



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 21st March 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Feliz Día de San Patricio!..... Happy St Patrick's Day!.....

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

## HISPANIC WEEK CINEMA TRIP

Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at **Kingsmead, Mandeville, Gayhurst** and **Grasmere** all visited the Rio Cinema this week to watch **Encanto** as part of Hispanic Week. Many children were already familiar with the plot but we added a new challenge by incorporating Spanish language into their viewing experience. It was so fantastic to see so many children making links between the language in the film and their Spanish lessons at school. We loved hearing the new vocabulary they have learnt through this experience.

**Isla** - *It was a cool experience to watch Encanto in Spanish! I heard Mirabel say 'Hola'!* (Yr 3, Gayhurst)

**Romi** - *It was really cool because it was all in Spanish. I heard her say 'Tio Bruno' and 'Tia Pepa' which means Uncle and Aunt.* (Yr 3, Gayhurst)

**Mischa** - *I liked it because it was in Spanish!* (Yr 3, Mandeville)

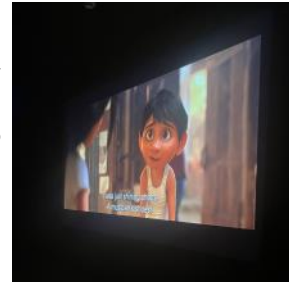
**Amelia** - *I enjoyed singing along to the songs. I learnt some of the Spanish lyrics too!* (Yr 4, Mandeville)

**Edith** - *I loved watching Encanto, I liked how the movie had subtitles in Spanish allowing me to know what each character was saying in Spanish* (Year 4, Grasmere)



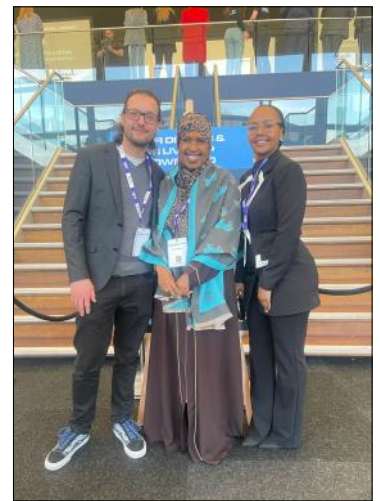
### CINEMA TRIP CONTINUED...

**Mustafa** – *The film was exciting, I really liked the singing and they spoke in Spanish but it was easy to understand as they had subtitles.* (Yr 5 Kingsmead)



## MANDEVILLE SHORTLISTED FOR CATERING AWARD

Well done to the Mandeville kitchen team for being shortlisted for a prestigious catering award at the School Business awards. The team got to the final five schools in the whole country for demonstrating excellent menu design, cooking and presentation skills. The variety of different dishes on the Mandeville menu was commended. They did not go on to win the award but **Hodan** (Head Chef), **Kaltum** (Deputy Headteacher) and **Sergio** (Executive Head Chef) attended the awards ceremony in Battersea. Well done Team Mandeville!



## LEADERSHIP CONSULTATION

Don't forget to give your feedback for the consultation currently underway, regarding Grasmere joining the LEAP Federation. The closing 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 paper copies of both documents if you'd prefer to use these. All the schools have held consultation meeting sessions, where parents can meet with representatives from the Grasmere and LEAP Governing Bodies to discuss the federation proposal.

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### RED NOSE DAY

Children across all four schools had great fun wearing red today, to mark Red Nose Day and raise funds for Comic Relief! We'll let you know how much was raised for the charity in next week's newsletter.



### RED NOSE DAY CONTINUED.....



### KINGSMEAD TWINNING STORY IN NEWS

Kingsmead's twinning with the New Brain school in Kampala, that has come about through shared work on projects supporting pollinating insects—the Hackney and Kampala Buzzlines, has been picked up by a number of press outlets.

Kingsmead children made insect masks for the children in the New Brain school which were taken to Uganda by Gerry, the ecologist who is leading on the Hackney Buzzline project. He was there for the official launch of the Kampala Buzzline. The New Brain school children made lovely decorated butterflies and amazing dolls made from banana leaf fibres and bead necklaces and bracelets as gifts for Kingsmead children, which Gerry recently presented to the school on his return to London. We look forward to arranging a video link between the two school in the coming months so the children can discuss the ways they have been supporting pollinating insects in their local areas and continue to build the twinning project.



Children at New Brain school with gifts they've made for Kingsmead children.

You can see the story featured in the Standard [here](#) and in the Hackney Citizen [here](#).





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		
Year 3 & 4		
Year 5 & 6		



### GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - JONAH  
RC- WILLOW  
RK- FARAH

1PG - MIRAN  
1M - NATE  
2S - NEITH  
2J - SASHA

3L - EKOW  
3E - ZAINAB  
3/4L - CORAL-SKYE  
4F- VALENTINE  
4E- ACAI

5T - JESSE  
5D - DEAN  
5/6A - GUR  
6J- MILO  
6C - ROWAN

## 5T & 5/6A GO TO HACKNEY MUSEUM

This week 5/6A and 5T went to the Hackney Museum to enjoy a workshop linked to their Protests unit in History. It was such an interesting trip and really brought the unit of work alive! We learnt about different protests that had happened through time in Hackney, from the 43 Group to Olive Malvery and the publication of her book *The Soul Market* to support Women's Suffrage.



We also learnt about the Hackney SKAN – School Kids Against Racism and looked at the magazines they produced.



It was really interesting to learn about the different forms that protests can and have taken across time, especially in our local area.



## RC VISIT CITY FARM

This week, RC visited Hackney City Farm as part of their current topic 'Animals'. We excitedly explored the farm, looking at the goats, donkey, pigs, sheep, ducks and chickens. We were lucky enough to be some of the first visitors to meet the farms newest arrivals - two baby goats!

*Baby goats are called kids - Rufus*

*I liked looking at the ducks. Some of them were hiding! - Neveah*

*The baby goats were so cute - Victor*



## KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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
- Thurs 3 April** Maths workshop for parents in Years 2, 3 & 4 9am
- 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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### SPRING HOLIDAY CAMP

Don't forget if you'd like your child to attend the four day Spring Holiday camp that is running from **Monday 7th to Thursday 10th April from 10am - 2pm**, please make sure you complete a registration form and hand it in to school by Friday March 21st. If you need another copy of the form to ask the school office.

The camp is open to Reception children through to Year 6 and will have a range of fun activities for children to take part in. All children will receive a tasty hot lunch on every day of the camp.

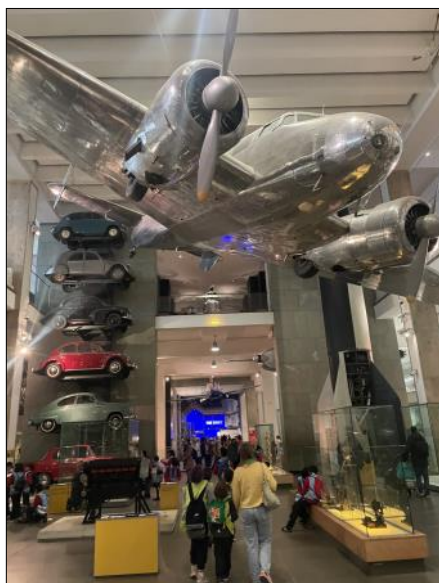
### YEAR 2'S TRIP TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

Last week, Year 2 visited The Science Museum. We set off first thing in the morning as we had to take two trains! We were very lucky with the weather as the sun was shining when we left. When we reached South Kensington, it was very exciting as we had to walk through the tunnel in the underground.

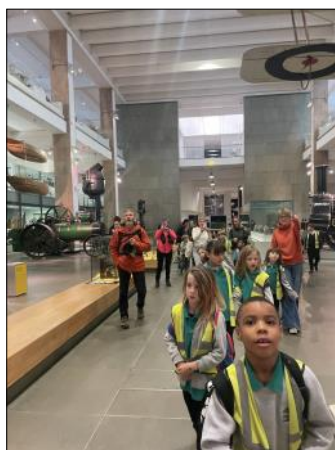
We started at the Pattern Pod workshop. We sat at tables with lots of different materials and started making patterns.

After lunch, we went to explore the museum. There were so many cool things to see and do. We played with interactive displays and watched a video about space. We especially loved the area about dinosaurs. Some of us stood in front of a huge dinosaur skeleton and felt amazed by how big it was.

We were all very tired as we made our way home after a wonderful day at the Science Museum.



### YR 2'S TRIP TO SCIENCE MUSEUM CONTINUED.....



*'I enjoyed looking at the planets because I enjoy learning about space.'* **Zara 2J**

*'My favourite part was seeing the planes because it is cool to find out about how they fly.'* **Sasha 2J**

*'There were little planets in the air. It was so cool! My favourite planet was Jupiter.'* **Jaaziah 2S**

*'I really love Space! We visited the space area, so I was delighted.'* **Vita 2S**

### #TAG EXHIBITION IN HACKNEY GAZETTE

The latest #TAG exhibition Unearthed, showing works by children in Years 3 & 4, has been featured in and online piece in the Hackney Gazette! You can read the article [here](#).



### REMINDER: NO DOGS

No dogs are allowed on the school site. Please be mindful that some children have allergies and some are scared of dogs. Thank you.