



LEAP NEWS

Friday 16th October 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

las hojas caen de los árboles..... *The leaves fall from the trees....*

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

CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING RESULTS ACROSS OUR LEAP SCHOOLS!

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about how well our children across the four LEAP schools performed in last summer's Year 6 SATs tests. The results show that all four of our schools are among the highest-performing primary schools in Hackney, with achievements well above both borough and national averages.

Across LEAP, an impressive 88% of children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, compared with 73% across Hackney and 63% nationally. That means almost nine out of every ten children across our federation reached the expected standard in all three subjects!

There were some particularly fantastic achievements:

Grasmere achieved 90% in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, placing it joint top in Hackney.

Gayhurst achieved 89%, placing it joint second in the borough, with an exceptional 96% of children reaching the expected standard in Maths.

Mandeville achieved 86%, including an outstanding 96% of children reaching the expected standard in Reading.

Kingsmead achieved 83%, with 90% of children reaching the expected standard in Maths.

We are particularly proud that all four schools performed so strongly, reflecting the benefits of working together as a federation, sharing expertise and maintaining high expectations for every child.

Helping Every Child Achieve Their Best

It isn't just the number of children reaching the expected standard that makes these results so impressive. We also have exceptionally high numbers of children achieving the higher standards in their tests and assessments, showing that we are successfully challenging and stretching children to achieve their very best.

At Kingsmead, an extraordinary 76% of children achieved the higher standard in Reading — the highest percentage of any Hackney primary school! Grasmere also achieved outstanding results, with 63% reaching the higher standard in Reading and 50% in Maths. At Mandeville, 29% achieved the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, while Gayhurst achieved an impressive 42% at Greater Depth in Writing.

Across all four schools, the proportion of children achieving the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined was above the Hackney average.

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Success for All Our Children

One of the things we are especially proud of across LEAP is our commitment to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed, whatever their individual needs or starting point.

Our results show that children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) are achieving exceptionally well, with outcomes significantly above those of similar pupils nationally. At Kingsmead, children from disadvantaged backgrounds consistently achieve in line with, and sometimes better than, their classmates. At Mandeville, an impressive 86% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, with almost a third also achieving the higher standard.

We are equally committed to ensuring that children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) receive the support and challenge they need to flourish. At Gayhurst, for example, outcomes for children with SEND compare favourably with those of children with similar needs across Hackney.

These achievements reflect something we believe very strongly across LEAP: inclusion and high academic expectations go hand in hand. We want every child to feel valued, supported and challenged, and to experience the pride and confidence that comes from achieving their best.

Strong Foundations from the Very Beginning

Success in Year 6 doesn't happen overnight. It is built on the learning, encouragement and support children receive throughout their primary school years.

Our youngest learners are also doing brilliantly. In the Year 1 phonics assessments, which check children's early reading skills, all four LEAP schools achieved results above both Hackney and national averages, with between 86% and 93% of children reaching the expected standard.

These strong foundations help children develop the confidence and skills they need as they move through school.

So Much More Than Test Results!

Of course, we know that a great primary education is about much more than SATs results. We want our children to be happy, curious, creative and confident, to enjoy learning, develop friendships and discover new

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interests and talents.

We believe that high academic standards and a rich, exciting and inclusive education go hand in hand. Our children benefit from interesting, creative and challenging teaching throughout their time with us, and these results are one important reflection of that work.

Behind every percentage is a child who has worked hard, overcome challenges, made progress and grown in confidence. These achievements are also a real credit to our wonderful staff, whose dedication, expertise and teamwork make such a difference every day.

A huge congratulations to all our children and staff across Gayhurst, Grasmere, Kingsmead and Mandeville. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved together!

And a big thank you to our families for the encouragement and support you give your children throughout their learning journey.

THE FAMILY COACH SERVICE WELLBEING WALKS

These walks are for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities. No need for a formal diagnosis or EHCP to joining the group. If you'd like to take part email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk



Family Coach Service

Term 1 Wellbeing Walks 2026/27*

For parents of children with
special educational needs and disabilities.

No formal diagnosis or Educational Health Care Plan necessary.



Friday 13th of November
10 - 11 am

A walk to focus

New River Cafe, Clissold Park



Thursday 3rd of December
12:30 - 1:30 pm

A walk to calm

London Fields Lido

To sign up please email us with the walks you'd like to attend:

familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

Can't make the walks but still want to be part of the community?

Please email us to be sent the walks to complete in your own time.

*We need a minimum of 3 parents attending to be able to go ahead. If we don't have at least 3 parents sign up, we may cancel the session the day before. Anyone who has signed up will be notified via email

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD AUTUMN TRAIL

Friday 6 November 2026, 4.30-7pm

The School of Food's much-loved annual Autumn Pumpkin Trail is back! Tickets sell out fast, so book early to join us for an evening of glowing pumpkins, firelight and good food in our kitchen and garden.

Follow the pumpkin trail after dark, vote for your favourite carving, settle in for storytelling by the fire and get creative with nature crafts. There'll be sparklers, freshly made pizza, cakes, mulled wine and cider, plus HSoF honey and preserves to take home.

A warming bowl of pumpkin soup and fresh bread is included with every ticket.

Whether you're a regular visitor or have never been through our kitchen door before, bring your family, friends or neighbours and come and explore Hackney School of Food.

Tickets are £8.50 for adults and £4 for children. We also have 100 pay-what-you-can/free tickets so that more local families can join us.

Money raised from the evening supports our cooking and growing activities for children and families across Hackney.

You can book your ticket using the QR code on the poster or [on this link](#).





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

Nursery	97	Year 3	81
Reception	84	Year 4	75
Year 1	93	Year 5	78
Year 2	88	Year 6	114

EYFS & KS1	Riley 98.8%
KS2	Marshall 99.5%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Riley class (Nur) Malaya
Butler class (Rec) Zion
Kahlo class (Yr 1) Samuel
Boyce class (Yr 2) Niyame

Iris class (Yr 3) Ayla B
Marshall class (Yr 4) Nathan
Ay class (Yr 5) Charlie
Basquiat class (Yr 6) Veselin

YEAR 6 NEWS

SCHOOL OF FOOD VISIT

As part of our DT topic, Food from Around the World, Basquiat Class visited the Hackney School of Food to learn about Thai cuisine. During our visit, we picked fresh mint and basil from the garden and used them to help create a delicious Thai green curry.

We were taught a range of important food preparation skills, including how to use different knife grips safely, such as the pinch, claw and rock grip. We also explored a variety of ingredients, some of which were completely new to us, and learned how they contribute to the flavour of a Thai green curry.

Following instructions carefully and working independently, we prepared and cooked our own curries. We were proud of our teamwork, cooking skills and willingness to try new foods. The finished dishes were delicious, and we all enjoyed tasting the flavours of Thailand!

Xander, 'I enjoyed cooking using a lot different and new flavours.'

Veselin, 'Trying new food and using the equipment was exciting.'

Hussein, 'I really enjoyed trying the herbs and spices that we would never use at home. The combinations were put together very well.'



INDEPENDENT TRAVEL WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, Year 6 took part in a useful and informative workshop with Transport for London (TfL), learning how to travel safely and confidently on buses, the Underground and the Overground as they prepare for the transition to secondary school. The children learned how to tap in correctly using their Oyster cards or travel passes and how to board buses and trains safely. They discussed the importance of good behaviour on public transport, including respecting

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fellow passengers and making sensible choices to keep themselves and others safe. They also learned that, if they need to speak to the bus driver, they should wait until the bus is at a bus stop and the driver is not driving.

The workshop covered where to sit and stand on a bus. They also discussed the importance of keeping wheelchair and buggy spaces clear when needed, moving to make room for passengers who require them, and considering the advantages and disadvantages of different seating areas. Year 6 also met ticket inspectors, who explained their role in checking that passengers have valid tickets or passes and helping people who need assistance.



YEAR 3 & 4 SPORTS INSPIRED FESTIVAL

Yesterday Years 3 and 4 took part in a fantastic sports-filled day at Britannia Leisure Centre. The event was run by the charity SportsInspired who organised a fun packed energetic time for all the children. In teams, children tried out new sports including Boccia, sitting volley ball, Tae Kwon do and netball as well as cricket and dancing. All children came away with a medal and had a great time.

Nayla Yr 4 - 'Every team was working together as a team and my favourite game was netball because it was a challenge because we couldn't move'

Zhavia Yr 3 - 'I had a fun time today, we did a lot of activities which I would like to do when I also get older'



YR 3 & YR 4 SPORTS INSPIRED FESTIVAL CONTINUED.....



KINGSMEAD'S INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Kingsmead's renowned International Evening is taking place on **Thursday 22nd October from 4—6.30pm**. There'll be lots of great entertainment as well as delicious food at this fantastic annual celebration of our school's diverse community. **Do come dressed in clothes linked to your family heritage if you'd like to.**

Tickets will be on sale at the end of the school day by the school gate.

- **£5 for adults** (reduced to £2 if they bring food to share)
- **£2 for children**

Our International evening depends on the generosity of our amazing families bringing in home made dishes to share with everyone at the event. Ticket prices include a plate of food.

FOOD DONATIONS

If you are willing and able to bring a plate of food to donate, you can purchase a reduced price adult ticket.

Just tell Emma, Meret, Chloe or Sarah on the school gate what dish you plan to bring & they will make a note of it.

Please remember we are a nut safe school - so not nuts in any food donations. Thank you!



International Evening

Come and enjoy good food & great entertainment at

Kingsmead School

Thursday 22 October

4.00 - 6.30pm

Please come wearing clothes linked to your family's heritage if you'd like to

Bring a dish of food to share if you can

Live acts include

Kingsmead's Steel Pans, Drumming & Dance, Lion Man and more!

Plus DJ Ben's disco

Tickets on sale in school from Mon 5th Oct or on the door:

Adult - £5 (reduced to £2 if bringing food) Child - £2



NURSERY & RECEPTION PARENT MATHS WORKSHOP

Thanks to all the Nursery and Reception parents who managed to attend our Maths Workshop yesterday morning. Sarah, LEAP's maths lead, ran a really useful session explaining how parents can support their child's early number development.

For those who were not able to attend but would like to be able to access the Powerpoint Sarah shared in the session you can find a PDF of it [here](#) on the Parent Workshop & Engagement page of Kingsmead's website.

"The session was really helpful with lots of practical advice. Sarah introduced games we could play to help keep it fun for children—it was a really good workshop" - Devon's mum, Reception parent.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

Wed 21 Oct	Yr 3 Diwali assembly 3pm
Thurs 22 Oct	Kingsmead's International Evening 4—6.30pm
Mon 26—Fri 30 Oct	Half term break
Sat 31 Oct	Deadline for Secondary School admissions
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
Wed 18 Nov	Year 2 Class assembly 3pm
Mon 23 Nov	Citizens Advice session -must be booked
Thurs 3 Dec	Year 4 Class assembly 11am
Mon 7 Dec	Citizens Advice session -must be booked
Wed 9 Dec	Year 1 Nativity assembly 2.50pm
Friday 18 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term

School closes early at 1.30pm for children