



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 9th May 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar al aire libre, es genial en primavera.....
I like to play outside, it's great in the Spring.....

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

GEOGRAPHY AMBASSADORS VISIT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Last week the Geography ambassadors from **Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville** and **Grasmere** went on a special trip together. After meeting throughout the year in their ambassador teams at their respective schools, all of the LEAP geography team finally got to meet each other for the first time at the Natural History Museum. The ambassadors were given books with clues and had to go on a fact hunt through the Active Planet gallery. Later, we all went to a special workshop on Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We saw a demonstration of how a seismometer works, learnt how volcanoes form and some of us even got to take part.

Laria was invited up to show how lava flows (don't worry, it was wax, not real lava!) **Bilisan** and **Millie May** got to rescue some of the residents living nearby a model volcano from an imminent eruption. After that, we had just enough time to experience the earthquake simulator before heading home. It was great to make new friends across LEAP and share our passion for geography during the day!



Hanif - "Seeing the waves on the seismometer when we all banged our feet was crazy!"



Bilisan - "I liked when I had to rush to save the toys from the eruption!"

Teddy - "The trip was great, I loved taking part in the workshop."



EARLY ADOPTERS BREAKFAST SCHEME

Some parents have been asking questions about the Early Adopter Breakfast club scheme because some media circulated a false list of schools that were participating in this scheme. Grasmere was incorrectly listed as taking part.

The scheme is a new government pilot which involves offering 30 minutes of free childcare to schools in the 30 minutes before school, the idea is that all schools will eventually take part in this scheme but for now only the schools on this list are taking part.

[Breakfast clubs early adopters: schools in the scheme - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/breakfast-clubs-early-adopters-schools-in-the-scheme). Mandeville is one of the schools and will pilot the scheme and feed back on how it works.

FEDERATION: LATEST NEWS

The Governors from both Governing Bodies (Grasmere and the Leap Federation) met this week and agreed that Grasmere and the LEAP schools would join together to form a new federation from September 2025, on a permanent basis.

The governors will be in touch with more details soon but we thought everyone should know as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the consultation - your views and thoughts will help guide us to create our new structure.

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS MAY HALF TERM FOR YEARS 5 & 6

Are there children in year 5 & 6 who aren't yet confident swimmers? Hackney Council want to help support children to gain this important life skill! They are offering the opportunity for children in Years 5 & 6 to have one week of funded intensive lessons during May Half Term at Kings Hall Leisure Centre.

The offer includes free costumes, goggles and swimming cap and child membership to the local pool funded by Sports England in partnership with Better and Hackney Council's 10x10 programme

<https://forms.office.com/e/9T5fcqKxHm>

Places are on a first come first served notice and families need to sign up their children by 11th May.

You can see a short film about how the sessions will run by clicking [this link](#):





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	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	RK	82
Year 3 & 4	3E	105
Year 5 & 6	6J	75



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - NATNEAL
RC- MAGNUS
RK- LINUS

1PG - CIANNA
1M - BILLIE-ROSE
2S - TOM
2J - OTO

3L - LUKA
3E - FRED
3/4L - WREN
4F- AMYRA
4E- ANNIETH

5T - ANGIOLINA
5D - KIT
5/6A - REX
6J- HENRIETTA
6C - ELSA

RECEPTION CLASS NEWS,

TRIP TO THE TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Last week RK and RC visited the Transport Museum which links to their upcoming topic about maps and symbols. The children enjoyed looking at all of the old vehicles and maps around the museum. They followed a trail to look at all of the areas and marked off their cards along the way.

'I liked doing the stamp trail'-

Khalisah RK

'I liked going on the pretend trains

and buses' - **Nova RK**

'I liked driving the bus' -

Abiboulaye RK



RC'S VISIT PIZZA EXPRESS

This week, RC visited Pizza Express as their prize for the best book corner in EYFS (as judged by the school councillors). We each got to make our own pizza, spreading out the dough, adding the tomato sauce and topping with cheese. While we waited for them to cook, we learnt that margherita pizzas are named after Queen Margherita of Italy!



RC'S VISIT PIZZA EXPRESS CONTINUED...

We then took them back to school and enjoyed them for our lunch. They were delicious!



YEAR 6 SATS TESTS

Next week, from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May, Year 6 will be completing their SATs. To support their preparation, we are offering a special Year 6 SATS breakfast from Monday to Thursday next week. We will have a healthy breakfast set up and a calm and supportive atmosphere - children can come along anytime from **8:00am**. It is especially important that all children are in school on time for the start of the school day.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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 +
Year 6 disco from 5 - 6:30pm
- 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

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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 5 July, 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!

HACKNEY HALF : COGS FUNDRAISING

Next week **Sunday 18th May** sees the Hackney Half and a group of Gayhurst parents who will be running have kindly offered to raise money for the school via CoGS. If you'd like to get involved, please let **Phil (07906 565876)** know and if you'd like to donate, please do so [here](#):

GAYHURST'S STEM FAIR

On Tuesday evening, Gayhurst hosted the annual STEM Fair, showcasing all the brilliant STEM work created across the school.

Nursery and Reception experimented with bubbles and ice, while reading the stories 'The Not So Perfect Penguin' and 'Too Many Bubbles'. **Year 1** created planters using recycled containers and pots, they sketched their designs and then got to work building their planters. **Year 2** were given the task of creating a bug hotel! They started off by learning the importance of bug hotels creating safe habitats for different insects. **Year 3** created bird feeders using different materials, they needed to make sure the material they chose would survive harsh weather conditions.

Year 4 became wind warriors and created their own wind turbines and presented them to the class.

Year 5 had the task of creating a home that could 'beat the flood', ensuring it had a strong structure and most importantly – waterproof. **Year 6** worked in groups to create a 'Green City', working as a team to decide where parks,

roads, transport and buildings would go. All of this brilliant work then went on display for our STEM Fair.

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