



# 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

GREEN TOKEN	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	1M	93
Year 3 & 4	3L	139
Year 5 & 6	6C	90



### GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - ARLO  
 RC- NICOLAS  
 RK- NODOKA

1PG - HEATH  
 1M - WHOLE CLASS  
 2S - OLIVE  
 2J - JANELIA

3L - ARLO  
 3E - PABLO  
 3/4L - SABIHA NAZ  
 4F- HANNA  
 4E- GEORGIE

5T - ANTONI  
 5D - ILAYDA  
 5/6A - KAELA  
 6J- CHARDONNAY  
 6C - STANLEY

## SCHOOL COUNCIL TRIP

The Gayhurst School councillors visited the Town Hall and met with Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care. We heard about her work in Hackney and the children shared their own ideas with her about how to make Hackney a more child friendly borough. We shared our thoughts about increasing the number of play streets in the borough and increasing their frequency. We also shared our thoughts on encouraging children to look after animals and educating them on animal cruelty.

Then we took a tour of the Town Hall including seeing the vaults where all the council money used to be kept. We learnt about voting, democracy and what the council does for Hackney residents.



## LOOKING FOR LEARNING COUNCIL 2024-25

Looking for Learning (L4L) council go in to lessons and carry out observations, looking for fantastic learning behaviour. Whilst in lessons they sit in the class looking at the learning that is taking place and they also talk to children about their learning and record their findings. They feedback what they have observed to the teachers whose lessons they have visited.

### LOOKING FOR LEARNING COUNCIL CONTINUED.....

This years council have been selected from the very high standard of applications and were pleased to announce the following children as council members.

Year	L4L Council Members
6J	Annabelle
5/6A	James
5D	Ilayda, Poppy & Aamina
4E	Araya, Peggy & Cody
25	Nyssa

## FOOTBALL REPORT

Massive well done to the Gayhurst girls football team finishing 5th place in the Hackney 5-aside indoor football tournament. The team should be so proud making it to the finals. Their hard work, teamwork and determination was so evident in all of the matches and they represented the school brilliantly.



**Sanchez:** "This group of girls were fantastic all the way through, I was very proud of them all".



## KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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
- Tues 4 March** LEAP Consultation drop in at 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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### NETBALL CHAMPIONS!

Massive congratulations to our Gayhurst Netball team who won the recent Netball competition. They played a league format against St John's St James, Rushmore and Berger. They won all EIGHT games to top the league and bring home the gold.

Well done to **River, Khalil, Elliot, Dylan, Aya, Marina & Nikita**. We are very proud of you all!

**Aya**, year 6 said: *"I felt really proud when we received our medals and we get to keep them!"*



### 1M CLASS ASSEMBLY

1M did a brilliant job for their class assembly! It was all about Hackney, our local area. We shared facts about the borough and ideas of fun things to do! At the end we sang, 'Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner' Well done, 1M!



### GOODBYE ALEX



Sadly, **Alex**, our music tuition teacher who comes to Gayhurst every Wednesday, will be leaving this half-term. Alex has worked with us here at Gayhurst for many years, starting back in 2018, providing tuition to children from Year 3-6. Alex is going on to start another exciting venture and we wish them the best of luck!

Alex will be replaced by **Alan Wilkinson** from the Hackney Music Service who will provide in school tuition every Tuesday. He will start on **Tuesday 25th February**. Alan will continue to teach woodwind instruments to all children currently signed up for tuition.

### LAST CHANCE TO GET TICKETS TO 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!**