



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 25th April 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Hace buen tiempo.....*The weather is good.....*

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

LEAP STEM WEEK 2025

We have started this term off with one of our favourite weeks of the year: STEM Week! Children across LEAP have been immersing themselves in science, technology, engineering and maths. Our theme this year has been sustainability. Sustainability is the idea that humans must interact with the environment in a way that ensures there will be enough resources left for future generations.

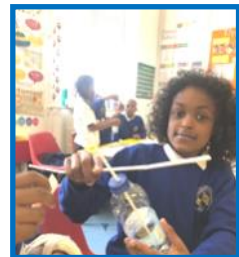


In nursery, the children became fluid scientists exploring bubbles. **Jake** observed, *"You blow in the bottle and the bubbles come out of the sock."* Did you know that bubble barriers can stop rubbish from going into the sea? Reception became glaciologists exploring the properties of ice. **Abe and Nova** in Reception said, *"We've got an idea! We can warm up the ice with tissue!"*

Meanwhile in key stage 1, year 1 made recycled planters. **Ray** said, *"I'm making a rainbow garden planter. It is good to recycle plastic, that means we are not wasting materials."* Year 2 made bug hotels to encourage biodiversity in the schools' green areas. **Eren** in year 2 said, *"If we attach flowers the bees will come."* **Lili** said, *"My favourite part of my design is a plant that we have put in: a hollow bamboo stick. I think this will be fun for the bugs to crawl around in".*

In Key Stage 2, year 3 made bird feeders. **Victor** said, *"Luka and I made our bird feeder together and made it so it would balance in the tree. We mostly used recycled plastic, masking tape and lolly sticks."* **Ope** said, *"I'm going to put mine outside my house, I can't wait to see the birds come!"* Year 4 explored wind power as a sustainable source of energy and made their own wind turbines. **Sh'mya** said, *"We chose a curved rotor because we thought it would capture more air."* Meanwhile **Edith** commented, *"I loved cutting the plastic bottles and adding weights to make sure it didn't topple over. I enjoyed making the blades too, we had to get them just right to make sure they rotated."* **Anya** said, *"Our project is to make wind turbines and investigate which shape blades will be most effective. We have learnt what wind is - when the sun heats up the cold air, the hot air rises. The cold air then takes its place and it keeps repeating."* Year 5 put their engineering skills to the test as they planned and designed shell structures that could withstand floods. **Max** said, *"My favourite part of STEM week was working as a team and helping build the structure together."* Finally Year 6 became architects and designed and built their very own 'Green Cities'. **Caleb** said, *"I'm loving it! I am enjoying that we are getting to be really creative with our work, it's fun and I've learnt a lot about how to make a city sustainable and better for the environment."*

LEAP STEM WEEK CONTINUED.....



We would love to share all of our hard work with you at our upcoming STEM Fairs. Please see the dates and times below to find out more!

LEAP STEM Fairs

Gayhurst – Tuesday 6th May 4:00-5:00pm

Mandeville – Wednesday 7th May 3:30-4:30pm

Grasmere – Wednesday 7th May 4:00-5:00pm

Kingsmead – Thursday 22nd May 3:30-4:30pm

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R.E. AMBASSADORS TRIP

Our various subject ambassadors are representative groups of children from across our schools who have a special focus on a specific subject and speak to their peers and their teachers about the teaching & learning in those subjects.

On the first day of Summer Term, our Religious Education (R.E.) Ambassadors from **Kingsmead**, **Grasmere**, **Mandeville** and **Gayhurst** had the incredible opportunity to visit the **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir** in Neasden, one of the largest traditional Hindu temples outside of India. The visit was both inspiring and educational, offering a unique insight into Hindu beliefs, practices, and the stunning architecture of the Mandir.

The Ambassadors were welcomed warmly and guided through the beautifully carved stone and marble temple. They explored the inner sanctum, observed a traditional arti ceremony, and learned about the importance of prayer, devotion, and community in Hinduism. The visit also included a tour of the exhibition, which provided a deeper understanding of Hindu values, deities, and the global work of the BAPS organisation.

Our students asked thoughtful questions and represented the schools with great respect and curiosity. The trip has deepened their understanding of religious diversity and the role of faith in people's lives. It was a meaningful experience that they look forward to sharing with their peers in future RE lessons.

We are grateful to the Mandir for their hospitality and look forward to more enriching visits in the future.

Nehir, Yr4 Grasmere, "The arti was really interesting to watch".

Maryam Yr 5 Kingsmead, "It was fascinating learning about Hinduism, a religion I didn't know a lot about."

Ayza, Year 6 Kingsmead, "I was really impressed by the architecture and intricate marble carvings that were everywhere in the temple."

Arlo, Yr 5, Gayhurst "It was fascinating to learn about all the gods."

Nitish, Yr 4, Gayhurst "As a Hindu myself, I found it interesting to learn about the various gods."

Hamza, Yr 6 Mandeville, "The building was so amazing! It felt like we were in India!"



R.E. AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED.....



HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Join Hackney School of Food's cooking after school club this term! Learn simple and seasonal recipes each week. Every **Tuesday 3:45-5:15pm** with pick up from Hackney School of Food. **Ages 7+.**

Sessions are £15 each and there are discounts available for children registered for free school meals. [Book here.](#)



FAMILY COACH SERVICE NEW PARENT EMPOWERMENT GROUP

The Family Coach service have a new Parent Empowerment Group we have running for 4 weeks in May happening at Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman St, London E8 1DY. To sign up email

familycoach@hackney.gov.uk with your child's school and confirm you can attend all sessions.



The Family Coach Service's 4 week Friday's 10-11:30 am @ Hackney Service Centre E8 1DY
Building a toolbox for parental wellbeing
STARTING FRIDAY 2ND OF MAY

All families with a child that has a need within any of the 4 areas of SEND are welcome
We are a needs based service. No EHCP or formal diagnosis is needed.



"Coming to the group helped me realise I'm not alone in this"

There are 10 spaces available. We ask that families are able to attend all 5 sessions.
To sign up send an email to familycoach@hackney.gov.uk



SUMMER TERM 2025

1st half of term: 22.04.25 - 23.05.25
 Half term: 26 — 30 May 2025
 2nd half of term: 03.06.25 - 18.07.25
INSET days: Mon 2 June 2025,
 Mon 21 & Tues 22 July 2025

GREEN TOKEN RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	RK	70
Year 3 & 4	3E	89
Year 5 & 6	6J	60



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - KINGSTON
 RC- ELLIOTT D
 RK- FRAH

1PG - PEPPY
 1M - FABIAN
 2S - NYSSA
 2J - KAMARI

3L - RAMI
 3E - BO
 3/4L - YUSRA
 4F- JASPER
 4E- LEON

5T - NAHLA-ROSE
 5D - FATIMA
 5/6A - SAMIR
 6J- KEIRA
 6C - YIGIT

GAYHURST & GRASMERE SPRING HOLIDAY CAMP

During the holiday, lots of children across Gayhurst and Grasmere attended the Spring Camp at Gayhurst Community School. It was a brilliant opportunity for our LEAP children to play games and activities across the week and get to know other children.

Throughout the week, children had the choice of several different sports and games to take part in:

- Archery
- Dodgeball
- Football
- Basketball
- Table tennis
- Tennis
- Orienteering
- Arts and crafts

· Visits to Hackney School of Food for cooking lessons.

Along with all these activities, children enjoyed a hot lunch each day! Have a look at the comments from some of the children who attended:

"It was lots of fun and really interactive and fun, it was good to get to know the Year 6 children at Gayhurst", Caleb, **Grasmere Year 6.**

"I loved playing all the sports, especially football and dodgeball", **Ava, Grasmere Year 5.**

"I loved that they had hot lunches, it was really nice! I loved playing basketball and making friends with the Gayhurst children", **Isaiah, Grasmere Year 5.**

"It was fun as there was a lot of sports and other creative activities, archery was great! We made bracelets and made things from clay which was cool", **Ricki-Leigh, Grasmere Year 4.**

"It was cool to have other children come to the Spring camp, I played basketball with some Year 5 children from Grasmere", **Rashan, Gayhurst Year 6.**

"I really loved playing and seeing my friends during the holidays, the lunch was also really nice", **Ariella, Gayhurst Year 6.**



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LUNCH TIME BUDDIES

This year, our lunchtime buddies have been working hard! Their role involves supporting in the lunch hall, filling up water jugs, clearing tables, encouraging children to try foods and gathering feedback. As well as this, they also support in the playground. This is a crucial part of their role as they support younger children in playing games, taking turns and helping resolve any issues in the playground.



COGS NEWS

SPRING DISCO

Due to the popularity of this event, tickets are now available for everyone who would like to attend the first ever CoGS **Juicebox Disco**, which will be held on **Thursday 22nd May** for children in Reception to Year Five*

Funky tunes, disco fun and a cracking good time!

Disco 1 from **5 pm to 6:20 pm** is intended for **Reception, Y1 & Y2**. Click [here](#) for tickets for Disco 1.

Disco 2 from **6:30 pm to 7:50 pm** is intended for **Y3, Y4 and Y5**. Click [here](#) for tickets for Disco 2

If you have siblings across the groupings you can pick the Disco that works best for them.

**Y6 will have their own dedicated disco provided by the School.*



COGS NEWS: SPRING DISCO CONTINUED.....

A **£2 ticket must be purchased for each child attending the disco**. This ticket includes entry, snacks and a drink and lots of fun!

Adults go free and must remain on site in the adjacent bar area for the duration of the disco.

A paid bar will be available for adults.

All proceeds go to the school via CoGS. Supervision will be provided in the disco area itself.

COGS SUMMER FAIR

Save the date : **Saturday 28 June, 12 - 4 pm.**

The summer fair is just around the corner, and we would love to welcome helpers, new and old, to support the day! It's a really fun event, with music, food, stalls and activities for everyone to enjoy. Please complete [this form](#) if you can give a couple of hours on the day. More information about activities to follow.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Weds 30 April	Siblings photo day
Thurs 1 May	1PG class assembly at 3pm
Tues 6 May	Gayhurst STEM Fair 4—5pm
Thurs 8 May	2S class assembly at 3pm
Thurs 15 May	3E class assembly at 3pm
Weds 21 May	RK class assembly at 3pm
Mon 26 - Fri 30 June	Half term break
Mon 2 June	INSET day (school closed to children)
Thurs 5 June	TAG Gallery Opening - Reception, Year 1 & 2 - 4:30-6pm
Thurs 12 June	5/6A class assembly at 3pm
Mon 16 - Fri 20 June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Weds 18 June	RC class assembly at 3pm
Thurs 26 June	3/4L class assembly at 3pm
Mon 30 June	Sports Day: Nursery 10am in cage Reception & KS1 1:30-3:15pm
Tues 1 July	Year 6 Production - 6J & 5/6A at 5pm
Weds 2 July	Year 6 Production - 6C & 5/6A at 5pm
Sat 5 July	COGS Summer Fair 12—4pm
Mon 7 July	Sports Day: Yrs 3 & 4 1:30-3:15pm
Tues 8 July	Sports Day: Yrs 5 & 6 1:30-3:15pm
Fri 11 July	Drumming & dance performances 4F, 2J, 3L, 6J.
Tues 15 July	Gymnastics Performances 1M, 4E & 5T at 2pm 5 D & 6C at 3pm
Thurs 17 July	Meet the teacher for children 11am + Year 6 Leavers assembly 2:45pm
Fri 18 July	Last day of Summer term - school closes early at 1.30pm for children