



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!'*

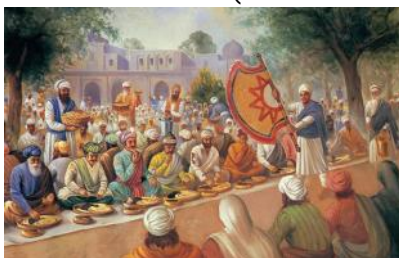
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Asma, Grasmere: *'We pray in the direction of Mecca. It is important to do the Hajj once in our life'*

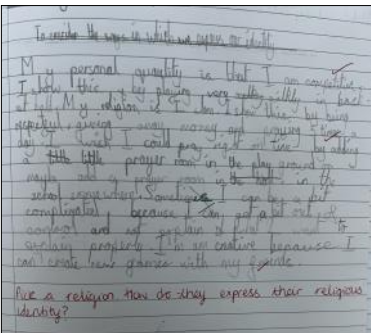
Year 5: Pupils have been studying Sikhism, focusing on the values of equality, service and the significance of the Gurdwara in Sikh worship. The children learnt about Sikh prayer and closely analysed the 'Mool Mantar', which is the opening verse of the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh scriptures). They also looked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



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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.'*

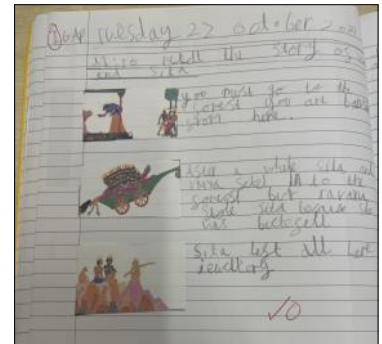
Year 3: The classes celebrated the vibrant festival of Diwali, learning about its traditions, stories, and the deeper meanings of light triumphing over darkness. Pupils mapped out the story of 'Rama and Sita' and learnt how good triumphs over evil. They also learnt about the importance and significance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

GREEN TOKEN RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	2S	111
Year 3 & 4	3E	97
Year 5 & 6	5D	99



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - BEATRICE
RC - ISAIAH
RK - WILDER

1PG - UMA
1M - REAGAN
2S - ROBERTA
2J - TASKEEN

3L - ROMILLY
3E - MIYA
3/4L - NITISH
4F - FRANCES
4E - MAX

5T - MILANA
5D - SETH
5/6A - ELA
6J - MARLEY
6C - VERETTE

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to the Year 6 Gayhurst netball team who won the Young Hackney Netball competition this week.

Big shout out to **River** who was scouted by SP Saints Netball Club!

Sanchez, P.E coach said, "I was so proud of the team! Before school practice has really paid off."



GAYHURST CROSS COUNTRY

Gayhurst cross country competitors faced strong weathers on Tuesday! They didn't let rain stop them from competing and making Gayhurst proud with their brilliant efforts. **Matteo**, P.E coach said, "It's great to have such enthusiastic children competing, even in rainy conditions!"

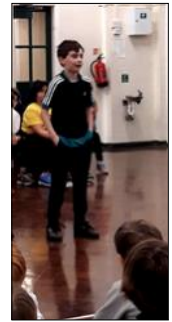
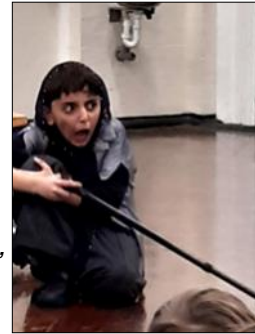


YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 4E had their class assembly. The assembly was based on the book *When Jessie Came Across the Sea*. This book, set in the nineteenth century, is all about a young girl's voyage across the sea to start a new life in America. 4E performed really well to re-tell Jessie's story to their audience. There was some brilliant acting singing and dancing. It was great to see the children so confident and performing with so much energy. Well done to all of 4E!

Rovaughni: 'It was so much fun performing!'

Araya: 'I liked singing and dancing!'



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 6 Feb** 1M class assembly at 3pm
- Wed 12 Feb** COGS Wine tasting fundraiser 7-8.30pm
- Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb** Half term break
- Tues 25 Feb** Yr 6 Residential meeting (repeat of meeting 1) at 5.30pm
- Thurs 27 Feb** Yr 3 & 4 TAG gallery opening 4.30 - 6pm
- Wed 12 March** Talking Therapies information sharing session 9.10- 9.45am
- Thurs 20 March** Parents evening - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**
- Fri 4 April** Last day of Spring Term - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**

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RECEPTION CLASS NEWS

This week reception have been learning all about recycling. We read the story 'Clean Up!' and discussed what we could do to help look after our environment. The children then wrote letters to our local MP Dame Meg Hillier, thinking about what changes could be made to help make our borough more environmentally friendly.



HACKNEY MUSIC SERVICE GALA

On Tuesday evening this week the annual Hackney Music Service Gala took place at the Hackney Empire. With Primary, Secondary and Sixth Forms represented the packed audience was treated to a fantastic range of music. From Steel Bands, Rock Bands, Choirs, Jazz Ensembles and Orchestras there was something for every musical taste. With around 350 performers it was an evening of musical excellence and talent by young musicians from across Hackney's schools.

From Gayhurst **Wilfrid Scrivener** 6J showed his skills on the flute as a member of the Hackney Training Orchestra and the Hackney Borough Youth Orchestra who played movements from the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky. Wilfrid learnt to play some three years ago at Gayhurst and is taught by **Alex McKenzie** the Hackney Music Service teacher who works with Gayhurst students every week.



COGS FUNDRAISER Introduction to Wine Tasting

Join CoGS on **Wednesday 12 February** between **7 and 8:30 pm** for a wine tasting event led by James Lockett, a wine buyer, educator and

Gayhurst parent.

This engaging session will guide participants through the essentials of wine tasting, exploring the unique characteristics of popular grape varieties and how production techniques influence their flavours. Sip, savour and enjoy a delightful evening, all while contributing to a great cause. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your wine knowledge and support Gayhurst school!



Tickets are £20 each and you can buy them by clicking on this link: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/introduction-to-wine-tasting>.

Note, this event is for grown-ups!

