



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 27th June 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Me encanta el verano!.....I love Summer! .....

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

## HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

All four schools, **Kingsmead**, **Grasmere**, **Gayhurst** & **Mandeville**, took part in the Hackney Music Festivals this week at the Round Chapel.

Dancers from the four schools and drummers from Kingsmead performed at the dance event on Monday 23rd. Year 2 from Kingsmead and Mandeville performed at the Infant singing event on Wednesday 25th. Year 4 from Kingsmead and Year 5 from Grasmere performed at the Junior singing event on Thursday 26th.

Today, Reception classes from Mandeville, Gayhurst and Grasmere performed at the EYFS event (which will be reported on in next week's newsletters).

**Ben**, the Music Lead across all the schools said, *'I have been so proud of the children's dedication leading up to this week and the performances WOW! ....they were all WONDERFUL..'*



### HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL CONTINUED....



## MANDEVILLE AT GREAT BIG DANCE OFF NATIONAL FINALS

Earlier this year, Mandeville's Dance Squad qualified for the Great Big Dance Off Grand National Finals for the fourth year in a row - battling hundreds of schools to make it to the final thirty! The finals took place in Oxford on Monday evening, and we are



proud to let you know that they placed 12th. Our dancers are fierce competitors and were very disappointed not to have placed higher but being the 12th best in the country is an achievement to be proud of. Our dancers impressed the judges & audience with a fabulous performance and accepted the final decision with exceptional professionalism, resilience and grace; we are so proud of them.

Huge thanks to their dance teacher, Principal Marie-Reine Bouchereau from Storm the Stage Academy, for her dedication to Mandeville, committing time and energy to our dancers and transforming our dance club attendees into one of the best teams in the country!

Thanks to Jodie, Freddy our PE teacher, & the rest of the team who supported behind the scenes.



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### LEAP TAKE PART IN UEL SPORTS FESTIVAL

What an incredible day we had at the Sports Summer Festival at the University of East London SportsDock last week! The event was packed with excitement, as children from lots of schools, including our amazing four LEAP schools came together to enjoy a day full of fun, energy, and friendly competition.

Children eagerly tried their hands at skateboarding, jump rope, basketball, breakdancing, indoor rowing, boxing, and sitting volleyball, showcasing their skills, enthusiasm, and collaborative spirit. The event was not only a celebration of physical activity but also an opportunity for children to develop essential life skills. To recognise their efforts and dedication, the children were scored on three core attributes: teamwork, listening skills, and participation.

Our LEAP schools brought so much energy and enthusiasm to the festival, and it was great to see how excited everyone was to be part of the action. The positive vibes were everywhere, with children cheering each other on and giving their all in every activity.

A special congratulations goes to **Mandeville** and **Kingsmead**, who demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship, earning the top spot in a **joint first-place finish!** Both teams showed incredible teamwork and spirit throughout the day. A huge well done to everyone who took part. The organiser was very impressed with our LEAP schools!

*"I was really proud of all the children. It was a great opportunity for them to explore activities they wouldn't usually do, such as skateboarding and rowing- their behaviour was fantastic."* - **Kaltum**, Deputy headteacher at Mandeville

**Gayhurst:** *"It was a brilliant event, I liked the boxing!"* - **Chidi**, Year 5

*"I loved all of the activities, it was fun to do something different".* -

**Acai**, Year 4



#### UEL SPORTS FESTIVAL

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**Grasmere:** *"It was really fun and enjoyable, I loved every moment of it!"* - **Bell**, Year 5  
*'My favourite activities were breakdancing and basketball.'* - **Ahmed**, Year 6



**Mandeville:** *"My favourite activity was cricket because I was hitting the ball really far. The coach said I had a natural talent!"* - **Taynara**, Year 3

*"We got top marks in all areas because we worked as a team. We were very loud, cheering each other in rowing."* - **Armani**, Year 5



**Kingsmead:** *"We got to do some fun activities we haven't done before - breakdancing was brilliant and we got to do some cool moves!"* - **Elena**, Year 3

*"We worked well together and showed team spirit and that is why we won first place. I am really proud of my team!"* **Jontae**, Year 6



### GRASMERE SCHOOL JOINING FEDERATION FROM SEPTEMBER 1st 2025

The governors from both LEAP and Grasmere have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure a smooth transition this summer to the new LEAP federation that includes Grasmere. We are pleased to confirm that the new governing board will consist of existing governors from each governing board and that as always, governors will represent all the children across the federation equally. We will share details of the new governing board in September when the new federation starts, and we are grateful to Ian Quest and Gillian Brady, who are the current chairs of governors, who have agreed to act as shadow chairs until the first meeting of the new governing board when a new chair and vice chair will be elected.

Governors have roles including chair and vice chair. All governors have a link role, so each link governor looks at a particular element in each of the schools over the course of the year and then reports back to the full governing board. New chairs of the three specific committees (Curriculum, Resources and Standards) will also be proposed in September. So for example, if a governor is the link governor for Early Years, SEND, Creativity, Health and Safety, Attainment, Equalities or Sport (to name but a few possible link roles) they will meet with the staff in each school who lead that area and then will create a report for the FGB.

Parent workshops and surveys will take place in each individual school to make sure that parents' voices are heard by the leadership team for that school. Governors will receive termly reports from each of the 4 headteachers on an agreed schedule of development areas such as premises and safeguarding or staffing.

In September we will be holding elections for new parent governors and parents from all 4 schools are encouraged to apply. Once applications are received a parent vote will take place using an online voting system and 2 successful parent governors will be appointed following this process. Existing parent governors from each of the schools who wish to continue in their roles have been amalgamated into the new governing board as co-opted governors thereby ensuring that parents have a strong voice across all the schools. Once the new governing board has been able to meet for the first time in September the new chair and vice chair will be duly elected at that meeting.

We will keep you updated through the newsletter on any new developments in governance as we move through the process.

### YEAR 6 CREATIVE TRANSLATION WORKSHOP

This week groups of children from year 6 across LEAP met to take part in a special translation workshop led by the Stephen Spender Trust. We met Andy who is a professional translator to find out about his job. He then introduced us to the poem No Sé Por Qué Piensas Tú by Nicolás Guillén. The children worked in groups to make a literal translation of the poem, before then attempting a 'creative' translation. They had to think about the context, language features and poetic devices when amending their translation. Andy and the LEAP team were very impressed with the resilience and determination the children demonstrated throughout the workshop. They have gained key skills that will help them with their future linguistic studies at secondary school.

**Eliana (Kingsmead):** *'It was a challenge to translate a poem in particular. We had to think about the meaning of the word.'*

**Cormac and Pau (Gayhurst):** *'We enjoyed listening to the tone of the poem. It gave us a clue about the meaning.'*

**Nadia (Mandeville):** *'We started thinking about words from languages we speak at home. It was like a warm up!'*

**Alice (Grasmere):** *'I think I got better at translating today.'*



### TRANSLATION COMPETITION

The Stephen Spender Trust is also running a national translation competition. If your child would like to enter, they should select a published poem from any other language than English and then translate it into English. They should hand the translated poem, as well as a copy of the original poem, to their teacher by **Friday 11th July**.





## 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	1PG	60
Year 3 & 4	3L	126
Year 5 & 6	6J	50



## GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - **GALEN**  
RK - **AIBHE**  
RC - **NEVAEH**

1PG - **NARIAH**  
1M - **LIOR**  
2S - **YAQUB**  
2J - **KAEDON**

3L - **SHAVELL**  
3E - **OLIVIA**  
3/4L - **CORAL-SKYE**  
4F - **CLARECIA**  
4E - **TYANA**

5T - **YOUSRA**  
5D - **AAMIRA**  
5/6A - **GUR**  
6J - **RUBY**  
6C - **ROWAN**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Last week, the school councillors took part in highly confidential meetings with Comic Relief regarding possible Red Nose Day designs for 2026. The children were eager to share ideas and opinions about their likes and dislikes. *'I found it annoying that it would fall off the tip of your nose.'* Mia 3/4L. They even got to suggest some possible design ideas.

*'Perhaps the rare one could be unknown and wouldn't even be on the box'* - Dean 5D.

Many thanks to Becky, (Frieda and Matilda's mum) for inviting our school councillors to take part. We can't wait to see if any of their favourites make it through as the winning designs.



## 3/4L ASSEMBLY REPORT

On Thursday, 3/4L performed their class assembly and they did an amazing job! They started off by talking about all of their highlights from this year – but there were so many to choose from! From all the wonderful learning to trips and sporting activities, the children picked some of their favourites and almost everything got a mention!

Next there were musical solos from Yves on the trombone and Mora on the drum.



### 3/4L ASSEMBLY CONTINUED.....

Then there was some acting. We are reading Varjak Paw in English and it has quickly become a favourite, so the children shared one of their favourite scenes, when the cats all meet for family council.

To finish off, they sang a Spanish song all about pets, ¿Tienes una mascota?

Each and every one of them performed fantastically and should feel very proud of themselves.

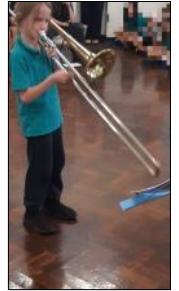
**Klaus** – *I really liked the assembly because we got to do one of the scenes from Varjak Paw and I was one of the lead cats!*

**Luca** – *I think our assembly was really great, especially because we haven't practiced much!*

**Venice** – *I liked it because there was lots of different things in it, all about things we've learned throughout the year and I especially loved the song at the end!*

**Syd** – *I'm really enjoying reading Varjak Paw because it's about a cat that learns the secret ways of Jalal, so it was great to include it in our assembly.*

**Juan Pablo** – *I enjoyed the assembly because I had a lot of lines!*



## KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

**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** **Gayhurst Summer Camp**  
10am—2pm

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### COGS SUMMER FAIR

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

The CoGS summer Fair 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. Community of Gayhurst School Summer Fair 2025
- 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.
- Any plants or seedlings, indoor or outdoor.
- We now have plenty of children's clothes but are particularly seeking older children's clothes or XS women's/men's sizes for the clothes stall.
- Please note, **\*no further donations of toys will now be accepted at the school office\***
- 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).



**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)

**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

### GAYHURST SUMMER BBQ

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!




**Gayhurst Community School**  
**Gayhurst Summer BBQ**  
THURSDAY 10TH JULY  
5PM - 8PM  
Scan the code to buy your ticket.  
Celebrate a great year at Gayhurst!  
Serving a selection of tasty meats, fish, veggies, delicious salads and desserts.

### SUMMER CAMP AT GAYHURST

Reminder to register for our Summer Camp running from **Monday 21st July - Friday 8th August, from 10am—2pm.** Booking goes live on **Monday 7th July.** Once you registered your interest, you will be sent a reminder text an hour before booking opens. Follow the link below or scan the QR code to register and then book your places. If you are having any issues with registering, please contact the main office and we can support.

<https://eequ.org/book/gayhurstgrasmere-summer-holiday-camp-with-gayhurst-summer-camp-17396>

