



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 24th October 2025

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

SPANISH @ LEAP NEWS

Every year, children in year 5 at LEAP are partnered with a child from Placido Domingo School in Madrid to take part in a year long pen pal project! In their Spanish lessons, the children have been drafting and publishing their first letter to their new pen pal using vocabulary they have learnt in years 3- 6 as well as new letter-specific vocabulary.

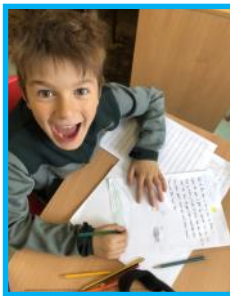
Ariam (Mandeville) – “We told our pen pal about our family members and pets. I said *tengo un perro.*”

Sianna (Grasmere) - “I can’t wait to hear back from my new pen pal and write the next letter!”

Kayode (Gayhurst) – “It was really fun using everything I learnt in Spanish to write to a real person in Spain. Can’t wait for the reply.”

Xander (Kingsmead) “I enjoyed writing my letter in Spanish and I can’t wait to see how they will reply!” -

This project helps children to use their language learning in a meaningful context, as well as learn about a new country and culture. We can’t wait to hear back from our pen pals!



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- The more you play, the more you learn!
- Boosts memory, creativity & communication.

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2. Go to 'Settings'
3. Tap LAOFR25

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HACKNEY LIBRARIES

Have you signed up to join your local library? If not, why not do so in the half term holiday? It's simple and free and you and your child can borrow an endless supply of great books to take home, read and bring back to exchange for new books. Library's have experienced staff who can help you to guide your child to find interesting books at the right level for their reading ability.

How to join the Library

You can apply to join your local library in person. You just need to bring proof of address, such as a utility bill. Membership is free and open to everyone.

Other benefits of Joining the Library

Did you know that many of Hackney's libraries also offer a range of regular fun activities? From reading groups to chess groups, stories & rhymes to arts & crafts, Lego clubs to creative writing classes, Hackney Libraries have something for everyone.

You can find out what's going on in your local library by following [this link](#).

Half Term Activities

Hackney Libraries offer some FREE half term activities across their libraries. Get involved in a programme of craft activities, film screenings and storytelling sessions in Hackney Libraries from 24 October until 1 November! We kick off with a Lego session collaboration with Thread Point Foundation at Homerton Library. You can make a mosaic inspired by African-American artist Alma Thomas at Shoreditch Library and Woodberry Down Library, or take home a homemade autumnal garland from Dalston CLR James Library. You can even make your very own Halloween crowns and puppets at Stamford Hill Library and Clapton Library. [Find out more here](#)

USEFUL ONLINE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Osbourne Publishing have a great website full of fun reading and maths activities. **Teach Your Monster** is a not-for-profit that creates magical, fun-filled learning games for kids.

“We work with leading academics to create beautifully crafted games kids love to play. We do this with the help of friendly monsters, playful design and out-of-this-world storytelling! Trusted by teachers and parents, our innovative products aim to engage even the most reluctant of learners.”

<https://www.teachyourmonster.org/>



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	93	Year 3	76
Reception	83	Year 4	80
Year 1	125	Year 5	95
Year 2	94	Year 6	90

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lea 98.7%
KS2	Fowey 99%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Ocean
Lea class (Rec) King
Lagan class (Yr 1) Amina
Tyne class (Yr 2) Ibrahim

Severn class (Yr 3) Adrian
Ness class (Yr 4) Nusaybah
Fowey class (Yr 5) Simon
Avon class (Yr 6) Humaira

KINGSMEAD'S INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Once again Kingsmead families came together to celebrate our community's wonderful mix of cultures and heritages at our now famous International Evening! We had an incredible range of home cooked dishes, donated by our families for all to share and our Kitchen team made some wonderful food including curries and salads to contribute to the evening too. A massive thank you to all the families who attended, everyone who dressed up and those who donated food. Thank you too all Kingsmead staff who worked hard to make the evening such a success especially to our kitchen team, **Shernette, Ana, Jackie and Sulania**. Jackie and Sulania performed on the evening for our memorable first ever Kitchen team dance crew, alongside our Year 6 Steel Pans and Year 4 dancers and drummers. Thanks to **Kerry** (steel pans teacher), and **Ms Harley and Victor** (dance and drumming teachers). Thanks to **DJ Ben**, to **Bollywood Vibes**, who gave us a fantastic dance show and to **Spitalfields Market** for their very generous donation of pineapples, that we were able to share with our families. Congratulations to Bianca, Tay'Jhlee's mum, who won the Tropical Fruit hamper raffle!



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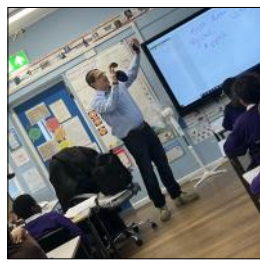
YEAR 6 LEARN ABOUT JEWISH PRAYER WITH RABBI RONI

This week, Year 6 had a special visit from Rabbi Roni, who came to share insights into Jewish prayer traditions. The session was both fascinating and interactive, giving pupils a hands-on experience of elements of the Jewish faith.

Rabbi Roni brought along several Jewish prayer garments, including the tallit (prayer shawl) and tefillin (phylacteries), and explained their significance and how they are worn during prayer. The children were intrigued by the meaning behind each item and how these garments help Jewish people connect spiritually.

He then read a prayer from the Siddur, one of the main Jewish prayer books, and carefully explained its meaning. By breaking the prayer down line by line, he helped pupils truly understand the words, their importance, and the role of daily prayer in Jewish life.

The session sparked lots of curiosity and thoughtful questions, and it was a meaningful opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding of different religious practices. Thank you to Rabbi Roni for such an informative and memorable visit!



YEAR 4 AT SCHOOL OF FOOD

As part of their Design & Technology, Cooking and Nutrition unit, Year 4 had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Hackney School of Food—a vibrant learning space dedicated to inspiring children to cook, eat well, and understand where their food comes from.

During the visit, pupils explored the idea of seasonality, learning how different fruits and vegetables grow at different times of the year and why eating seasonal produce is better for our health and the environment. They engaged in thoughtful discussions about food origins, sustainability, and making informed choices.

The hands-on cooking session was a highlight! Children practiced their knife skills, learning how to chop and prepare ingredients safely and confidently. Working in small groups, they collaborated to prepare a Spanish inspired dish—a baked fritata—showing fantastic teamwork, focus, and enthusiasm throughout.

The experience was not only educational but also empowering—giving pupils a real sense of independence and achievement in the kitchen.

Well done, chefs in the making!

'It was fun and we made amazing food!'- Zacara

'I had so much fun making the dough for the flatbread' Rania



FIRE BRIGADE VISIT SCHOOL

Year 2 had a very exciting visit from a real-life firefighter who came to talk to us all about fire safety.

We learned what to do if there's ever a fire, how to stay safe at home, and the importance of smoke alarms. The firefighter showed us some of the special equipment used to fight fires and keep people safe. We got to ask lots of questions about what it's like to be a firefighter!



The firefighter also visited Year 5 to have a talk with them about fire safety.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 27—Fri 31 Oct** Half term break
- Tues 11 Nov** Parent & Carer drumming and dance workshop 3.30 - 4.30pm
- w/c 17 Nov Parent Carer Come to School week
- 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