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LEAP NEWS

Friday 26th September 2025

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

LEAP PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS AUTUMN 2025

Can you help shape the future of our Federation?

We need parents of children registered at a school in our Federation to make a difference in our school community by volunteering to become parent governor.

Currently we have vacancies for two parent governors on the LEAP Federation governing board.

Your voice as a parent is very important and it is vital that the governing board has good representation from our parents among its membership.

Information about the role

Once elected or appointed for a term of four years, a parent governor takes on the role of a Federation governor, a public volunteer. All governors are equal, no category of governor is any more important or influential than any other and parents are elected to be an equal part of the board. They are not elected to present parents' views or to act as parent representatives any more than any other governor.

We are seeking parents who have a real willingness to help, who can listen carefully, read important documents, ask questions, attend training and be able to actively contribute at meetings which are around 9 per year.

All governors represent all four schools in the Federation and will be expected to gain an understanding and feeling for all the schools and how they function.

If you can spare approximately ten hours or more a month then please consider nominating yourself for this interesting voluntary role.

The governing body is particularly seeking applicants with the following skills - fund raising, finance, law, personnel, health and buildings or architectural experience. We are also keen to appoint governors from under-represented communities.

LEAP PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS CONTINUED...

What can you offer as a parent governor?

- Enthusiasm, time and commitment.
- You will have a feel for what is important to people.
- Any professional or other skills you may have will be very helpful.
- An openness to learning and change, and wanting to make a difference.
- Governors also provide objectivity in debate and decision-making and can add further and different perspectives to Federation matters.

What are the benefits?

- ◇ Being a school governor is a privilege – you are a small but very important part in an educational system with a very long history.
- ◇ The knowledge that you have played a part in improving local children's education and supporting the Federation's staff.
- ◇ A chance to develop new skills, to practice and strengthen existing ones, such as chairing a meeting, researching or leading on a key Federation issue.
- ◇ The opportunity to work as part of a team to make a real difference in the community.
- ◇ The opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life whom you probably would not have otherwise encountered.
- ◇ Knowing that the decisions you collectively make will have a huge impact on children's lives.
- ◇ You develop as a person and may even find that your experiences as a governor influence future career and life choices.

If you are interested in volunteering, here's what you should do ...

Please check that you are eligible to stand as a parent governor. The definition of "parent" includes:

all natural parents, whether they are married or not

any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person

"Parent" is defined as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18".

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LEAP PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS CONTINUED...

The definition of "parent" also includes a person who the child lives with and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. The reference in the definition must be to someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

There are some criteria which can disqualify you from serving as any type of governor. This list is given in the nomination form. If you are applying, then you must confirm that you are not disqualified by those criteria.

Please nominate yourself by completing the nomination form which can be downloaded from our Federation school websites on the **Parent Governor Election Autumn 2025 page**, which is under the **School Governors** page in the **About Us** section.

[Link to page](#) on [Grasmere website](#)

[Link to page](#) on [Gayhurst website](#)

[Link to page](#) on [Mandeville website](#)

[Link to page](#) on [Kingsmead website](#)

If you would rather have a paper copy of the nomination form please ask your school office for one.

Please ensure that your completed nomination form is returned to one of the schools by 5pm on Friday **October 3rd 2025**. You can hand in your completed nomination form to your school's office or it to Governors@leapfederation.org

Nominations will be published as part of the newsletter and then parents from all 4 schools will be invited to vote based on your self nomination. Parents from each school are requested to consider each governor on merit and not dependent on which school their child attends. Voting is electronic and all votes are confidential. The two candidates with the most votes overall will be elected to the governing board.

FROM HACKNEYS SPEAKER'S OFFICE

Here are three items from Hackney Speaker's office Autumn newsletter that we thought our families might be interested in.

CHILDREN'S T SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

Amongst various other fundraising events, one of the most exciting is Hackney's participation, this time, in the London Parade on new year's day 2026. We are collaborating with local businesses to put together a float with the theme of **celebrating unity**. All of those on the Hackney float will be wearing matching T-shirts, and we are asking Hackney's young people to get involved in my competition to create the Hackney T-shirt design, in the style of an emblem.

The winner will have their design realised, be invited to join the float (subject to being accompanied by an adult)

FROM HACKNEY SPEAKER'S OFFICE CONTINUED....

and be part of an event that is broadcast live, world-wide. The winner and five runners up will all receive Amazon vouchers.

The age limit is 18 years old and we welcome entries from nursery to sixth form. Please email entries to speaker@hackney.gov.uk. The deadline for entries is **21 November 2025**.

SILVER SUNDAY INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT



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Hackney Speaker Cllr Sharon Patrick's intergenerational event: games, music, poetry, tea and cakes

5 OCTOBER 2025, 11AM-1PM

ALL AGES WELCOME!

at St Mary's Secret Garden,
50 Pearson St, London E2 8EL

Hackney

HACKNEY COMMUNITY ACTIVITY DAY

If you'd like to get involved in supporting the community contact us here speaker@hackney.gov.uk to register or for further information.



HACKNEY SPEAKER CLLR SHARON PATRICK'S CHARITY FUNDRAISER

HACKNEY COMMUNITY ACTIVITY DAY
1 NOVEMBER 2025

JOIN US AND GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY BY DOING A SPONSORED

- WALK
- RUN
- SWIM (FREE AT ELIGIBLE BETTER HACKNEY CENTRES)
- CYCLE

OR

- ATTEND A MOTIVATIONAL TALK @ PEDRO CLUB
- HOLD A RAFFLE / ANY COMPETITION
- CAKE SALE

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Hackney Foodbank
Hackney Marsh Partnership
SPEAKER@HACKNEY.GOV.UK



AUTUMN TERM 2025

1st half of term: 02.09.25 - 24.10.25

Half term: 27 — 31 Oct 2025

2nd half of term: 03.11.25 - 17.12.25

INSET days: Mon 1 Sept 2025,
Thurs 18 & Fri 19 Dec 2025

CROWN WINNERS

Nursery	77	Year 3	85
Reception	84	Year 4	76
Year 1	82	Year 5	81
Year 2	77	Year 6	94

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lagan 98%
KS2	Fowey 98.2%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Lagan class (Yr 1) Nadine
Tyne class (Yr 2) Lako
Severn class (Yr 3) Ibrahim

Ness class (Yr 4) George
Fowey class (Yr 5) Shaniya
Avon class (Yr 6) Catalaya

YEAR 6 NEWS

Exploring Migration and the Windrush at Hackney Museum

As part of our history learning about the Windrush generation, Year 6 visited Hackney Museum to explore the experiences of people who migrated to Britain.

When we arrived, Reece, our museum facilitator, gave us a series of images of historical objects linked to the Windrush generation. Our first task was to find these artefacts around the museum. Many of them were familiar from our history lessons, and it was exciting to see real-life objects from this period.

We then worked in groups to explore suitcase histories – personal stories of people who migrated to the UK. These included individuals from the Windrush generation as well as others who arrived before the Second World War and after. After learning about their journeys, we plotted each person on a timeline to understand when and why they came to Britain.

We had thoughtful discussions about the different reasons why people migrated, including escaping war, seeking better opportunities, and helping to rebuild Britain.

To finish the session, we summarised what we had learned and reflected

on how migration has shaped modern Britain. The visit helped bring our history topic to life and gave us a deeper understanding of the journeys and contributions of people who came to the UK from around the world.



YEAR 6 NEWS CONTINUED.....

Year 6 Class assembly: Honouring The Windrush Generation

This week, our Year 6 pupils delivered a powerful and thought-provoking assembly based on their recent history learning about the Windrush generation. Through dramatic performances, the children explored some of the challenges faced by those who arrived in Britain aboard the Empire Windrush and the adversity they encountered as they tried to build new lives. The assembly also highlighted the immense contributions the Windrush generation has made to British society – from enriching our culture and communities to playing a vital role in public services such as the NHS.

It was a moving and respectful tribute that demonstrated not only the children's deep understanding of this important chapter in history but also their empathy and maturity.

Well done, Year 6!



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 2 Oct** Maths workshop for Nur, Rec, Yr 1 & Yr 2 parents 9—9.45am
- Wed 8 Oct** Yr 4 class assembly 3pm
- Wed 15 Oct** Yr 3 RE assembly 3pm
- Thurs 16 Oct** Phonics workshop for Rec & Yr 1 parents 9—9.45am
- Wed 22 Oct** Yr 5 class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 23 Oct** Kingsmead's International Evening
- Mon 27—Fri 31 Oct** Half term break
- Wed 19 Nov** Yr 2 class assembly 3pm
- Wed 26 Nov** Yr 6 RE assembly
- Thurs 27 Nov** Parent Carer consultation
school closes early at 1.30pm for children
- Wed 10 Dec** Yr 1 RE assembly
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term -
school closes early at 1.30pm for children

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KINGSMEAD SCHOOL JOINS TERRACYCLE RECYCLING PROGRAMME!

We're excited to announce that Kingsmead School is now an official collection point for the TerraCycle Free Recycling Programme! This initiative helps reduce waste by recycling items that are not typically accepted in local council collections.

What can you drop off at our collection point?

We are now accepting the following types of packaging from all brands:

- Bakery plastic packaging
- Flexible coffee bag packaging and large poly-bags of tea packaging
- Biscuit, cracker, and cake wrappers

Please note: We cannot accept cardboard box packaging as part of this scheme.

How to prepare your items:

You do not need to clean the packaging.

Please remove as much of the remaining product as possible.

Wet or dripping packaging cannot be accepted, so please ensure items are dry.

Where and when to drop off:

Drop-off boxes will be located just inside the school gates and will be available after school each day. Simply bring your items and place them in the appropriate box.

By participating, you're helping us reduce landfill waste and support a more sustainable future for our community.

Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Hang (Year 4 teacher) or Shanaz (Year 6 teacher), our Sustainability Leads.



PARENT MATHS WORKSHOP



Do you want to help your child learn maths?

If you have a child in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 come along to our Maths Workshop next week on **Thursday 2nd October at 9am** in the Dance Studio. In a no-pressure, relaxed

atmosphere (with tea and coffee!) learn about how we teach maths in school and how you can help your child at home.

STAY & PLAY FOR PROSPECTIVE NURSERY & RECEPTION FAMILIES

Kingsmead are running some Stay and Play sessions this term, for families with under 5 children who are looking for a Nursery or Reception place. Fun Forest School activities will be delivered to the children and parents will have a chance to chat with Nursery and Reception staff. Tasty snacks on offer too!

They will take place on **Saturday 8th November** and **Saturday 6th December** and run from 10—11am.

Please spread the word if you have any friends or neighbours with under 5s—and do come along if you have an under 5 who has not yet started at Kingsmead.




UNDER 5'S STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

Looking for a nursery or reception place?
New Families Welcome!

Kingsmead Primary School
Kingsmead Way, Homerton, London, E9 5PP

Come and join us for a free morning of fun and games and find out if Kingsmead is the right place for your child.

**Saturday 8th
November &
Saturday 6th
December 2025**
Starts at 10.00am
until 11:00am

- ✓ Meet the Nursery and Reception Team
- ✓ Forest School Activities
- ✓ Free Healthy Snacks Provided

Make a booking through our website:
www.kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk
or call: 0208 8985 5779


