



LEAP NEWS

Friday 28th February 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Puedo usar el sacapuntas?..... *Can I use the pencil sharpener?*

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

GAYHUST CELEBRATES 20TH EXHIBITION AT #TAG

Context

In 2016 Gayhurst School developed #TAG (Gayhurst's very own art gallery), with local art educators Art Hoppers, run by local artist and art educator Claire Ward-Thornton. #TAG is a professional art space within the grounds of the school designed specifically as a showcase venue for the exhibition of student's artworks. Three exhibitions a year are held in the gallery, with each exhibition focussing on a different year group's work. The children really take ownership of the exhibition – hosting a special Private View for family and friends, where they serve refreshments and explain their work to visitors. You can find out more about #TAG at the dedicated website www.tagatgayhurst.uk.

20th EXHIBITION!



Above is an overview showing all 20 posters from the #TAG exhibitions of children's artwork, that have been put on since the gallery was created.

Last night, Gayhurst held a launch event for our 20th TAG Gallery Exhibition, which celebrates the brilliant Art work of Gayhurst's year 3 and 4 children. Claire from Art Hoppers has been delivering creative Art lessons linked to the children's science unit, Rocks, over the course of the last half term.

20th #TAG EXHIBITION CONTINUED.....

The exhibition showcased artworks that the children had created with Claire including some amazing clay moulding, ink painting, observational drawing and modelling with beeswax. It was fantastic seeing all the individual classes work come together to create an outstanding exhibition!

Thank you to all the Yr 3 & 4 Gayhurst families who came along to support with the exhibition launch and thank you to Claire and her team for their amazing work in putting this exhibition together.



Here is what each class contributed for the exhibition and some comments from children in year 3 and 4.

Class 3E – Clay mould / Plaster cast: Designing a 1.3m fossilied Pliosaurus



Class 3L – Ink painting wet-on-wet: mimicking the growth of crystals

Class 3/4L – Processing soil / Painting and modelling with wild clay

Class 4E – Modelling with beeswax: Rock-like forms inspired by agate

Class 4F – Pen & water-soluble pencil: Observational drawing of fossils, bones and shells.



Here are some comments from children in Years 3 & 4 about their recent Art lessons with Art Hoppers

Ghael, 4E: "When we started our theme on Rocks I was so excited! The way we layered wax on a string was fascinating."



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20th #TAG EXHIBITION CONTINUED.....

Yusra, 3/4L: "It was great to use all these materials and get messy with the clay because it isn't something I'd be able to do at my house! I thought the clay would be stretchy like play-dough but it wasn't, it was great."

Gabrielle 3/4L: "I loved it, it was amazing and the best art lesson I've ever had! I loved using the sponges to make the marks on the paper and I loved getting to sort all through the clay from start to finish, creating clay that we were able to use to make an underground animal."



4 DAY SPRING HOLIDAY CAMP AT ALL OUR SCHOOLS!

We are delighted to be able to confirm that Kingsmead & Mandeville, Gayhurst and Grasmere will be running a 4 day Spring Holiday Camp.

The camps will run from **Monday 7th April to Thursday 10th April** from **10am to 2pm** and will be open to children from Reception through to Year 6. Every child will

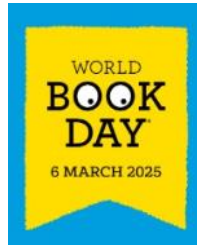
receive a tasty hot meal and the camps will offer a range of fun activities including lots of games and sports like cricket, basketball, athletics, ball games, along with lots of creative sessions such as art, cooking, dance, gardening and Forest School fun....

Look out for more information about your school's Spring Holiday Camp and a registration form to complete if you'd like your child to attend, that will be sent out to all families in Rec to Year 6, next week.



WORLD BOOK DAY

COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED AS A CHARACTER FROM A BOOK OR COMIC



On **Thursday 6th March**, next week 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>

CONSULTATION ON GRASMERE JOINING LEAP

As outlined in recent newsletters 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).

HAPPY SAINT DAVID'S DAY!

Saturday 1st March is Saint David's Day. St David is the patron saint of Wales (with St Patrick being the patron saint of Ireland, St George the patron saint of England and St Andrew the patron saint of Scotland). A national St David's Day parade is held in the centre of Cardiff every year with people wearing daffodils or leeks, which are the national emblems of Wales.

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus is how you say Happy St David's Day in Welsh!





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	RC	65
Year 3 & 4	3L	131
Year 5 & 6	5/6A	62



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - MORIYAH
RC - FRIEDA
RK - BOBBY

1PG - ELSIE
1M - KAYLA
2S - TEDDY
2J - WINNIE

3L - YASUMI
3E - ARIANA
3/4L - MORA
4F - JANE
4E - ASHKAN

5T - MIRABAI
5D - EMMELINE
5/6A - ASTRID
6J - WILF
6C - SADIYAH

COGS RAISE £1,000 IN FIRST HALF TERM!

From January to February, in the first half term of this Spring term, CoGS raised over £1,000 for arts and sports enrichment at Gayhurst.

During the final week of the first half term, parents and carers participated in an **Introduction to Wine Tasting workshop** led by James Lockett, a parent at the school. James shared his extensive knowledge of wine, mentally transporting attendees to different parts of the world and helping them identify complex tasting notes.



Polly, a parent who attended said: *'The CoGS wine tasting evening was a real treat - informative and enjoyable. The selection of wines was excellent, the atmosphere relaxed, and the conversation flowed as well as the wine! A great evening all around. Looking forward to the next one!'*



The event raised £700



through ticket sales, with a raffle of a luxury hamper on the night raising over £100.



In addition to this, over the first half term of the year, the Fri -Yay bake sale has raised over £300, taking the total raised so far to over £1000.

This is a brilliant start to the fundraising year with a stretching target of £20,000 to reach. A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered, baked, bought cakes, donated, bought tickets and supported in other ways.

There will be more events and initiatives before summer and if you're interested in getting involved in the organising part you can email gayhurstcogs@gmail.com

LEAP CONSULTATION DROP IN

A reminder that Gayhurst are holding a LEAP Consultation drop in session on **Tuesday 4th March**, next week from **6—6.45pm** 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.

PARENT SESSION REMINDERS

Don't forget we have two different parent sessions coming up soon:

Talking Therapies information sharing session will take place at **9.10— 9.45am on Wednesday 12th March**. This session is being offered by Katie Pomeroy, Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner at City & Hackney. All parents welcome.



Maths Parent Workshop for Years 2—4 will take place from 9.10—10am on **Thursday 13th March** and will be run by Sarah, LEAP's Maths Lead. Sarah will offer useful strategies for parents on how to support your child's learning at home. Open to all parents with children in years 2, 3 & 4.



LOST PROPERTY

Reminder that the lost property stored in our music room in the KS2 playground will be available for parents to look through every Friday between these times: **3:30-3:45pm, 4:45 - 5:00pm and 5:45 - 6pm.**

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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 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 **3E & 6J**, 3pm for **5/6A & 1 PG**
- Fri 4 April** Last day of Spring Term - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**
- Mon 7- Thurs 10 April** Gayhurst Spring Holiday Camp 10am—2pm