



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 14th March 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Los pájaros cantan en la primavera..... *Birds sing in the Spring.....*

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

RA YOUNG ARTIST

SUMMER EXHIBITION ENTRIES

Thank you to all of our young artists who have submitted work to the Royal Academy Young Artist Summer Exhibition. The deadline has now passed and all we can do is wait to see if any of our talented artists get selected by their judges.



The standard of entries was incredibly high and we have felt so proud submitting all of the amazing artwork our artists have created.



We will find out by the end of May if any of our artists have been successful, but in the meantime, we were so impressed with the entries that we wanted to share some of them with you.



RA YOUNG ARTIST CONTINUED....



RED NOSE DAY REMINDER

Remember to wear **something red** to school next **Friday 21st March** and bring a donation for Comic Relief.

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 of both documents if you'd prefer to use these. 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).

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY

On Monday 17th March it is St Patrick's Day. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, whose symbol is the shamrock. St. Patrick's Day celebrations often involve parades, with lots of people wearing green and good luck charms. **If children wish to wear something green to school on Monday that would be grand!**



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	95	Year 3	94
Reception	118	Year 4	81
Year 1	76	Year 5	86
Year 2	84	Year 6	79

TOP ATTENDANCE

EYFS & KS1	Tyne 99%
KS2	Avon 100%



GOLDEN AWARDS

Ouse class (Nur) Ahmad
Lea class (Rec) Rebecca
Lagan class (Yr 1) Ibrahim
Tyne class (Yr 2) Faith

Severn class (Yr 3) Khalifa
Ness class (Yr 4) Hussein
Fowey class (Yr 5) Maryam
Avon class (Yr 6) Tamia

YEAR 3 VISIT BRITISH MUSEUM

This week Year 3 enjoyed a trip to the British Museum to explore the galleries of Ancient Greece. We spent time looking at many types of ornaments, pots and jewellery and identifying various animals, Greek gods and beautiful patterns on them. We also went to see the Nereid Monument and the Parthenon galleries and were amazed at how old everything was! As well as the galleries, the children were in awe at the architecture of the British Museum itself, being wowed by the huge columns inspired by ancient Greece, and the beautiful Great Court. Year 3 were also excited by our journey on the Elizabeth line and getting to play in Bloomsbury Square Gardens before returning back to school tired from lots of walking and learning.



"The British Museum is wonderful!"-

Thandiwe

"My favourite thing was finding all of the animals on the pots."-

Charlie

"The columns of the museum were so big and I was glad I got to touch them."- **Rico**



ACME FIRE CULT VISIT KINGSMEAD'S KITCHEN

On Wednesday this week our dining hall and kitchen hosted three guests from Dalston's Acme Fire Cult restaurant staff team, with Nikki from the charity Chefs In School, to meet Shernnett our head chef and the rest of our kitchen team. They were keen to find out more about the great food on offer at Kingsmead, the role the school kitchen plays in the



ACME FIRE CULT RESTAURANT VISIT CONTINUED.....

life of the school. They were also keen to hear about the training our kitchen team have had with Chefs in School, around reducing food waste and engaging children in food education. They stayed for lunch and were SO impressed by the delicious food that was on offer and all the lovely salads and fruits that children can help themselves to. Thanks to Shernnett and the kitchen team for hosting them.

KAMPALA BUZZLINE SCHOOL TWINNING NEWS

Gerry, from EcoACTIVE, came into Kingsmead this week, after returning from his trip to Uganda, to help launch the Kampala Buzzline. He had delivered the beautiful masks that children in Kingsmead's Year 4 class had made as gifts for the children at New Brain School, which has recently twinned with Kingsmead. He had some lovely gifts to present to Kingsmead's Year 4 made by the New Brain school children as well as other gifts for the whole of Kingsmead school—and we held a special assembly to present the gifts from Kampala to the school.

Every child in Yr 4 received a beautiful decorated butterfly and our Junior EcoTEAM were given some lovely bead necklaces and bracelets that the New Brain school children made. Kingsmead was also presented with five amazing dolls made by the children in Kampala, from banana tree fibers and a wonderful fabric covered decorative star, made by the staff at New Brain school.

The whole school sang a song as a message of friendship for our new friends at New Brain school and sent a lovely Thank You message back to them, which Gerry filmed.

We are making a display in school about the twinning and exchange of gifts between the children.



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SPRING HOLIDAY CAMP

Don't forget if you'd like your child to attend the four day Spring Holiday camp that is running from **Monday 7th to Thursday 10th April from 10am - 2pm**, please make sure you complete a registration form and hand it in to school by Friday March 21st. If you need another copy of the form to ask Reception desk.

The camp is open to Reception children through to Year 6 and is running as a joint camp with Mandeville school, but will be based at Kingsmead. All children will receive a tasty, free hot lunch on every day of the camp.

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.

CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

During parents' evening on **Thursday 20th March**, we are inviting parents to bring their child/ children to the dining hall from 2 to 6pm, to choose a book to take home, free of charge, from the Children's Book Project. This is the second book giveaway from the Children's Book Project we have been able to offer this year. We will have a final giveaway in the summer term. On offer will be picture books, older chapter books, early reader and phonics books, and non-fiction books. Thank you to the Children's Book Project for their kind donation.

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PEEP LEARNING TOGETHER NURSERY SESSIONS

Every Thursday lunchtime, for this half term, a group of Nursery parents and their children have been taking part in a lovely programme at Kingsmead, called PEEP Learning Together, which is being run by Hira, a Kingsmead teaching assistant. The programme is all about working with parents to support their child's early language development, with lovely practical ideas about the home learning environment and how to build on parents knowledge and confidence.

Thanks to all the parents who have attended so far. There have been three enjoyable sessions already, with three more fun sessions to come. Thanks also to Shernett and the kitchen team for the delicious snacks provided for all attending the session every week.



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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