LEAP NEWS

Friday 6th November 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar con mis amigos….. *I like to play with my friends….*

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

LEAP STAFF GET PUMPKIN CARVING

On Thursday after school, LEAP staff from across all four schools met at Mandeville and got creative - at a special pumpkin carving session. The Hackney School of Food's Autumn Trail takes place today (Friday 6th November) and LEAP staff provide carved pumpkins for the trail, which families visiting the event are able to vote for their favourite pumpkin. A winner and runner up for each school is selected with a prize for each school's winning design. Look out in next week's newsletter for photos and a news story on the Hackney School of Food's Autumn Trail event and announcements on the winning pumpkins!

























KAMPALA BUZZLINE & KINGSMEAD'S SUPPORT

Kingsmead Primary School's Year 6 class recently created felt bag gifts and a supportive video message for children in Uganda, participating in the Kampala Buzzline project, as they were holding a community Bee Run and Greenest School competition. Kingsmead is twinned with the New Brain School in Kampala, a relationship that came out of both schools' work supporting pollinating insects through both the Hackney and Kampala Buzzline projects. The gifts were very well received and Gerry, from EcoACTIVE, the sustainable education charity who set up the Hackney Buzzline, shared some lovely photos and film clips from the event in Kampala which he attended. Year 6 were delighted to see the photos and short videos of the children receiving their gifts.

You can read more about this story [in this Hackney Gazette article.]















CHILDREN IN NEED - PJ DAY

Don't forget next **Friday 13th November** is Children in Need day and we are encouraging all LEAP children and staff to **come to school in pyjamas** and bring some coin donations to school, to help raise funds for Children in Need.

BBC Children in Need

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Follow us on Instagram: @leapfederation @kingsmeade9 @gayhurste8 @mandevillee5 @grasmeren16

KINGSMEAD NEWS

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	76	**Year 3**	77
Reception	91	**Year 4**	90
Year 1	88	**Year 5**	82
Year 2	84	**Year 6**	**100**

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	**Riley** 98.4%
KS2	**Ay** 99%

GOLDEN AWARDS

Riley class	(Nur)	Silver
Butler class	(Rec)	Kayan
Kahlo class	(Yr 1)	Oliver
Boyce class	(Yr 2)	Andrea
Iris class	(Yr 3)	Victoria
Marshall class	(Yr 4)	Annabella
Ay class	(Yr 5)	Ayla
Basquiat class	(Yr 6)	Simon

KINGSMEAD AWARDED TFL TRAVEL FOR LIFE GOLD

Kingsmead are delighted to announce that once more we have been awarded Gold level by Transport for London's Travel for Life accreditation programme. This programme supports schools, young people and their families, towards brighter, safer and more sustainable travel. Gold accreditation lasts for three years and Kingsmead has achieved this level thanks to all the proactive steps our children, staff and families take towards choosing sustainable modes of travel, thinking and learning about how to support the local environment and positively impacting climate change, reducing pollution, recycling & energy saving.

WE HAVE ACHIEVED

Accredited until Sept 2029
TRAVEL FOR LIFE GOLD

YEAR 4 NORTH LONDON WASTE CENTRE VISIT

As part of Kingsmead's focus on sustainability, Year 4 had the opportunity to visit EcoPark in Edmonton, the site where all the waste from seven north London boroughs, including Hackney, goes to be sorted and processed. The students took part in a workshop to find out more about reducing, reusing and recycling and were interested to learn about how waste that cannot be recycled can be used to create electricity through steam power.

They also had a tour of the site, which meant seeing the vast spaces where our rubbish is taken to and saw some of the equipment used to sort and move it around. It was incredible to see the scale of the place and to find out that we all produce so much waste that it has to run 24/7. Year 4 will be using what they have learned to try to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle even more!

YEAR 4 NORTH LONDON WASTE VISIT CONTINUED...

"I couldn't believe that our rubbish is put into a 25 metre deep bunker !"
Calisa



"I learned a lot more about what can be recycled at school and at home."
Shayma



"It was interesting to see all the rubbish trucks coming from all over London."
Marty





PTO

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.

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SCHOOL NURSE COFFEE MORNING

On **Thursday 12th November** from **9 - 9.45am** we are holding a coffee morning with our School Nurse. This is an opportunity for Kingsmead parents and carers to come and meet Kingsmead's School Nurse, Charlotte, and let her know if there are particular issues they would like support with in relation to their children's health.

Charlotte is going to introduce the **School Nurse Drop In sessions** she'll be running at Kingsmead, once a term, this academic year and we'll share information about how parents can sign up for a drop in session.

Do come along to find out more—all welcome and there will be tea, coffee and biscuits on offer as usual.

We look forward to seeing you there!

NHS
Homerton University Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust

SCHOOL NURSE

FREE DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS FOR SANCTUARY RESIDENTS

Sanctuary Housing have asked us to share information that referrals are open for the free Digital Skills Training they are running for Sanctuary residents living in and around the Kingsmead area.

The programme is aimed at residents who have little or no confidence using digital technology, including smartphones, tablets, laptops and online services.

Topics include:

- Basic digital skills
- Email use
- Completing online forms
- Device and browser navigation
- Online safety and scam awareness

Session 1—**16 November 2026 10am–1pm**

Session 2—**23 November 2026 10am–1pm**

Venue: **Kingsmead Community Centre,**
9A Kingsmead Way, Hackney, London E9 5QG

Residents are welcome to bring their own smartphone, tablet or laptop but if they don't have one, Sanctuary can provide one!

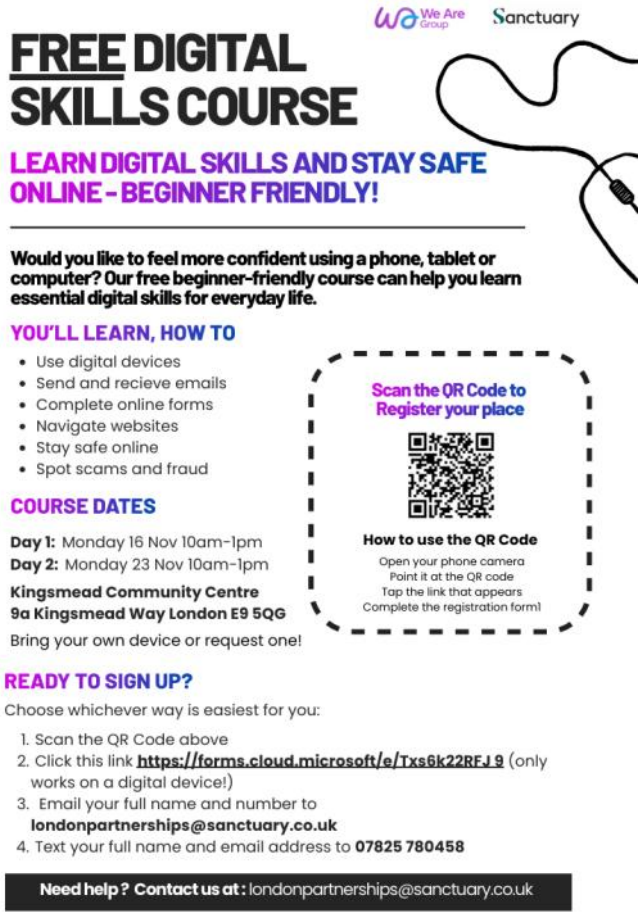
Everyone who completes both days will receive a goodie bag!

Please can any residents who may benefit from support with technology register as soon as possible, as spaces are limited.

FREE DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOP CONTINUED.....

If you are interested you can access the registration link here:

Free Digital Skills Course - Monday 16 & 23 November 2026 - Kingsmead Community Centre – Fill in form



KEY DATES THIS TERM

Thurs 12 Nov Coffee Morning—Meet the School Nurse

Fri 13 Nov Wear PJ's today - fundraising for Children in Need

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 School Nurse drop in session 9am —12.30
Year 4 Class assembly 11am +
Parent & Carer Consultation evening
School closes early at 1.30pm for children

Mon 7 Dec Citizens Advice session -must be booked

Tues 15 Dec Drumming & Dance performances for Yr 6, 5, 4, 2 & Dynamix at 2pm

Friday 18 Dec Last day of Autumn Term
School closes early at 1.30pm for children