



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 2nd May 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Vamos a hacer un picnic.....*Let's have a picnic.....*

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

LAUNCH OF SCHOOL OF FOOD'S NEW GARDEN ROOM

Yesterday saw the official opening of the new Hackney School of Food Garden Room. The Garden Room is a vibrant, inclusive hub designed for hands-on garden education, shared meals, and community-centred events. It is a fantastic addition to the Hackney School of Food and Mandeville school offer and will help deliver 'seed-to-spoon' food education for the whole community.

In the morning, the Mayor of Hackney - Cllr Woodley; Deputy Mayor, Cllr Bramble; and Cllr Young, were on hand to cut the flower ribbon to officially open the doors. The councillors enjoyed a seed planting lesson with a class of Mandeville children and were very impressed with the children's knowledge and commented that sowing seeds had never been more fun!



"The lessons in the garden room are great, i can't wait until my broad bean grows" - **Courage, Y5**

"The HSoF garden is literally integral to the growth of the minds and bodies of Mandeville children. We have seen a significant improvement in children's knowledge & understanding of the world; of food, nutrition & health; & their understanding and sense of responsibility for the environment.



The new Garden Room facilitates hands-on garden education and is a wonderful addition to the resources the children can access."

Marc Thompson – Mandeville Headteacher



LAUNCH OF NEW GARDEN ROOM CONTINUED.....



Then in the evening the Hackney School of Food held a launch party celebrating the official opening of the Garden Room with friends and supporters of the School of Food and it's gardens. Donors, supporters and volunteers were invited to come and take part in a range of activities in the gardens, including pesto making, butter churning and the construction of a hut bug hotel in the sensory garden area.

Delicious food and drink was served in the Garden Room and several children from Mandeville spoke about what they love about the School of Food and recent sessions they've enjoyed in the Garden Room.

Here are some quotes from some of those who were at the evening party:

Victoria –who is the volunteer recruiter for HSoF: *"I am the first point of contact for volunteers and organise their induction. We have two great volunteer opportunities and are really keen to recruit local people from the nearby community:*

Kitchen Assistants: *who help with the cooking classes as an extra pair of hands.*

Gardening Volunteers: *we are helped by volunteers in the School of Food garden every Friday between 10am — 12noon. Any local people who ideally have a little experience with gardening, but if not just lots of enthusiasm are welcome apply.*

The HSoF Volunteer page where you can find sign up forms can be found [here](#).

More photos and further quotes from guests can be found overleaf.....

LAUNCH OF HSOF NEW GARDEN ROOM CONTINUED.....

Merinda from Infoysy - *"It is fantastic to see the launch of the Garden Room, and the opportunities it will offer for the expansion of the School of Food's Garden Education programme. It's a great space for private hire too—so a call to action - friends, parents book the space!"*



Lucy from We are Grow "This is an amazing experience to sit here and make fresh pesto using herbs and leaves from this very special garden!"



D.T. AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED.....

The magical exhibition showcased the entire career and creative output of the film-maker and illustrator. It was incredible to see his design process, from original idea in sketchbooks, through to model making and film and learn more about the different types of film making that he has used in his career such as stop motion. The children were fascinated by his work and surprised at how creepy some of it was!

We talked a lot about the different types of design and after lunch we visited the Designer, Maker, User exhibition to think more about the design process and how design focusses on solving problems for the end user. Finally, we got to see a 3D printer in action. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and said that design is 'creative' and 'functional'!



D.T. AMBASSADORS TRIP

On Tuesday the Design & Technology ambassadors from **Kingsmead**, **Gayhurst**, **Mandville** and **Grasmere** came together to visit the excellent **Tim Burton** exhibition at the Design Museum in West London. It was a long journey to get there on the overground, but it was well worth it.



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	94
Year 3 & 4	3L	130
Year 5 & 6	6J	59



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - WILLOW
 RC- WHOLE CLASS
 RK- NOVA

1PG - CONRAD
 1M - ANNIKA
 2S - PERSEPHONE
 2J - SIENNA

3L - ISLA
 3E - REINE
 3/4L - KLAUS
 4F- MICKEY
 4E- ROVAUGHNI

5T - FLORENCE
 5D - AXEL
 5/6A - SEREN
 6J- MUSTAFA
 6C - ANTON

1PG CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 1PG had their class assembly. In English we had been reading **Beegu**; the story of an alien who gets lost on Earth. We presented our writing around the story of Beegu including an exciting retell of the playground scene using adjectives to describe how Beegu was feeling including 'nostalgic' and 'bittersweet'. We had fun acting like the children in the playground. Suddenly, the mean teacher (**Kaiya**) took Beegu away! We used our protesting knowledge that we learnt from famous women in the past who stood up for their rights to ask for Beegu to be treated fairly. Next, we visited Beegu's planet; we showed off some of our art, inspired by Kandinsky, of what her planet might look like. Then we read out some postcards we had written to our families from those planets. Finally we showed off our singing skills by singing the song 'Alien by Britney Spears' without the backing track and with actions. Well done 1PG!



REC VISIT HSOF GARDENS CONTINUED.....

completing a scavenger hunt of different plants and flowers. We got to try some purple sprouting broccoli and mint, looked at the different stages of plant growth in the greenhouse, sowed some turnip seeds and fed the chickens!



"The broccoli flowers were delicious!" - Willow
"I used a chive as a straw and put mint in my water!" - Zora
"I want to plant more seeds" - Victor



FOOTBALL NEWS

This week, Year 3 and 4 boys took part in a football tournament at Berger Primary School. They played against several other teams and made it to the final against Millfields. It was a very tight match and resulted in penalties, Gayhurst boys kept their cool and won! Congratulations to Gayhurst! **Sanchez** said: "The team worked brilliantly together, **Raphael** was absolutely fantastic!"



RECEPTION CLASS VISIT HSOF GARDENS

This week, RC had their second visit to the Hackney School of Food Gardens. Our first visit happened in Autumn and it was amazing to see how much the garden has changed! There were leaves on the trees, flowers in bloom and butterflies flying around. We explored the gardens,

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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.*

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.

CoGS are also keen to hear from anyone with original, engaging ideas for stalls or activities at the fair. Contact gayhurstcogs@gmail.com. Thank you!

GAYHURST'S STEM FAIR



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Mon 5 May	Bank Holiday
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: 3L & 4F , at 1.45pm 2J, & 6J at 2.30pm
Tues 15 July	Gymnastics Performances 1M, 4E & 5T at 2pm 5D & 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