



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 7th March 2025

**SPANISH PHRASE** of the week  
¡Me encantan las tortitas!..... *I love pancakes!*.....

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

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Children & staff across **Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere** had enormous fun dressing up as characters from a favourite book or comic on Thursday this week, to celebrate World Book Day. There were some wonderfully creative and imaginative costumes on display.....and it was fantastic to see all the schools celebrating the joys and pleasures of reading, books and stories! Here are just a few of the many photos taken. You can find lots more on each school's insta account.



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### LEAP COMPUTING AMBASSADORS TRIP

Last week, Computing Ambassadors from all four schools attended a fantastic coding workshop at the Apple Store in Covent Garden! They explored 'swift playgrounds', a coding app available on iPads, to create characters and 'modify' them in anyway they wanted! Rewriting the codes were a little tricky at first but we persevered and came up with some cool characters!



### KINGSMEAD'S GIRLS STEM CLUB REPAIR WORKSHOP

Tomorrow, 8th March, is International Women's Day and what better way to celebrate than with a report of Kingsmead schools Girls STEM club being invited to take part in a repair workshop in Aldgate.

On Monday morning ten girls from Kingsmead's Girls' Stem Group headed down to the BT building in The City of London to participate in an exciting workshop as part of London's Repair Week, an annual initiative to promote repair culture and reduce waste across the city. They were participating in an electronic repair workshop specially put on for London's youth. The Deputy Mayor of London (Mete Coben MBE) gave a talk on the benefits of repairing electronic items and children asked questions and discussed reusing electronic parts in particular. They then worked in pairs to repair a retro hand-held games console, following instructions carefully and using their knowledge of



### KINGSMEAD'S GIRLS STEM CLUB CONTINUED.....

electrical circuits to test the batteries and create a working games console. All five Kingsmead pairs approached the task with enthusiasm and skill and managed to fix the consoles with plenty of time, they loved playing the retro games they'd fixed.



**Ayze** Yr 6 - *'I really enjoyed it, at the end I was surprised that we did so well, I didn't think I'd be able to do it at all'*

**Kinza** Yr 6 - *'I was really impressed with the building and how modern it was and I found just to be sitting there in that building very special.'*



**Alia** Yr 4 *'Going to the workshop was really fun because we got to fix an old games console and then play with it.'*

**Saeeda** Yr 5 - *'It was fun because I've never fixed anything before.'*



At their STEM club session, following the workshop, the girls managed to fix a number of electronic scales that hadn't been working.

On **Saturday 8th March**, Repair Week are hosting a day of creativity, sustainability, and hands-on repair at Artizan Street Library and Community Centre as part of this year's London repair week offer, with lots of fun workshops.

If you'd like to find out more about click on the link below <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events/repair-week-8-march-2025>

### 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, for anyone who cannot access the information online or would prefer to use printed copies of the consultation documents.

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).



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	79
Year 3 & 4	3L	103
Year 5 & 6	6C	115



### GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - LENNY  
 RC- ELLIOT B  
 RK- LEO

1PG - MOKI  
 1M - NAMIKO  
 2S - COCO  
 2J - ROMAN

3L - VICTOR  
 3E - NESRIN  
 3/4L - SEHER  
 4F- PEGGY  
 4E- CONNOR H

5T - HARLEM  
 5D - FREDRIK  
 5/6A - CHANELLE  
 6J- MIRA  
 6C - SULAIMAN

## CREATIVITY WEEK DISPLAYS

This year's Creativity Week displays are up and are once again brightening up our corridors. The displays present the work the children created when exploring and responding to our chosen two artworks this year: 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal' by Canaletto and 'Where Lies the Land' by Hew Locke. They reflect the children's imagination, innovation and creativity! The displays include a range of mediums including paint, recycling materials and fabric and a plethora of artistic techniques including printing, sculpture and mixed media.



### CREATIVITY WEEK DISPLAYS CONTINUED.....

Do take time when you are next in the school to enjoy looking at all the wonderful work on show in our Creativity Week displays.



## KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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 + Nursery closed all day**
- 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

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### 4E & 4F VISIT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Children in Year 4 visited the School of Food this week as part of their DT unit on Cooking and Nutrition. When they arrived, they brushed up on safety in the kitchen and practised knife skills before they worked in groups to cook some delicious food.

They followed recipes to make flatbreads and vegetable frittatas. The children worked brilliantly in their groups, at their kitchen stations, to carefully measure ingredients, chop vegetables, knead bread and cook the flatbreads.

They also did the very important job of tasting their culinary creations!

**Ashkan (4E):** 'I added some paprika to my flatbread to make it tasty!'

**Acai (4E):** 'The flatbread was yummy!'



### LOOKING FOR LEARNING COUNCIL

The newly appointed Looking for Learning Councillors have just completed their training and their first Looking for Learning observation will take place in the next couple of weeks. During the training, they learnt what good learning behaviour looks like in the classroom and how to show active listening skills when talking and feeding back to children. They are really excited to begin their new role.



### BRINGING IN THINGS FROM HOME

A reminder about bringing in things from home.

Day to day items allowed to be brought in: book bags, PE kits, water bottles and snacks for clubs and keys (5/6 home alone children) - these need to stay in bags until after school.

Other authorised items which may be needed:

- Reading books
- Lip balm (not gloss)
- Items needed for moving between caregivers

Support objects such as fidget toys, transition objects, ear defenders and chew toys if arranged with one of the SENDCos. Pencil cases, pens/ pencils and notebooks should not be brought into school.

### SPORTS IN CAGE BEFORE SCHOOL

We are no longer allowing football/balls in the cage/playground before the start of the school day. This is to ensure children are coming straight into the building once the bell has rung and aren't missing any learning time.

School staff are also not supervising outside before 9am. The only days where children will be in the cage for football before school are listed below. This is for before school football practice managed by staff.

Wednesday mornings – Boy's football

Thursdays mornings – Girl's football

Reminder to parents & carers that you need to stay with your child/children in the playground until the bell has gone before school.

### SPORTS NEWS: LACROSSE EVENT

This week Gayhurst took part in a Lacrosse event on Wednesday. Young Hackney had specialist coaches there teaching children about cradling, passing, catching, shooting, ground balls and dodging.

It was brilliant for our children to experience a different sport and learn new skills.

