



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 20th June 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Juego al fútbol con mis amigos..... *I play football with my friends.....*

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

## LEAP SPANISH AMBASSADORS

This week the Spanish Ambassadors from across LEAP visited the new Sadler's East theatre in Stratford. The children went on a tour of the theatre and got to explore the professional stage and rehearsal rooms. Our guide, Elina, taught us new vocabulary in Spanish about el teatro during our visit. We were even lucky enough to be taken into a rehearsal to watch some professional dancers!

Next, we met Sonia who is a professional Flamenco dancer. She introduced us to the costumes and props used in Flamenco dance, which the children later used in their performances. They learnt a routine following instructions entirely in Spanish! Well done to all the Spanish Ambassadors from LEAP for representing your subject and school so well on this trip.

**Taeyah-Mae, Mandeville** - *'It was really fun learning about a new culture. We learnt about their dance styles.'*

**Dave, Mandeville** - *'I was very happy to learn some new Spanish words. We learnt ensayo, derecho, bailarín, and teatro.'*

**Saeeda, Kingsmead** - *'We can teach our classes new words when we go back to school!'*

**Sonny, Grasmere** - *'I loved trying all the props out!'*

**Romi, Gayhurst** - *'I had a really fun day. I would go back to Sadler's East'*



## LEAP HEAR BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

LEAP year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the Hackney Empire last Friday. Through the BBC symphony orchestra, the children were immersed in the natural world spectacular Wildlife Jamboree. They prowled with tigers, stamped in the snow and heard the desert wind through music and song. **Hassan, Gayhurst:** *'I really enjoyed watching this show and seeing all the different wildlife animals.'*

The children met **Duggee, Bluey** and the **Octonauts** from CBeebies.

**Joud, Kingsmead:** *'I knew the characters because I have seen them on TV. I liked singing with my friends.'*

**Daya, Grasmere:** *'I liked how they made the music in the orchestra match the movement of the animals'*

The show included music from Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Vivaldi and Alberto Ginastera.

**Janelia, Kingsmead:** *'I really loved seeing a live orchestra play.'*

**Destiny, Mandeville:** *'I've never visited the Hackney Empire so it was cool to go inside!'*

**Reuben, Grasmere:** *'My favourite thing was when a random man chased a wallaby across the stage'*

**Kevin, Gayhurst:** *'My favourite part was when we earned the new badges.'*



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## OPINION PIECE IN HACKNEY GAZETTE

Louise Nichols, LEAP's Executive Headteacher, has written an opinion piece about falling school rolls and the impact on communities, for the Hackney Gazette.

You can find a link to the online copy of the article, that was printed in last Friday's Hackney Gazette, [here](#).

### MANDEVILLE & THE LANG LANG PIANO LAB



On Tuesday, Mandeville hosted a very special event to launch their state-of-the-art new piano lab. Introduced with the support of the **Lang Lang International Music Foundation**, founded by the world-famous

classical pianist Lang Lang, this piano lab consists of 21 digital pianos that can be used for whole-class piano teaching. Particularly exciting is that Mandeville's piano lab also comes equipped with the brand-new 'ONE Classroom' app, providing an online platform that supports children's learning through a carefully sequenced series of activities, games and challenges. Mandeville is the **first school in Europe** to receive this system, providing them with an unprecedented opportunity to raise standards in music education.

The event on Tuesday was organised in order to celebrate this new venture and was attended by a range of visitors who had supported the project. These included the chairwoman of the Lang Lang International Music Foundation, **Amy Lam**, representatives of the **Pan family**, whose support made the creation of this piano lab possible, and **Oli Rose**, the foundation's global development director.

After some brief introductions, the children in attendance were rewarded with a trio of jaw-dropping performances. First up were **Sofia and Louis Pan** who, at only 9 and 10 years old respectively, dazzled everyone with

pieces by Mozart and Mendelssohn. Following them, the children were treated to a performance by one of the foundation's musical



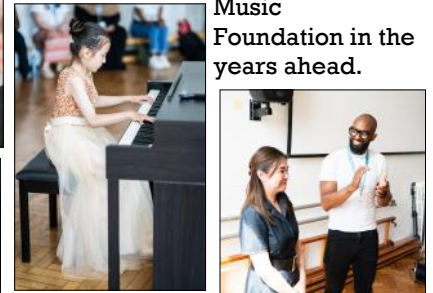
ambassadors, **Zara Williams**. A student at London's prestigious Royal Academy of Music, she played music by Chopin and the 20th-Century African American composer Margaret Bonds, a piece based on the traditional spiritual 'Wade in the Water'. Having performed, Zara answered questions from the children; it was genuinely inspiring to hear about her passion for and dedication to playing piano at the highest level.

Finally, a group of children from Year 4, who have been learning piano with Mandeville's music lead, James, since the beginning of Summer term,

### MANDEVILLE'S PIANO LAB CONTINUED.....

demonstrated the piano lab in action. Everyone commented on how focused and engaged they were throughout: a sign of great things to come! This was only the beginning of what is sure to be a productive

partnership between Mandeville and the Lang Lang International Music Foundation in the years ahead.



### KINGSMEAD AWARDED ECO SCHOOL GREEN FLAG

We are proud to announce that Kingsmead has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag with **Distinction!**

This internationally recognized award celebrates the school's commitment to environmental education & sustainability.



Receiving the Green Flag with Distinction means that Kingsmead went above and beyond in their efforts to create a greener, more sustainable school. From reducing waste and conserving energy, to growing their own plants from cuttings and raising awareness about climate issues, Kingsmead's students and staff have worked incredibly hard to make meaningful changes.

A huge thank you goes out to Kingsmead's Eco-Warriors and teachers Shenaz & Hang - Kingsmead's Sustainability Leads, whose passion and leadership helped drive many of the school's amazing initiatives this year. This award is a reflection of the whole school community's dedication to making a positive difference for our planet.

We will proudly fly our new Green Flag as a symbol of our ongoing commitment to building a brighter, greener future—one step at a time!



## 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	<b>RK</b>	88
Year 3 & 4	<b>3E</b>	101
Year 5 & 6	<b>5/6A</b>	151



## GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - MIQUEL  
RC- WHOLE CLASS  
RK- ABEL

1PG - ROSA  
1M - KOTARO  
2S - LEO  
2J - MAIA

3L - CECILIA  
3E - LILI  
3/4L - VENICE  
4F-  
VIKTORS 4E-

5T - SYLVIA  
5D - FRIDA  
5/6A - MIA C  
6J- WHOLE CLASS  
6C - WHOLE CLASS

## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL REPORT

Year 6 have had an amazing week filled with activities, team bonding and sun!

A Year 6 residential trip offers a wide range experiences for our children. They learn new skills, develop curiosity and confidence when facing new challenges. Throughout the week, children have had a fantastic opportunity to spend time in the great outdoors where they have made memories and strengthened friendships. Below are some of the activities they experienced:

- Climbing
- Bushcraft (making fire & cooking)
- Trekking
- Bridge building
- Orienteering
- Archery
- Survival skills (building shelters)



As well as all of these activities and bonfire nights, they put their fashion and music skills to the test by putting on a fashion and talent show – in front of some very famous judges!

*"The curry here is really good"*  
**Rafferty**

*"I loved doing archery in the forest, it felt really peaceful"* **Gus**

*"I really enjoyed orienteering because you got to explore the area and use maps to find your way around the forest"*

**Christodea.**

*"The food has been great, Claire the chef puts a lot of effort into our meals"*

**Annabelle**

*"Spending so much time with my friends during the activities and free time has been so much fun!"* **Ruby**

Big thank you to the school team for supporting the children throughout the week!



## KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 23 June** 4F Hackney Music Dance performance at Roundchapel 1.15—2.45pm
- Thurs 26 June** 3/4L class assembly at 3pm
- Fri 27 June** RC & RK Hackney Music Singing performance at Roundchapel 9.45—10.30am
- 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
- Thurs 10 July** Gayhurst Summer BBQ 5- 8pm
- 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**
- Mon 21 July - Fri 8 Aug** **LEAP Summer Camp**

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### COGS SUMMER FAIR

**Saturday 5 July, 12 - 4 pm.**

The CoGS summer Fair is on 5th July and is dependent on parents and carers in the school supporting in a variety of ways:

- Volunteers are needed to support a stall or activity for a couple of hours on the day. This year we particularly need volunteers for entrance, traditional games (e.g. hook a duck) and clearing up. Every little helps! Please complete this form if you have some time to give.
- The Fair also needs donations of things! The kids' tombola is hunting any new/unused kids prizes such as unwanted birthday gifts, mini games or toys, art kits, books, sweets or chocolate. These can be left in the school office from this week.
- Lightly used children's clothes can be brought to the school office from this week.
- Toys must be checked by CoGS first, by emailing photos to [gayhurstcogs@gmail.com](mailto:gayhurstcogs@gmail.com);
- Books can be left on the rack in the sheltered area in the KS1 playground during the final week before the fair (w/c 30 June).

#### Do you have an idea for a Summer Fair activity?

We're looking for fun, inclusive and accessible sporty activities for children to compliment the range of stalls we already have. Do you have a knack for engaging kids through physical activity? Then we'd love to hear from you!



**COGS**  
**GAYHURST SUMMER FAIR**  
Bar  
Facepaint  
Henna  
Clothes  
Books  
Plant Stall  
BBQ Tacos  
Raffle  
Crafts  
Games  
Cakes and much more  
**5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 12-4**  
50p Entry Scan QR code to enter raffle  
To find out more, email: [gayhurstcogs@gmail.com](mailto:gayhurstcogs@gmail.com)

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**Summer Fair Raffle** - Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the CoGS Summer Fair There are some wonderful prizes up for grabs! Click [this link](#) to purchase your tickets for £1 each. You'll be notified by email if you're a lucky winner

### RC CLASS ASSEMBLY REPORT

This week, RC took their parents and carers on an exciting trip around the world! We visited France, Turkey, India and Saint Lucia. They shared lots of facts along the way, danced to some music from India and even attended a carnival! All the adults were blown away by their



amazing performance! Well done RC!



### GAYHURST SUMMER

### BBQ



Save the date! Gayhurst Summer BBQ will be on **Thursday 10th July from 5-8pm.**

Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to get your tickets! There will be delicious BBQ food from Chef Sergio along with drinks and music, this is a great time to come together as a community and celebrate the end of another great year!



**THURSDAY 10TH JULY 5PM - 8PM**

Scan the code to buy your ticket.



Celebrate a great year at Grasmere! Serving a selection of tasty meats, fish, veggies, delicious salads and desserts.



**Gayhurst Summer BBQ**  
10th July 2025  
5-8pm

**From the Grill**

Beef Sausages Hot dogs  
Lime, Cilantro & Ginger Marinade Grilled Chicken  
Teriyaki Mackerel Kebab, Creamy Mustard Dip  
Smoky Grilled Aubergine Steak, Gremolata Sauce

**On the Side**

Olive Tapenade & Sage Focaccia  
Garlic Roasted Oliva  
Green Beans, Peppers & Radish Salad  
Heirloom Tomato, Red Onions, Feta  
Boiled Potatoes, Dill, Capers  
Grasmere Special Jollof Rice  
Mixed Leaves Seasonal Salad

**To Finish**

Watermelon Bites  
Selection of Ice-cream  
Enjoy- Buen Provecho