



LEAP NEWS

Friday 7th November 2025



SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Necesito una bufanda y guantes..... *I need a scarf and gloves*

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

ODD SOCKS AND PYJAMAS!

Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week** across the UK. The theme for this year is **THE POWER OF GOOD**.



The theme of Power for Good has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales



and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Assemblies & class discussions will be taking place across **Grasmere, Gayhurst, Mandeville &**

Kingsmead next week to empower children to think about how they can use the Power of Good to help stop bullying.

Wear Odd Socks on Monday 10th November



To launch Anti-Bullying week **all four of our schools** are taking part in Odd Socks Day. We're encouraging children and staff to wear Odd Socks to school on **Monday**.

Odd Socks Day is an annual event that takes place during Anti-Bullying week, that encourages people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion.

PJ's for Children in Need on Friday 14th November



At the end of Anti-Bullying week, next Friday we are also supporting Children in Need Day. We're inviting **children and staff at all**



four LEAP schools to join in by wearing pyjamas to school and contributing a suggested donation of **£1** if they can, to support this fantastic cause. It's always a fun and cosy day, and most importantly, it helps raise vital funds for children and families in need across the UK. All monies raised will go to Children In Need.

Let's show that together we can make school a safe, happy place for everyone and help those who need it most!

HELPING HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Hackney School of Food has a favour to ask of the LEAP schools community which needs to take place **before 15th November**.....see the message from Zoe, the School of Food's Managing Director;

Hello LEAP community

Hackney School of Food is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund. We get an extra £50 for anyone who signs up to a COOP card using our unique link. We would REALLY appreciate if you can spare 5 mins to help with this... all you need to do is:

Download the Co-op App, become a member and choose our cause.

USE OUR UNIQUE LINK BELOW TO DO THIS: <https://coopapp.onelink.me/ftOk/4nms8smy>



THANKS SO MUCH IN ADVANCE!!

HACKNEY'S 10x10 OFFER

The 10x10 programme, which Hackney Education have created, aims to support every child in Hackney to achieve 10 activities by the age of 10 to help improve their emotional physical and social wellbeing.



They have created a map of Hackney to help families find where to access activities in our community. Find out more about what is on offer on the [10x10 website](#).

FREE CHESS WEBINARS FOR CHILDREN AGED 8+

From Mon 17th November 2025, CSC (Chess In Schools & Communities) will be running a series of **free** chess webinars. These are aimed at children aged 8-13 who know the basic rules of chess and are ready to take the next steps towards learning tactics and strategies. There are three levels of webinar to choose from: beginner, intermediate and advanced. To join the beginner webinar, children need only know the basic rules of chess. They can choose which level to attend. You can find out more [here](#).

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FELIX PROJECT: EMPLOYABILITY OFFER



The Felix Project, the fantastic food waste charity who provide us with produce for our weekly free food shops that run across LEAP, have contacted us with a great new employability training programme they're offering for parents who want support getting into work.

Here's some information from the Felix Project about the programme.

Ready Set Go! The Felix Project is committed to providing training and support to individuals through our Employability Programme.

The programme will be delivered in Poplar, East London, for 2 days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) across 8 weeks, during which we will help you build the skills employers want to see in a friendly working environment.

Our aim is to provide practical experience and a solid foundation to increase motivation and build your confidence to enable you to gain employment, volunteering opportunities, or progress on to further education.

We will support you throughout to improve your career skills and give you real work experience that helps prepare you for the next stage in your journey into employment.

You will practice a lot of skills whilst at The Felix Project and can gain work experience in the following areas:

Warehouse assistants, Felix Green Scheme (collecting & distributing surplus food), **Driver & Co Drivers, Kitchen Assistant, Office Experience.**

You can also gain certificates in:

- Food & Hygiene Level 2.
- Food Allergen Awareness Level 2
- Manual Handling training
- COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)

Referral & Eligibility Process:

To join the programme you need to be:

- Aged 18+
- Unemployed
- Have Permission to Work

If you meet the above requirements you can self refer.

Programme dates:
Tuesday 2nd December - Thursday 5th February



FELIX PROJECT EMPLOYABILITY OFFER CONTINUED

Deadline for to apply – **Friday 21st November 2025**

Information and Assessment Sessions will be taking place during November 25

For more information and to apply please contact Lizzy Lay, Felix Employability Coach

Lizzy.Lay@thefelixproject.org mobile: **07554 297 024**

You can find out more about the Felix Project [here](#).

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS EXTENDED!

The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, has recently announced that his funding investment in a universal free school meals offer for ALL primary aged pupils in London's state funded schools will be extended onwards for a further three years, into the 27/28 academic year, meaning children in Nursery & years 3 to 6 will also continue to receive Free School Meals, in addition to the children in Rec to Year 2.

This is fantastic news for families, saving them over £1,000 over the two years per child, in the midst of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

FAMILIES STILL NEED TO KEEP REGISTERING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember that it is still **vitaly important** for us that LEAP families still register for Free School Meals if they are in receipt of state benefits, as this is how a school's funding is calculated by the Government and affects how much money all of our schools receive.

If you need any help registering for Free School Meals or are unsure if you are eligible speak to someone in your school's office and they will help you.

All four of our schools offer great benefits that come with registering for Free School Meals including the following:

- A free school jumper (for Kingsmead, Mandeville & Gayhurst)
- The offer of one funded after school club every week.
- Subsidised rates for a range of activities including breakfast club/playcentre, school journeys and some trips etc.
- £100 grant for secondary school uniform for Yr 6 children.
- Free places at LEAP Holiday camps
- Supermarket food vouchers to cover school holiday periods.
- Discounted prices or sometimes no charge for school events & Hackney School of Food events



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	85	Year 3	91
Reception	114	Year 4	96
Year 1	93	Year 5	75
Year 2	88	Year 6	89

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lagan 98.4%
KS2	Severn 98.7%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Ama
Lea class (Rec) Waliyah
Lagan class (Yr 1) Robyn
Tyne class (Yr 2) Simarpreet

Severn class (Yr 3) Sara
Ness class (Yr 4) Marcel
Fowey class (Yr 5) Kimarni
Avon class (Yr 6) Princesia

MATHS WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 3 & 4 PARENTS

On Thursday we held our second Maths Coffee Morning - this one for parents of Year 3 and 4 children, and it was great to see parents who attended being so enthusiastic and engaged. We discussed how to increase children's confidence in maths and the expectations for learning times tables. Parents took away different ideas on how to help children practice at home.



Adrian's Mum (Year 3) *'I found it really helpful and I learned a lot'*



PARENT DRUMMING & DANCE SESSION

Our wonderful dance and drumming teachers, **Ms Harley and Victor**, are running a fun Parent Drumming & Dance session next week on **Tuesday 11th Nov** from **3.30- 4.30pm**. All are welcome!

Reception aged and older children will be able to join the Arts & Crafts after school club on Tuesday, while their parents have their own drumming and dance session. Nursery aged and younger children will be able to join their parents for the session.



COFFEE MORNING: SUPPORTING YOUR NEURODIVERSE CHILD AT HOME

Next Thursday 13th November at 9am, our specialist teacher Jane Beavis will be running a Coffee Morning giving parents advice and tips on to supporting a neurodiverse child at home. Parents have found Jane's previous Coffee Mornings to be really helpful—so do come along. All welcome.

HELLO & WELCOME TO HANNAH

The Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools (WAMHS) project runs across the borough of Hackney as part of the borough's drive to support emotional wellbeing and mental health of young people and their families, in all Hackney schools. As part of this project, Kingsmead are delighted to welcome **Hannah Gordon**, who will be working half a day a week at Kingsmead.



Hi everyone! My name is Hannah, and I'm the new Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) working at Kingsmead on Thursday mornings. My role is to support children and young people with their emotional wellbeing and mental health through early intervention. I'll also be working with staff and

parents to promote wellbeing throughout the school. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the school community at Kingsmead.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Mon 10 Nov	Odd Socks Day
Thurs 13 Nov	Coffee Morning: Supporting your Neurodiverse Child at Home 9—9.45am
Fri 14 Nov	Pyjama Day - come to school wearing PJs with a coin to donate to Children in Need
Tues 11 Nov	Parent & Carer drumming & 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 Nativity assembly
Wed 17 Dec	Last day of Autumn term - school closes early at 1.30pm for children