers and even sometimes free uniform and all you have to do is fill in one form!

Apply online now, in confidence:  
[education.hackney.gov.uk/FSM](https://education.hackney.gov.uk/FSM)  
Working for every child

Across our LEAP schools, we are encouraging all eligible families to register for Free School Meals (FSM). Although ALL children are getting a free school lunch this year again, thanks to funding from the Mayor of London, there are still many other benefits for families that come with registering for Free School Meals.

### BENEFITS TO YOU OF REGISTERING FOR FSM

- Free school uniform sweatshirt for every new Free School Meal sign up for Kingsmead, Mandeville & Gayhurst (Grasmere has no school uniform)
- May include offer of 1 free After School activity club per week per child if your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Grant at school.
- For children in Year 6: a discount for cost of school journey as well as £100 secondary school uniform grant from Hackney Council
- Sometimes opportunities for special trips or activities become available for children registered for Free School Meals at school and in wider community

### BENEFITS TO OUR SCHOOLS OF INCREASING THE NUMBERS REGISTERED FOR FSM

Additionally, the higher the number of children registered for Free School Meals, the more funding our schools will get from the Department for Education, which will impact the offer we can make to ALL children across the LEAP schools.

To be able to register for Free School Meals, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- ⇒ Universal Credit
- ⇒ support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ⇒ Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- ⇒ Guarantee element of State Pension

If you are a family with no recourse to public funds, you may still be entitled to FSM—[click here](#) for more info.

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR FSM CONTINUED.....

If you are not sure whether you qualify to register for Free School Meals please speak to staff in your school's office who will help you. You can register for Free School Meals [here](#).



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### SCHOOL OF FOOD FREE FAMILY COOK –A-LONG SESSIONS

#### Sign Up Now!

Join us at Hackney School of Food for our FREE Family Cook-a-Long programme, designed to help local families build confidence in cooking healthy, delicious and affordable meals together.

Across three fun, hands-on sessions, you'll cook alongside other families, learn practical skills from our experienced food educators and enjoy sharing a freshly prepared meal together.

Each session focuses on simple, nutritious recipes using just five key ingredients, making it easy to recreate meals at home without breaking the bank. You'll also pick up useful tips on meal planning, batch cooking, reducing food waste and getting children involved in the kitchen.

#### What's included?

- Three free, hands-on family cooking sessions, with all ingredients and equipment provided.
- Take-home recipe boxes after each session so you can continue cooking together.
- A Family Cooking Toolkit packed with recipes, budgeting tips and advice on batch cooking and freezing meals.
- The chance to meet other local families and enjoy cooking and eating together.

#### Session dates

Thursday 15 October, 12 November  
& 10 December 2026

3:45–5:45pm

Hackney School of Food, E5 0BT

**All three sessions are free!**

#### Who can take part?

This programme is for families on low incomes who may be experiencing, or at risk of, food insecurity. Priority will be given to families who are eligible for Free School Meals or receiving income-related benefits.

**Families must be available to attend all three sessions.**

#### Register your interest

Places are limited, so we'd love to hear from you! Complete our expression of interest form and a member of our team will be in touch to let you know whether you've been allocated a place.

Express interest [here](#).



**HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD** **THE SKINNERS' COMPANY**

**FAMILY COOK-A-LONG SERIES**

For families in receipt of **FSM** or other means-tested support

**15:45-17:45**  
**THURSDAY**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> OCT, 12<sup>TH</sup> NOV, 10<sup>TH</sup> DEC**



## AUTUMN TERM 2026

1st half of term: 03.09.26 - 23.10.26

Half term: 26 - 30 October 2026

2nd half of term: 02.11.26 - 18.12.26

INSET day - Weds 2 Sept 26

## CROWN WINNERS

|           |     |        |    |
|-----------|-----|--------|----|
| Nursery   | 93  | Year 3 | 70 |
| Reception | 76  | Year 4 | 92 |
| Year 1    | 86  | Year 5 | 89 |
| Year 2    | 130 | Year 6 | 80 |

## TOP ATTENDANCE

|            |       |       |
|------------|-------|-------|
| EYFS & KS1 | Riley | 98.5% |
| KS2        | Ay    | 98.9% |



## GOLDEN AWARDS

**Riley class** (Nur) Ishaq  
**Butler class** (Rec) Alisha  
**Kahlo class** (Yr 1) Abubakar  
**Boyce class** (Yr 2) Eliora

**Iris class** (Yr 3) Lako  
**Marshall class** (Yr 4) Nayla  
**Ay class** (Yr 5) Olivia  
**Basquiat class** (Yr 6) Gideon

## YEAR 6 VISIT BRUCE CASTLE

Basquiat Class recently visited Bruce Grove Castle Museum as part of our history learning about the Windrush generation.

During our visit, we learnt why people from the Caribbean were invited to Britain and the important roles they played in helping to rebuild the country after the Second World War. We explored the passenger manifest of the HMT Empire Windrush and discovered some fascinating details about the people who travelled on board, including two passengers who had secretly made their way onto the ship!

We then learnt about some of the individuals who travelled on the Windrush and explored suitcases filled with personal belongings. These objects helped us to understand more about the passengers' lives, experiences and hopes for their new lives in Britain.

**Simon** said, "I found it interesting looking at the passenger list because it showed us the names of the real people who travelled on the Windrush."

We also discussed some of the challenges faced by the Windrush generation when they arrived, including the prejudice and discrimination they experienced. We thought carefully about how difficult it must have been to arrive in a new country where not everyone welcomed them.

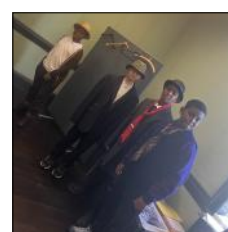
**Robert** said, "I was surprised that some people were not welcoming to the Windrush generation, even though they had come to help rebuild Britain."

To help us imagine what it might have felt like to arrive in Britain, we also dressed up as passengers coming off the Windrush. This gave us the opportunity to think about what people may have been wearing, carrying and feeling as they arrived in a new country.

Our learning also inspired us creatively. We discovered the work of Althea McNish, an inspiring textile artist who came to Britain from Trinidad and Tobago. To celebrate her contribution to British art and remember her legacy, we created our own fabric prints, taking inspiration from her vibrant patterns and designs.

One particularly interesting detail we discovered was that many passengers had packed clothing suitable for the warm Caribbean climate. They were therefore unprepared for Britain's much colder weather!

The visit helped us to bring our history learning to life and gave us a deeper understanding of the experiences, contributions and challenges of the Windrush generation. It was a fascinating and memorable day of learning for Basquiat Class, combining history, creativity and reflection.



## YEAR 5's TRIP TO BRITISH MUSEUM

Year 5 had a fantastic time visiting the British Museum as part of their learning about the Anglo-Saxons. The children explored the Anglo-Saxon gallery and had the exciting opportunity to see some of the remarkable artefacts discovered at the famous Sutton Hoo ship burial.

It was wonderful for the children to see real historical objects up close and make connections with everything they have been learning about in the classroom. They enjoyed examining the artefacts, thinking about what they reveal about Anglo-Saxon life and imagining the stories behind these incredible treasures. The visit really helped to bring our history topic to life and inspired lots of curiosity, questions and discussion.



### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

This week, children in Years 1 to 6 took part in our School Council elections. **Candidates** delivered fantastic speeches before all classes visited our **polling station** on Thursday to cast their **secret ballots**. We are very proud of everyone who stood for election. Congratulations to our newly elected school councillors!

Following an incredibly close vote and a tie between the boys, Abraj and Arhab will be sharing the role as school councillors for Year 4, joining our other wonderful winners across the school! The newly elected councillors will now meet with Chloe every two weeks to share classmates' suggestions, support school priorities, and discuss any school issues.

| Kingsmead School Council<br>2026-2027 |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Year 1                                | <b>Neve &amp; Suleiman</b>      |
| Year 2                                | <b>Rebecca &amp; Josiah</b>     |
| Year 3                                | <b>Ottajia &amp; Afnan</b>      |
| Year 4                                | <b>Nayla, Abraj &amp; Arhab</b> |
| Year 5                                | <b>Elena &amp; Evan</b>         |
| Year 6                                | <b>Anjola &amp; Charlie</b>     |



### COFFEE MORNING REMINDER

Next week on **Thursday 1st October**, we're holding a Coffee Morning from 9-10am, around **Supporting Your Child with Big Emotions**. The session will be delivered by **Hannah**, our Education Mental Health Practitioner & **Chloe**, Kingsmead's SENDCo. All are welcome to attend what should be a very helpful and informative session with tips and advice about how to support children of all ages with regulating their emotions.

Coffee, tea & biscuits will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.



### KINGSMEAD PARENT CHAMPIONS



Kingsmead's Parent Champions are a group of dedicated parents who focus on building a sense community by supporting with activities and social events for the families of children who attend Kingsmead Primary School. They support with events such as our annual International Evening and Summer Fair, as

well as organising Cake Sales and other activities to help raise money for extra-curricular offer for children at Kingsmead, such as school and class trips and various subject workshops. Support, both financial and in kind, is also given to help maintain and improve the school premises, gardens and grounds.

Our community events are always well attended and are a great way for families, carers and staff to get to know each other.

Any interested Kingsmead parent or carer is welcome to become a Kingsmead Parent Champion and join our friendly supportive team!

We will be holding our first Parent Champion meeting for this new academic year on **Monday 5th October at 2.45pm**. Do come along and find out more about how you can get involved. All welcome!

### KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 28 Sept** Citizens Advice session -must be booked
- Thurs 1 Oct** Parent Coffee Morning with Hannah (our EMHP) on Supporting Your Child with Big Emotions 9—10am
- Mon 5 Oct** Kingsmead Parent Champion meeting 2.45pm
- Fri 9 Oct** World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow - option to wear something yellow to school
- Mon 12 Oct** Citizens Advice session -must be booked
- Thurs 15 Oct** Coffee Morning: Maths workshop for parents in Reception & Nursery 9—10am
- Fri 16 Oct** Coffee Morning: Phonics workshop for Yr 1 parents 9—10am
- Thurs 22 Oct** Kingsmead's International Evening
- Mon 26—Fri 30 Oct** Half term break
- Mon 9 Nov** Citizens Advice session -must be booked
- Fri 13 Nov** Children in need day—option to wear PJs
- Mon 16 Nov** Anti-Bullying Week starts—option to wear odd socks to celebrate difference
- Mon 23 Nov** Citizens Advice session -must be booked
- Mon 7 Dec** Citizens Advice session -must be booked
- Friday 18 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term

**School closes early at 1.30pm for children**