



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 31st January 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Hay nieve en el suelo..... *There is snow on the ground*

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT LEAP

Our Religious Education curriculum continues to inspire curiosity and respect for diverse beliefs and traditions. Here's what each year group has been exploring recently:

**Year 6:** Last term children delved into Judaism, exploring key beliefs, traditions, and practices, as well as reflecting on the rich history and cultural heritage of the Jewish faith. We were grateful to have been visited by Rabbi Roni, who demonstrated a Jewish prayer using sacred objects.

**Daniella, Kingsmead:** *'I enjoyed learning new words relating to Judaism and I liked learning about the initiation ceremonies.'*

**Cindy, Kingsmead:** *'I thought Rabbi Roni was cool, and I liked how he explained what the different prayer artefacts were.'*

**Sofia, Gayhurst:** *'It was good to learn all about Jewish traditions that I hadn't heard of before!'*

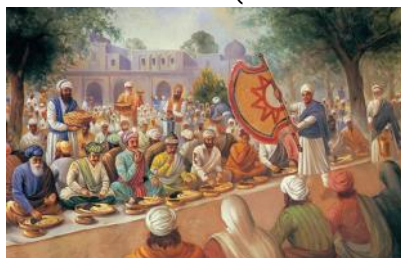
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**Asma, Grasmere:** *'We pray in the direction of Mecca. It is important to do the Hajj once in our life'*

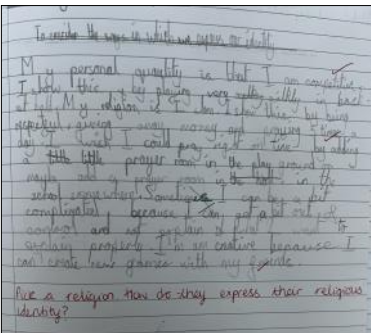
**Year 5:** Pupils have been studying Sikhism, focusing on the values of equality, service and the significance of the Gurdwara in Sikh worship. The children learnt about Sikh prayer and closely analysed the 'Mool Mantar', which is the opening verse of the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh scriptures). They also looked at how children are welcomed into the Sikh community and the Sikh tradition of the Langar, which is a communal kitchen attached to the



### RE AT LEAP CONTINUED....

Gurdwara and is open to all.

**Kyron, Kingsmead:** *'I found it really interesting to learn how the Guru Granth Sahib is used to name babies.'*



**Year 4:** Pupils learnt about Identity and belonging, where students were encouraged to reflect on what shapes their sense of self and the importance of community. They also explored their responsibilities as global citizens.

**Alia, Kingsmead:** *'I learnt how different things make up one person's identity and we are all part of a global community.'*

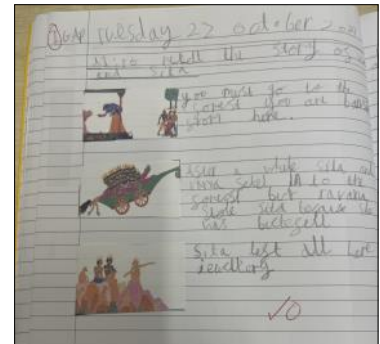
**Year 3:** The classes celebrated the vibrant festival of Diwali, learning about its traditions, stories, and the deeper meanings of light triumphing over darkness. Pupils mapped out the story of 'Rama and Sita' and learnt how good triumphs over evil. They also learnt about the importance and significance of the Diya lamp and how Hindus celebrate Diwali.



**Taynara, Mandeville:** *'Diwali is also called the festival of light.'*

**Kamari, Mandeville:** *'I loved listening to the story of Rama and Sita.'*

**Primrose, Gayhurst:** *'It was nice to hear about the festival of lights, its so colourful''.*



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## SPRING TERM 2025

1st half of term: 06.01.25 - 14.02.25

Half term: 17 Feb — 21 Feb 2025

2nd half of term: 24.02.25 - 04.04.25

## CROWN WINNERS

|           |     |        |     |
|-----------|-----|--------|-----|
| Nursery   | 97  | Year 3 | 94  |
| Reception | 140 | Year 4 | 112 |
| Year 1    | 105 | Year 5 | 98  |
| Year 2    | 80  | Year 6 | 120 |

## TOP ATTENDANCE

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| EYFS & KS1 | Lea<br>98.5%    |
| KS2        | Severn<br>98.8% |



## GOLDEN AWARDS

**Ouse class (Nur)** Zainab  
**Lea class (Rec)** Robyn  
**Lagan class (Yr 1)** Jovan  
**Tyne class (Yr 2)** Carter

**Severn class (Yr 3)** Zeynep G  
**Ness class (Yr 4)** Veselin  
**Fowey class (Yr 5)** Manha  
**Avon class (Yr 6)** Cindy

## FOREST SCHOOL UPDATE

As part of Forest School, Lea Class (Reception) took part in the Great Big Garden Bird Watch with the RSPB. We went into the Science garden (very quietly!) to listen for birds singing and used our binoculars to spot. We saw a magpie, wood pigeons and black birds. We also heard parakeets singing but we couldn't see them. It was so much fun!



## YEAR 2 & 5'S FIRE BRIGADE VISIT

Last week, we had an exciting visit from a member of the fire brigade, who came to teach us all about fire safety. The children listened attentively as they learned important tips on how to stay safe in emergencies, including how to spot hazards, create an escape plan, and the importance of smoke alarms.

A huge thank you to the fire brigade for giving us such an informative and inspiring session!

**Shayma, Year 2** – I learned a lot about keeping safe.

**Joud, Year 2** – We learnt about safety in a fun way.

**Nathan, Year 2** – I now know how to keep safe at home. I will make an escape plan with my family.

**Kyron, Year 5** – It was inspiring. It helped me learn how fires can start in our homes and how we can prevent them from happening”



## KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

**Mon 10 Feb** Nurs & Rec RE Assembly at 3pm

**w/c Mon 10 Feb** Creativity Week

**Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb** Half term break

**Wed 26 Feb** Year 3 RE Assembly at 3pm

**Wed 5 March** Year 2 class assembly at 3pm

**Wed 19 March** Year 1 class assembly at 3pm

**Thurs 20 March** Parents evening -

**early finish for children at 1.30pm**

**Wed 26 March** Rec class assembly at 3pm

**Tues 1 April** Drumming & Dance performance  
Yr 2, 4, 5 & 6 + Dynamix at 2.15pm

**Wed 2 April** Year 5 class assembly at 3pm

**Thurs 3 April** Gymnastic performance Yrs 3 & 4  
at 3pm

**Fri 4 April** Last day of Spring Term -

**early finish for children at 1.30pm**

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### YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Last week, our Year 4 class treated us to a fantastic assembly all about Buddhism. Through a thoughtful and engaging play, they shared the story of Siddhartha, showing us how he became the Buddha and began his journey to enlightenment. The performance was a wonderful blend of drama, music, and teamwork, with every pupil playing a key role in bringing the story to life. We also learnt an important message about kindness and how being kind is an essential part of living a good life.

Well done, Year 4, for such an inspiring assembly!

*"I played the part of a monkey and my favourite bit was when I tell Buddha why I make funny noises!" - Sanaa.*

*"I liked it when the people were driving the chariot & they see a funeral" - Shaniya*



### LUNCHTIME HELPERS

Our lunch time helpers have now officially started at Kingsmead and what an amazing group of children we have. Children from years 4 to 6 have volunteered to help Amanda in the dining hall at lunchtime, cleaning tables, replacing cutlery and water jugs and helping younger children cut up their food. It is not an easy job, but they've made such a difference and we wanted to thank them.



**Amanda**, our lunch time supervisor- *'They are amazing, they've taken the load off me and made a real difference in the dining hall.'*

**Skye** - *'I like cleaning up and helping the little children with their food'*

**Khaleo** - *'it's fun, I like being responsible for replacing the cutlery.'*

**Angela & Lily** - *'We like being helpful and doing a good deed'*



### READING CHAMPIONS

Last week our Reading Champions, **Alex, Ayza** and **Jontae-Lee**, went to Hackney Town Hall for a gathering of Reading Champions from across Hackney primary schools.



*"We were sharing ideas on how to help younger children enjoy reading. We talked about the Book Hut we have at Kingsmead and other schools shared ideas from their schools. We also recommended our favourite books to the children from other schools" - Alex*

