



LEAP NEWS

Friday 7th February 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Necesito mi chaqueta..... *I need my jacket*

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

CONSULTATION ON GRASMERE JOINING LEAP

All parents at all four schools, (Grasmere, Kingsmead, Gayhurst & Mandeville) are being consulted on the possibility of Grasmere joining the LEAP Federation. The consultation will open on **Monday 10th February** and will run for 6 weeks until **31st March 2025**. Here are the links where you will find the [online consultation information document](#) on the proposal for Grasmere to join the LEAP Federation and where you can complete an [online response](#) to the consultation, from Monday 10th Feb. By next week each school's office will also have a number of paper copies of the online documents and response form, for anyone who cannot access the information online or would prefer to use printed copies of the consultation documents. Throughout March all the schools will be holding consultation meeting sessions, where parents can meet with representatives from the Grasmere and LEAP Governing Bodies to discuss the federation proposal and ask any questions they may have. At Parents evenings in each of the four schools there will be a governor stall to also answer any questions.

PARENT CONSULTATION DROP IN SESSIONS

Venue	Date	Time
Grasmere Primary School Albion Road N16 9DP	Fri 7 March	9.15am
Grasmere Primary School Albion Road N16 9DP	Wed 12 March	4pm (child care available)
Grasmere Primary School Albion Road N16 9DP	Wed 26 March	6pm (child care available)
Kingsmead Primary School Kingsmead Way E9 5PP	Thurs 13 March	3.45pm (child care available)
Mandeville Primary School Oswald Street E5 0BT	Wed 5 March	4pm (child care available)
Gayhurst Primary School Gayhurst Road E8 3EN	Tues 4 March	6pm (child care available)

RA YOUNG ARTISTS CONTINUED.....

interest. The only restriction is that artworks must be original pieces, so please encourage children not to copy other famous artworks as they won't get chosen for the exhibition. The deadline to submit to the school is **Friday 28th February 2025**. Please hand in your artwork to your class teacher with:

- Full Name • Age • Year Group • Title of Artwork
- A short description of the artwork (80 words max)

You find out more about the Young Artists' Summer Show [here](#). Judging will commence in May and any successful artists will have their work displayed in this year's Summer Show in July and August.

LEAP'S CREATIVITY WEEK

Next week LEAP will be taking part in our annual Creativity Week. Each year we use the National Gallery's Initiative, 'Take One Picture' to inspire our own unique LEAP project, 'Take Two Pictures'. This year the National Gallery has chosen Canaletto's 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal', (painted in around 1740) as their focus painting.

This is an interesting opportunity for children to explore themes such as celebration, travel and tourism, landscapes and local identity.



Our second artwork, chosen by LEAP is Hew Locke's, 'Where Lies the Land?' Hew Locke is a British artist, who grew up in Guyana and is now based in Brixton. His sculptures explore themes of the past and their effects on modern society. Many of his sculptures explore the different stories of vessels, including trade, migration, tourism and fishing.

It is the first time we have explored a 3 dimensional piece as our second artwork and we are really excited to see what our children create! The children will study both artworks, exploring a range of themes, techniques and mediums to create their own artistic responses. We can't wait to share some of their artwork with you next week!



RA YOUNG ARTISTS

We have an abundance of talented young artists at LEAP and this year we are encouraging as many children as possible to submit artwork for the Royal Academy's Young Artists' Summer Show. Children can submit a drawing, painting, photograph, collage or sculpture of any theme or

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SCIENCE AT LEAP

This spring term has brought with it some wonderful opportunities to explore and progress our scientific learning and thinking in LEAP federation.

In year 2, we have been investigating different materials and their properties. We thought about how materials can be natural or human-made. We discovered that natural materials come from animals, plants or the earth. Some even come from underground. We explored how wood can be turned into many things like toys and furniture. We can also process wood and make paper and card from it.

In year 3, we thought about the Rock Cycle. We learnt that rocks are constantly changing from one type of rock into another over millions of years. We thought about how rocks are solid materials which are formed from minerals (chemicals) in the Earth. Some rocks contain just one mineral and others are made up of lots of minerals. We carried hands on observations of different rocks and tried to classify them based on their properties.

In year 4, we learnt that all sounds are caused by vibrations. All musical instruments use vibrations to make sound. We thought about when an object vibrates, the vibration is passed through the air until it enters our ears. Soundwaves are the movement of vibrations carrying the sound. They can be described by wavelength and amplitude.

In Year 5 and 6, we have also been exploring the properties of different materials. Students enjoyed observing and analysing a range of different objects, to see whether they were magnetic, flexible/rigid, soft/rough, waterproof/absorbent and so much more! Furthermore, we tested the strength of different types of paper to conclude which would be the best for food packaging.



SCIENCE AT LEAP CONTINUED.....



Hussein, yr 4 Kingsmead- *"We learnt what components we needed to make a working circuit. We needed: a battery, cables, crocodile clips and either a bulb/buzzer or motor."*

Vivian, yr 5 Kingsmead- *"Learning about Earth and space was an Earth's worth of fun!"*

Ayesha, yr 3 Mandeville - *"I loved learning about the rock cycle so much that I went home and made a poster."*

"The Science lesson was really fun! We did a test with tin foil, cardboard, Styrofoam to see which was the best heat insulator" – Seren (5/6A Gayhurst)

"We have been learning about states of matter this term, exploring solids liquids and gases and seeing how they keep or change their shape. We did some really cool experiments in class!" Janessa (yr 4 Grasmere)

SPANISH SPELLING BEE

Year 5 children from each school attended a Spanish Spelling Bee at Waterside Academy this week. The children have been preparing for months, working hard at school and at home to learn a whopping 80 spellings using the Spanish alphabet. The children demonstrated great confidence and showed off their amazing phonetic awareness spelling their words in front of the crowd of spectators. They competed against 13 other school teams from other Hackney primary schools.

Amazingly, Zahcai and Christopher from LEAP made it through to the final round where they were even tested on some unseen vocabulary. We are very proud of all the children who took part and represented their schools at the event. ¡Buen trabajo!

Zahcai (Kingsmead): *I'm just proud of myself for making it to the final!*

Anayah: *I was really impressed with my fellow competitors. They did so well!*

See if you can spell these three words from the Spelling Bee using the Spanish alphabet!

mujer

centro comercial

independiente





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

Nursery	97	Year 3	94	EYFS & KS1	Ouse 98%
Reception	140	Year 4	112		
Year 1	105	Year 5	98	KS2	Avon 98.8%
Year 2	80	Year 6	120		



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Abubaker
Lea class (Rec) Gourik
Lagan class (Yr 1) Bowie
Tyne class (Yr 2) Ayla

Severn class (Yr 3) Aria
Ness class (Yr 4) Zoya
Fowey class (Yr 5) Harry
Avon class (Yr 6) Mustapha

ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Tuesday this week 18 children from Kingsmead (9 boys and 9 girls) represented the borough of Hackney at the East London Qualifiers for Sports Hall Athletics in the Redbridge Sports centre, in a competition between eight London boroughs.

The children took part in a range of field events (e.g: javelin, standing long jump & triple jump etc) and running events (lap races & relay race, including a very demanding 6 lap race). The atmosphere at the event was unbelievable and Freddy, our specialist PE teacher and Ibz were very proud of the children's attitude and performance.



"It was an amazing facility and an incredible experience for us all. I was so proud of the Kingsmead team—the competition was stiff and they managed themselves really well!" said **Freddy**.

'We had a good time at the Redbridge tournament, the events were really challenging' – **Eliana**

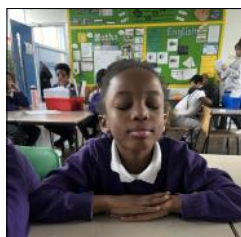
'I tried my best like a professional Athlete, my body was extremely tired after' – **Mustapha**

Well done to everyone who took part.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK CONTINUED....

Here are some photos of children in year 4 who chose to meditate and do colouring in while listening to calming music, during a class discussion where children shared approaches on how they like to calm themselves if they are feeling upset, worried or angry.



Here are Year 1 practising their breathing and stretching. They often do these exercises in the afternoon after lunch to calm their minds. Year 1 have also been learning about Hinduism, so during their mindfulness sessions this week they did some Rangoli patterns whilst listening to calming Indian instrumental music.



Year 2 held thoughtful discussions about wellbeing and the different ways we can take care of our feelings. They spoke about what makes them feel happy, calm, and safe, and shared ideas on how to support ourselves and others when we feel upset or worried. While they spoke, they coloured mindfulness pictures, using colours that reflected their emotions.

This helped them to relax and express their feelings in a creative way.



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week was Children's Mental Health week and classes across the school took part in a range of Mindfulness activities, including watching a short film about how important our feelings are and learning how to use breathing and mindfulness approaches to self-regulate.

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YEAR 5 VISIT CARDINAL POLE

This week, Year 5 visited Cardinal Pole Secondary school to take part in a computing workshop. We were very excited to see their ICT suite and see what kind of coding programmes they use. We brushed up on our coding skills using a software called Scratch. It has a similar interface as Purple Mash, and we were able to figure out the coding environment very quickly. We had a lot of fun exploring the different commands and animating the objects on the screen. We are looking forward to developing our computing skills next term.



GIRLS FOOTBALL REPORT

Kingsmead's girls football team took part in the finals of the Hackney 5 a side indoor football tournament on Thursday this week. They played really well and took 4th place, which is impressive as the standards of the team they were up against were really high. *'They battled till the end and made us all very proud. Jamima was star player of the tournament!. We did really well to place we did as a total 26 teams took part in the entire competition.'* - said **Ibz**, our football coach.

Well done to **Jemima, Ellie, Tamia, Isatu, Isabella, Eliana & Daniella.**



YEAR 2 VISIT SCHOOL OF FOOD

We had an incredible experience at the Hackney School of Food, working as chefs alongside Chef Tom. Together, we grated fresh butternut squash into a seasoned mixture to create a delicious scruffin - a savoury scone-muffin hybrid!

After baking our scruffins, we moved on to making a colourful, healthy fruit salad. As we chopped and mixed, Chef Tom taught us all about the importance of vitamins and minerals in keeping our bodies strong and healthy. It was a fantastic day of cooking, learning, and tasting — one we won't forget! There was also just enough time for us to say hello to the School of Food chickens.



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
- Thurs 13 March** LEAP Consultation drop in at 3.45pm
- 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**