



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 7th March 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
¡Me encantan las tortitas!..... *I love pancakes!*.....

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

WORLD BOOK DAY

Children & staff across **Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere** had enormous fun dressing up as characters from a favourite book or comic on Thursday this week, to celebrate World Book Day. There were some wonderfully creative and imaginative costumes on display.....and it was fantastic to see all the schools celebrating the joys and pleasures of reading, books and stories! Here are just a few of the many photos taken. You can find lots more on each school's insta account.



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LEAP COMPUTING AMBASSADORS TRIP

Last week, Computing Ambassadors from all four schools attended a fantastic coding workshop at the Apple Store in Covent Garden! They explored 'swift playgrounds', a coding app available on iPads, to create characters and 'modify' them in anyway they wanted! Rewriting the codes were a little tricky at first but we persevered and came up with some cool characters!



KINGSMEAD'S GIRLS STEM CLUB REPAIR WORKSHOP

Tomorrow, 8th March, is International Women's Day and what better way to celebrate than with a report of Kingsmead schools Girls STEM club being invited to take part in a repair workshop in Aldgate.

On Monday morning ten girls from Kingsmead's Girls' Stem Group headed down to the BT building in The City of London to participate in an exciting workshop as part of London's Repair Week, an annual initiative to promote repair culture and reduce waste across the city. They were participating in an electronic repair workshop specially put on for London's youth. The Deputy Mayor of London (Mete Coben MBE) gave a talk on the benefits of repairing electronic items and children asked questions and discussed reusing electronic parts in particular. They then worked in pairs to repair a retro hand-held games console, following instructions carefully and using their knowledge of



KINGSMEAD'S GIRLS STEM CLUB CONTINUED.....

electrical circuits to test the batteries and create a working games console. All five Kingsmead pairs approached the task with enthusiasm and skill and managed to fix the consoles with plenty of time, they loved playing the retro games they'd fixed.



Ayze Yr 6 - *'I really enjoyed it, at the end I was surprised that we did so well, I didn't think I'd be able to do it at all'*

Kinza Yr 6 - *'I was really impressed with the building and how modern it was and I found just to be sitting there in that building very special.'*



Alia Yr 4 *'Going to the workshop was really fun because we got to fix an old games console and then play with it.'*

Saeeda Yr 5 - *'It was fun because I've never fixed anything before.'*



At their STEM club session, following the workshop, the girls managed to fix a number of electronic scales that hadn't been working.

On **Saturday 8th March**, Repair Week are hosting a day of creativity, sustainability, and hands-on repair at Artizan Street Library and Community Centre as part of this year's London repair week offer, with lots of fun workshops.

If you'd like to find out more about click on the link below <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events/repair-week-8-march-2025>

LEADERSHIP CONSULTATION

Don't forget to give your feedback for the consultation currently underway, regarding Grasmere joining the LEAP Federation. The close date is **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 paper copies, for anyone who cannot access the information online or would prefer to use printed copies of the consultation documents.

All the schools are holding consultation meeting sessions, where parents can meet with representatives from the Grasmere and LEAP Governing Bodies to discuss the federation proposal. 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).



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	88	Year 3	73
Reception	95	Year 4	96
Year 1	85	Year 5	75
Year 2	126	Year 6	81

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Lagan 98%
KS2	Severn 98.8%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Kavanaugh
Lea class (Rec) Emaan
Lagan class (Yr 1) Zepheniyah
Tyne class (Yr 2) Musa

Severn class (Yr 3) Zafeera
Ness class (Yr 4) Kimarni
Fowey class (Yr 5) Ali
Avon class (Yr 6) Lily

CREATIVITY WEEK DISPLAYS

This year's Creativity Week displays have all been put up in the last two weeks and they really do look fantastic! The displays present the work the children created when exploring and responding to our chosen two artworks this year, 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal' by Canaletto and 'Where Lies the Land' by Hew Locke. They reflect the children's imagination, innovation and creativity! The children's artworks feature a range of mediums

including paint, recycled materials and fabric and a plethora of artistic techniques including printing, sculpture, weaving and mixed media.

Take time when you are next in the school to enjoy them.



CREATIVITY WEEK DISPLAYS CONTINUED.....



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Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.

YEAR 2 RE ASSEMBLY

Year 2 class performed their Religious Education assembly this week, on Islam and Christianity. They explored the importance of religious buildings and holy books in each faith, helping them to understand how they guide and inspire believers.

As part of their learning, they brought two wonderful stories to life—Noah's Ark from the Bible and The Ant and the Grain from the Qur'an. Through drama and storytelling, they all appreciated the messages behind these well-loved tales. They also sang songs for each religion, filling the hall with joy and enthusiasm.

"Seeing how much they have all learned while preparing for this assembly has been amazing. The children worked incredibly hard, and I couldn't be prouder of their efforts." said **Dallyn**, their class teacher.



BOOKING INFO FOR PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING

Don't forget on Thursday 20th March school will close at 1.30pm for children, to allow teachers to meet parents from 2pm onwards for our parent consultations. To book an appointment slot with your child's teacher you will need to access your Arbor account. You will not be able to book a time slot, unless you access the parent account on Arbor. Please register on Arbor using your email that we have listed on our system.

You can do this by following the instructions below.

- To finish creating your account, you just need to set a password. You can do this by going to login.arbor.sc, clicking on 'Forgotten Password?' and following the instructions on screen.
- Your username is your email.

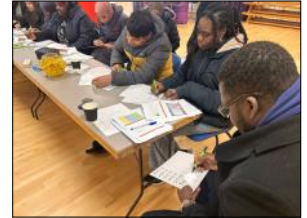
If you have trouble setting up your password or have general questions about the Parent Portal, visit this [Help Centre article](#).

Staff in the school office are happy to help you if you have any issues.

COFFEE MORNING: PARENT MATHS WORKSHOP

A Maths themed coffee morning took place this week on Wednesday at Kingsmead, and it was lovely to see so many enthusiastic parents there. The theme for this term was how to help children in Years 2, 3 and 4 become better mathematicians. This included looking at the building blocks that help build fluency, how to help at home with measure and the things we can do to help children learn their times tables. We discussed how important reasoning and problem solving are and had a go at some problems ourselves.

A reminder sheet was provided at the end of the session with the ideas discussed, please let Debs know if you would like a copy.



LEADERSHIP CONSULTATION MEETING

A reminder that Kingsmead are holding a LEAP Leadership Consultation meeting on **Thursday 13th March**, next week at **3.45pm** where you will be able to talk to Governors from the LEAP and the Grasmere Governing bodies as well as LEAP SLT members and ask any questions you may have about the current consultation for Grasmere to join LEAP.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 13 March** Leadership Consultation parent meeting/ Q&A at 3.45pm
- Wed 19 March** Year 1 class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 20 March** Parents evening - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**
- Fri 21 March** Red Nose Day (wear something red to school & bring a donation)
- 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**
- Mon 7- Thurs 10 April** Kingsmead & Mandeville Spring Holiday Camp 10am—2pm