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LEAP NEWS

Friday 14th February 2025

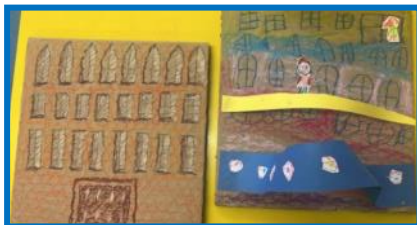
SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Me gusta la primavera..... *I like the Spring*

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'

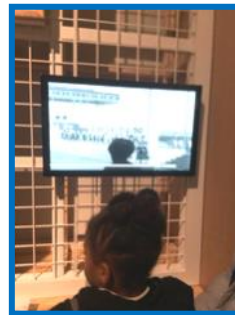
Asha Yr 4



HEW LOCKE EXHIBITION VISIT CONTINUED.....

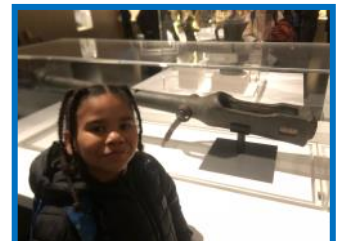
Emmanuel, Yr 5: *"It was brilliant, the boats were the best part I thought!"*

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.

Vaccination UK
immunisation Provider for
NHS

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.

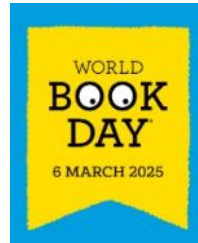
DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio)
Meningitis ACWY
Flu

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.

GAYHURST NEWS



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

GREEN TOKEN RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	2J	97
Year 3 & 4	3L	130
Year 5 & 6	5/6A	97



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - ARWA
RC - OKANA
RK - KHALISAH

1PG - MARIE
1M - NINA
2S - IRA
2J - ALENA

3L - VIVIAN
3E - EMILIA
3/4L - JOSHUA
4F - SCARLETT
4E - ZIGGY

5T - PHOENIX
5D - POPPY
5/6A - WULF
6J - KIERON
6C - ELOUISE

FOOTBALL NEWS

Massive well done to the Gayhurst boys who competed in the final at Queensbridge this week. They played brilliantly, but sadly they lost by one goal. We were very proud of the whole team and their level of sportsmanship, teamwork and resilience. A big thank you to the parents & carers who came along to watch!



SWIMMING GALA

Well done to the Gayhurst children who competed in the Swimming Gala on Thursday. We were all blown away by how brilliantly they did, returning with a huge number of medals felling very proud of themselves! They took part in several races including freestyle stroke and individual stroke races. We were all so proud of the children who represented Gayhurst amazingly.

Axel, Year 5 said:
"We took part in a lot of races, it was a lot of fun!"

Maya, Year 6 said:
"It was nice to be part of a swimming event, I felt really proud of all the medals we won."



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

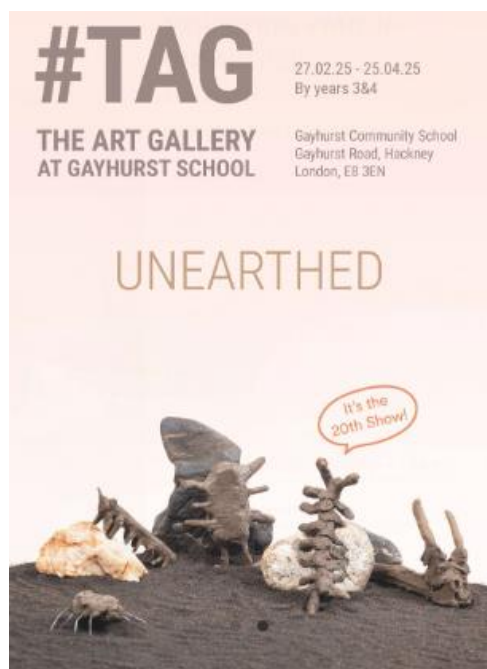
- Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb** Half term break
- Tues 25 Feb** Yr 6 Residential meeting (repeat of meeting 1) at 5.30pm
- Thurs 27 Feb** Yr 3 & 4 TAG gallery opening 4.30 - 6pm
- Tues 4 March** LEAP Consultation drop in 6—6.45pm
- Thurs 6 March** World Book Day (come dressed as your favourite character from a book) + 3L Class assembly 3pm
- Wed 12 March** Talking Therapies information sharing session 9.10- 9.45am Thurs
- Thurs 13 March** Maths Parent Workshop for yrs 2, 3 & 4 at 9.10 - 10am + 4F class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 20 March** Parents evening - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**
- Fri 21 March** Red Nose day wear red & bring a coin
- Thurs 27 March** 2S Holi Assembly 2pm + 2J Holi Assembly 3pm
- Fri 28 March** Drumming & Dance performances 1:30pm -3/4L, 2S & 6C, 2:45pm - 5T & 1M
- Tues 1 April** Gymnastics performances 2pm for 4E & 6J, 3pm for 5/6A & 1 PG
- Fri 4 April** Last day of Spring Term - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**

#TAG EXHIBITION OPENING

Save the date! Years 3 and 4 will have their private view of the #TAG exhibition opening on **Thursday 27th February 4:30-6pm.**

We invite all parents & carers in Years 3 and 4 to come along and see the brilliant 'UNEARTHED' exhibition.

This will be a particularly special celebration as it marks the 20th #TAG exhibition!



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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.

RK VISIT CITY FARM

This week RK went to visit Hackney City Farm, in preparation for their new Topic 'Animals'. They were excited to learn all about the brand new baby piglets who were only born last weekend. The children enjoyed stroking the goats and watching the chickens wander around. They can't wait to learn more about animals and their habitats.



'I liked mummy pig and the baby pig' - Sofia

'I liked stroking the goats' - Nova

'I liked when we see the peacocks' - Leo



BRINGING IN THINGS FROM HOME

A reminder that children should **not** be bringing anything from home into school. Children are allowed to bring in a water bottle and their book bag. No other items should be brought into school.

UNSAFE DRIVING!

There have been continued incidents of unsafe driving around drop off/collection times. To ensure the safe drop off and collection of our children, please can parents avoid driving right up to school gates and instead park away from the school, should you need to drive. It is **very dangerous** to have cars rushing to park or reversing with so many children walking into school.

Reminder that London Fields West Side and Gayhurst Road between Appleby Road and London Fields West Side **is a pedestrian and cycle only zone** during the hours below in term time:

Monday - Friday
08:30 — 09:15am
03:15 — 04:00pm

SCIENCE AMBASSADORS STEM FAIR TRIP

On Thursday, Science ambassadors from across the LEAP federation attended the amazing and exciting 'Ignite Your Imagination' STEM fair hosted at the beautiful Tower Hamlets Town Hall.

The ambassadors started the afternoon with 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.

After that, they visited different stalls in the exhibition hall. There, they learnt more about human brains, AI technology, gaming and even tried out VR headsets.

In the final session of the afternoon, the science ambassadors applied their engineering skills and critical thinking to build aeroplanes, construct buildings (from spaghetti and marshmallows) and learnt how to plan to layout of buildings in a city (like London!)

"This was the best trip I have ever been on, because we got to listen to STEM experts talk" - Syd (3/4L)

"I really enjoyed this trip because we got to interact with science not just look at it" - Amina (6J)

