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LEAP NEWS

Friday 14th February 2025

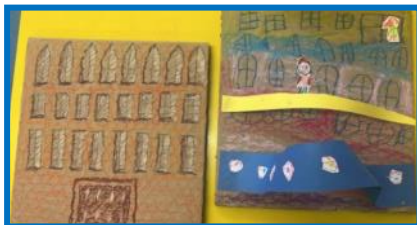
SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Me gusta la primavera..... *I like the Spring*

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

LEAP'S CREATIVITY WEEK

Children across all four schools have been very busy this week exploring and responding to our chosen artworks this year: 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal' by Canaletto and 'Where Lies the Land' by Hew Locke. It has been an exciting week full of imagination, innovation and lots of creativity! We've used a range of mediums including paint, recycling materials and fabric and a plethora of artistic techniques including printing, sculpture and mixed media.

Have a look at some of our spectacular work!



LEAP CREATIVITY WEEK CONTINUED.....



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HEW LOCKE EXHIBITION VISIT

As part of our Creativity Week, one class from each of our four schools, **Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere**, visited the Hew Locke exhibition, titled **What Have We Here?** at the British Museum. The exhibition features items from the British Museum collection that Hew Locke has chosen, to explore the impact of Empire, from encounters between cultures, to conflict and subjugation. The exhibition also features a number of pieces of Hew Locke's own artworks, which the children were excited to see. Some of these were sculptures of figures, who were dotted about the gallery, as though observing the visitors to the exhibition and some were ships, similar to those that feature in his artwork **'Where Lies the Land?'** that we are focusing on in our Take Two Pictures project. His sculptures and mixed-media pieces sparked discussions on history, identity and storytelling. The children were fascinated by his use of materials and cultural themes. It was a fantastic day of creativity and discovery.

'I wondered why the sculpture of Queen Victoria was in the exhibition. I learnt that she was also in charge of many other countries around the world including in Africa and Asia' **Skye Yr 4**



'I think the big plate was used for special foods because it was made of gold or maybe it was a decorative object'

Asha Yr 4

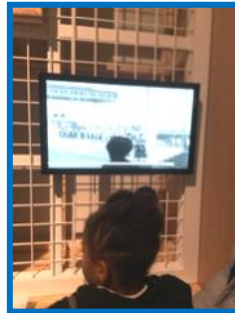


HEW LOCKE EXHIBITION VISIT CONTINUED.....

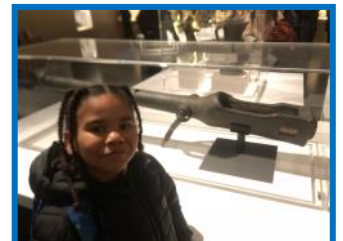
Emmanuel, Yr 5: *"It was brilliant, the boats were the best part I thought!"*



Azaeya, Yr 5: *"We saw all the jewellery and the amazing boats, the detail on the boats was amazing"*



Ayo Yr 4 - *"I loved that Hew Locke's art included real historical artefacts!"*



Ariam Yr 4 - *"The bust of Queen Victoria with real gold and diamonds was my favourite!"*



"I liked the Hew Locke exhibition because it was interesting to learn his perspective on some historical artefacts." – **Kit (5D)**

"The exhibition was really interesting because we learnt some of the British empires secrets" – **Poppy (5D)**



CATCH UP CLINICS

Vaccination UK are holding clinics for any missed vaccinations including flu, hpv, dtp and meningitis. [Click here](#) for clinic locations in Hackney.

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COMMUNITY CATCH-UP CLINICS

If your child missed their vaccination at school, you can book an appointment for these vaccines at one of our local community clinics.

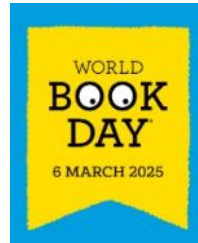
DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio)
Meningitis ACWY
Flu

For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK teams please follow the links below:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>
<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/contact>

WORLD BOOK DAY

COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED AS A CHARACTER FROM A BOOK OR COMIC



On **Thursday 6th March** all four schools will be celebrating World Book Day. World Book Day is a special day when children and staff come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book or comic. So start planning your costume!

Please don't feel you have to buy a costume - we are hoping to see lots of homemade creations. You could make your costume using cardboard boxes, tin foil, an old sheet that you could draw on, face paints...whatever you have to hand at home! Get creative! Prizes will be given out at each school to the best home-made costumes.

If you need help with ideas here's a link to some very easy homemade costumes linked to lovely children's books <https://www.theschoolrun.com/cheap-and-easy-ideas-last-minute-world-book-day-costumes>

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD WANTS TO HEAR FROM LEAP FAMILIES

This spring they will be reopening the old music room at Mandeville as a brand new Garden Room - a space for food growing education, and community events and activities. They want to know how local families want to see the space used - fill in their survey to have your say & you could win a £100 hamper!



They specifically **want to hear from more men** - so if this is you - tell them your thoughts!

CONSULTATION ON GRASMERE JOINING LEAP

As outlined in last week's newsletter a consultation is currently underway regarding Grasmere joining the LEAP Federation and will run until **31st March 2025**. Here are the links where you will find the [online consultation information document](#) and an [online response](#) to the consultation, Each school's office 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 (see dates in the Key Dates for This Term section of your school's newsletter).

HEALTHY PARENT PROGRAMME HACKNEY SEND

When: Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Dates: **26th Feb, 5th 12th, 19th, 26th March & 2nd April**

Where: The Marie Lloyd Centre, 329 Queensbridge Rd, Hackney, E8 3LA

Spaces are limited, so be sure to [register early](#) to secure your spot! (free enrolment). More info [here](#).

HACKNEY SEND
PARENT CARERS FORUM

FREE 6-WEEK PARENT-LED PROGRAMME

HEALTHY PARENT CARERS PROGRAMME

Are you a parent or carer of a child with SEND in Hackney looking to enhance your health and well-being? Join our FREE 6-week parent-led programme and connect with a supportive community!

WHY JOIN?

- Improve your physical & mental well-being
- Build a supportive network of parents & carers
- Gain valuable skills & knowledge for a healthier lifestyle

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REGISTER NOW!

020 8533 0951
hackney.gov.uk/healthy-parent-carers

10 x 10 HALF TERM ACTIVITIES IN HACKNEY

Hackney are encouraging families to plan free and fun things to do with their children this February Half Term by using the [10x10 website for families and carers](#) which is filled with information and ideas on where to go in

Hackney and London. Many of the activities listed are free and a walk or bus ride away.



SCHOOL OF FOOD HALF-TERM COOKING CLUB

There are a few spaces remaining on Hackney School of Food's holiday clubs next week. Little chefs will try their hand at some wintery recipes to keep warm!

When? Wednesday 19th - 10-12pm
Thursday 20th 1:30-3:30pm

For children aged 7+ Tickets are £20 each*. [Book here](#).

*There are a limited number of discounted tickets for families registered for free school meals. Email Emma directly at hello@hackneyschooloffood.com for more info.



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	86	Year 3	96
Reception	96	Year 4	87
Year 1	123	Year 5	94
Year 2	85	Year 6	81

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Avon 99%
KS2	Avon 100%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Samuel
Lea class (Rec) Khimi
Lagan class (Yr 1) Ann
Tyne class (Yr 2) Khalifa

Severn class (Yr 3) Khloe
Ness class (Yr 4) Bilisan
Fowey class (Yr 5) Anaiah
Avon class (Yr 6) Oliver

CHINESE NEW YEAR ASSEMBLY

Lea class (Reception) and the full-time children from Ouse class (Nursery) performed their Chinese New Year assembly this week. Ouse class performed a Dragon procession before the children in Lea class spoke about what happens during the Chinese New Year and why. They both sang two songs Gong Xi (Congratulations) and Kung Hei Fat Choi (Congratulations and may you be prosperous). Thanks to all the parents and carers who attended and supported the children's performance.

Ben, Nursery class teacher, said, *'Both classes were fantastic, and their singing was excellent.'*



YEAR 4'S EXCITING ROMAN ADVENTURE CONTINUED...

and discussing what they might have looked like when complete. We also considered their original uses, gaining a deeper understanding of everyday life in Roman times. Another highlight was learning about the strength and discipline of the Roman army and the lasting impact the Romans have had on society today. We had the chance to feel how heavy a soldier's helmet was and discussed the pros and cons of wearing such a heavy item of armour. To round off the session, we took part in an exciting role-play, imagining how the amphitheatre would have been used for thrilling gladiator battles and public spectacles.

It was an unforgettable experience that will bring our Roman studies to life in an engaging and interactive way!

'Ladies and gentlemen, let the fight commence! I really got into the role of the referee for the role play' **Anya**

'The helmet was heavier than I expected. I think the soldier's would have been tired from wearing all the heavy armour.' **Xander**

'We handled different objects and we tried to figure out what they could be. I thought one of the objects was part of a boat because of the design' **Shaniya**

'We had a coin challenge which was really hard. We had to guess which one was the real Roman coin and which were the replica.' **Asmah**



YEAR 4'S EXCITING ROMAN ADVENTURE

Year 4 recently had the opportunity to attend a workshop on the Romans at the Guildhall Art Gallery. This hands-on experience brought history to life as we explored the role of an archaeologist and discovered how the remains of London's Roman amphitheatre were found beneath the city.

During the workshop, we handled real artefacts, carefully examining the materials they were made from



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YEAR 6 VISIT MOSQUE

Year 6 had the opportunity to visit the Suleymaniye Mosque, an experience that was both educational and enriching. The trip offered a unique glimpse into the Islamic faith and its practices, fostering greater understanding and respect among our students. Upon arrival, we were warmly welcomed by the mosque's community members who guided us through the beautiful architecture and intricate designs that adorn the mosque. The students learned about the various features, such as the mihrab, which indicates the direction of Mecca, and the minbar, from which sermons are delivered. Our trip was an eye-opening experience that emphasised the importance of cultural and religious diversity. It was a reminder of the beauty that lies in our differences and the strength that comes from mutual respect and understanding.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the mosque community for their hospitality and to our students for their curiosity and respectful engagement. We look forward to more opportunities to explore and learn from the rich tapestry of cultures that make up our world.

Ayza, 'I really enjoyed hearing the adhan live from the mosque and I enjoyed learning more about my religion.'

Daniella, 'I liked when we entered the prayer room as the chandelier was astonishing and I also found it beautiful when the Quran was being read.'



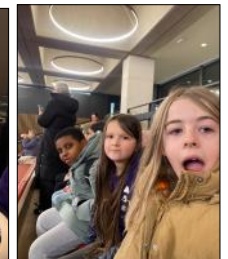
SCIENCE AMBASSADOR TRIP

On Thursday, Kingsmead's fabulous Science ambassadors visited the STEM Fair hosted at the beautiful Tower Hamlets Town Hall. It was a day filled with discovery, innovation, and hands-on learning that left an indelible mark on all of them. The ambassadors attended an intriguing presentation by a panel of experts from different STEM fields. They listened on with fascination as they learnt about making google maps, developing computer software from the stock exchange, converting petrol engines to clean energy motors and how to create a laboratory just about anywhere.

They were also able to visit different stalls in the exhibition hall. There, they learnt more about human brains, AI technology, gaming and even tried out VR headsets.

Hussein: *I enjoyed it very much. I even touched the moon. it was very interesting to see the TB infection under the microscope.*

Lily: *I found it very enjoyable because I learned all about science. I learnt that bacteria grows really quickly when you put it in a lab.*



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb** Half term break
- Wed 26 Feb** Year 3 RE Assembly at 3pm
- Wed 5 March** Coffee Morning Maths for parents of Years 2—4 9am +
Year 2 class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 6 March** World Book Day (come dressed as your favourite character from a book)
- 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
- Thurs 27 March** Coffee Morning on Communication & Autism 9 - 10am
- 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