



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 4th July 2025

**SPANISH PHRASE** of the week  
¡Me encanta el verano!.....I love Summer! .....

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

### LEAP HISTORY AMBASSADORS TRIP

Our LEAP history ambassadors from **Grasmere, Kingsmead, Mandeville** and **Gayhurst**, visited the Ragged Museum on Tuesday to learn about Victorian London. Despite the scorching heat, the children participated eagerly in the activities. They started the day with a lesson in what would have been a real Victorian classroom, with the very strict and formidable Mrs Davies! The children were given a slab of blackboard and a measly piece of chalk to write on. *"We found out that paper would have been too expensive for children to use so they had small blackboards!" Erin.*

The children were set the task of writing the alphabet in cursive writing, then were asked to recite a piece of poetry before calculating difficult mathematical questions in their heads - all whilst sitting with their backs rigidly straight and in silence! *"Mrs Davies taught her lessons very differently to the way we are taught." Jamal.* The ambassadors learnt that corporal punishment was common in the Victorian era, as was humiliating punishments such as wearing a 'dunce' hat. *"I enjoyed the classroom session the best as has reminded me of how lucky I am to live in this century"- Henry V.* They learnt that children were only educated until they were ten before they were expected to find work in local factories or on farms.

The children then became history detectives by finding clues within information around the museum.

*"I enjoyed learning how people dealt with cholera outbreaks" Yohan.*

*"I didn't know the Middlesex filter beds beside Mandeville and Kingsmead were built to help treat the dirty water," Courage.*

At the end of the session the ambassadors learnt about the hardships of family life during the Victorian era. They explored the inside of a replica of a Victorian family living room where up to 10 family members would live, work and sleep.

*"Women's work was so hard! Imagine washing your clothes for four hours a day!" Gideon.*

*"I can't believe so many people lived in one room and that they had to remove their buttons every time they cleaned their clothes" Roxy*



### LEAP HISTORY AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED.....

*"The best part was the lesson with Mrs Davies because it was fun pretending to be a Victorian child," Basma.*

*"I enjoyed learning about how much has changed since the Victorian era" Alex.*



### FAMILY COACH SERVICE PARENT TALK & WALK

The Family Coach Service are offering a new Parent Talk & Walk programme for Hackney parents & carers. See information below:

**When?** Tuesday 15th of July 11am-12:30pm

**Where?** In front of the Hackney Mosaic Project in Hackney Downs E5 8NP

**For who?** Open to parents of children with SEND (no formal diagnosis or EHCP necessary) who are confident in conversational English. You're welcome to bring little ones in buggies but we unfortunately won't be able to welcome pets on this occasion.

**Why come?** It's an opportunity to connect with other parents while walking in the community

**Walks theme is:** Wellbeing and resilience

**What's the plan?**

1. Meet at the meeting point and introduce ourselves
2. Route and talking topics introduced
3. Walk in your small group of 2-3,
4. Reflection and intention setting

**This sounds great. How do I book my place?** We have 10 spaces available so please email us on [familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk) to reserve your place.



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Connect with other parents while walking in the community



This walks theme is resilience and wellbeing

To book your place on the walk please email [familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk)

### HACKNEY CHESS TOURNAMENT

Last Friday, Grasmere hosted this years chess tournament. There was steep competition from a number of local schools: **St. John the Baptist, Queensbridge, Our Lady and St. Joseph, Millfields, William Patten, Southwold, Rushmore and Gayhurst.**

After an initial game, points were collected and the children were then repaired with similar scoring opponents. *'Some people would try to checkmate with the 'Scholar's Mate' and I was doing the 'Fried Liver', which is a technique where you fork the queen and the rook - it was very successful! The tournament was very exciting and I would like to do it again.'* **Rami (3L) Gayhurst.**

After 4 very competitive rounds **Grasmere** were crowned champions with **Gayhurst** second, missing out by 0.6 points! Huge congratulations to both schools!



### FREE OR CHEAP THINGS FOR FAMILIES TO DO IN SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Many thanks to Kingsmead's Year 4 class teacher, **Hang**, who has taken the time to put together this great list of Summer Fun for LEAP families.....

If you're stuck or wondering what to do with the children over the long summer holidays, we have compiled a list of local-ish activities and places which are low cost or free to visit. We've also included some low cost activities for families who claim Universal Credit which families may not be aware of. Some places may require booking beforehand, so please take a look on their website for further details.

#### Farms

Mudchute farm, E14 3HP free

Stepney city farm E1 3DG free

Hackney city farm E2 8QA free

Spitalfields city farm E1 5AR free

Many of the local farms host workshops- details can be found on their websites.

#### Outdoor film showings

From 9th June to 3rd August, Leicester Square will run a pop-up outdoor event featuring a big screen show blockbusters, sports and a selection of family favourites for free, daily until 10pm. Check the website for the full line up of what is playing on the big screen each day. <https://summerinlsg.com>

At **Kings Cross**, bring a picnic blanket and snacks to relax and enjoy a free classic or family favourite. It does get pretty busy so make sure that you arrive in good time to get a good position. <https://www.kingscross.co.uk/event/everyman-on-the-canal>

#### Cultural fun and workshops

From 15th July to 10th August, The **Royal Academy**, **W1S 3ET** will host a free Young Artist exhibition showcasing artwork from some of our very own LEAP children. <https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/young-artists-summer-show-2025>

The **London Museum of Docklands**, **E14 4AL** will host family events between 12 July-31 August where children can step into the shoes of an archaeologist, experience the story of Great Fire of London or celebrate London's diverse Caribbean culture. Some events are ticketed however they have a free family drop in crafts <https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/summer/>

FREE OR CHEAP THINGS FOR FAMILIES CONTINUED....

#### Other family fun

**Royal Docks Summer Splash 2025** from 25th July up to 17th August. It is a family free lido with a shallow section for children, sandy play areas and exciting activities for children. <https://www.royaldocks.london/articles/summer-splash-2025-save-the-dates-for-free-family-fun>

The **Royal Academy** will also host a free family day on 27th July where families can design and construct a city of the future

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/event/family-studio-design-a-city>

Every Friday, **Young V&A E2 9PA** will host free drop-in activities during the holidays.

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/event/wANr40Pvyv/yva-family-fridays-summer-2023?srsltid=AfmBOor503GPvveojunhCIOLCTH8V5W74T8upqma2cBvEPoQidb7mvuu>

Our Hackney libraries will be running a reading quest this summer! Booklets and stamps can be collected at any local library. Many of the libraries will host activities

<https://www.lovehackney.uk/the-great-hackney-libraries-quest#:~:text=Join%20the%20Great%20Hackney%20Libraries.in%20our%20fun%20creative%20activities.>

#### Universal Credit days out

For families claiming Universal Credit, there are many venues in London which will offer a discounted entry. With most venues, you will need proof of benefits at point of entry. It is best to book beforehand to avoid disappointment. Here are a selection:

- £1 entry to **Kew gardens TW9 3AB**
- £1 Unlimited annual pass at **London Transport Museum WC2E 7BB**
- £4 child £7 adult entry to **London Zoo, NW1 4RY** (Popular so please book in advance online)
- <https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/london-zoo-tickets/universal-credit-tickets>
- Free tickets to selected shows at **Little Angel Theatre, N1 2DN** (Will need to register for the Free Puppets for All scheme on their website.)
- <https://www.littleangeltheatre.com/about-us/our-impact/puppets-for-all/>
- Free entry to all paid exhibitions at **V&A, SW7 2RL**

# GAYHURST NEWS



## 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	RC	83
Year 3 & 4	3E	194
Year 5 & 6	5/6A	84



## GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - NOAH  
RK - SID  
RC - SABINA

1PG - ULY  
1M - MELODY  
2S - PERSEPHONE  
2J - LUNA

3L - JAHZIAH  
3E - DEXTER  
3/4L - JUAN-PABLO  
4F - RAPHAEL  
4E - ERIN

5T - HAFIDH  
5D - SZAFFI  
5/6A - YR 6  
6J - WHOLE CLASS  
6C - WHOLE CLASS

## YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

This week has been a fabulous week in Year 6! The children and teachers all worked exceptionally hard to put together two outstanding productions of The Jungle Book, helped of course by an incredible team of parents who came together to support with set design, costumes, face painting, filming and more. It was absolutely one of the best productions Gayhurst has seen yet! The children learnt their lines beautifully and performed, sang and danced with confidence under the bright lights. We were all truly dazzled by their brilliance. We are also very grateful to Mare Street Market Bar and Yard Sale Hackney who each donated 22 free pizzas to the hungry children before their performance. Needless to say, these went down a storm!

"What a phenomenal two days of shows" said the **Year 6 teaching team!**



## CHANGES TO LEADERSHIP ROLES IN SEPTEMBER

We are pleased to share some changes within our leadership team for September with you. We are happy to announce and to congratulate **Jacqueline** on her appointment to Head of School at Grasmere. Jacqueline has been at Gayhurst for 11 years, after training to teach at Kingsmead originally. Jacqueline has been an excellent Deputy Headteacher, colleague and teacher to all of us in her time at Gayhurst and we are very proud of her for gaining this exciting new post within LEAP. From September **Karen** will no longer be co-leading Grasmere and will be back at Gayhurst in her usual capacity whilst continuing to support Grasmere and Jacqueline through the transition to LEAP.

**Fran** will continue in her role as Deputy Headteacher for Inclusion and SEND five days a week and **Edyta**, who has been working all year across Gayhurst and Mandeville as Deputy Head, will be based at Gayhurst 5 days a week but will continue to lead on special projects across the federation as well as leading on Early Years at Gayhurst. **Lisa** will continue in her role as Deputy Head for the federation leading on new teacher development and training and wrap around care. She will be based at Mandeville 2 days, Kingsmead 2 days and 1 day across Gayhurst and Grasmere. We also hope to appoint to a new temporary Assistant Head post for September. **Meret Stokes**, Associate Deputy Head who has been leading Curriculum across all our schools will be on maternity leave. **Louise** will continue in her role as Executive Head at Gayhurst.

## RECEPTION AT HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Friday RK and RC took part in the Hackney Singing Festival at the round chapel. They had lots of fun.

*It was so fun to see Ben - Ailbhe RK*

*I liked singing Frère Jacques because it's French and I'm French - Victor RC*

*I liked singing the songs ... it was so fun - Farah RK*

*It was nice singing with all the songs - Zora RC*



## 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>



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### COGS SUMMER FAIR



**COGS**  
**GAYHURST SUMMER FAIR**  
5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 12-4  
50p Entry Scan QR code to enter raffle

Bar  
Facepaint  
Henna  
Clothes  
Books  
Plant Stall  
BBQ Tacos  
Raffle  
Crafts  
Games  
Cakes and much more

To find out more, email: [gayhurstcogs@gmail.com](mailto:gayhurstcogs@gmail.com)

CoGS look forward to welcoming all Gayhurst's families to the Summer Fair this Saturday! There will be plenty of fun for everyone! This year featuring a dunk chair (where a mystery teacher will be soaked!); freshly made food and drink; games to play and win prizes; craft and activities; and stalls to pick up some bargains. All profit goes to

the School via CoGS to support non-curricular sports and arts enrichment.

**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.

### NURSERY'S SPORTS DAY

On Monday the Nursery children took part in their very first sports day. A large number of spectators watched the children enjoy lots of activities to test their speed, balance, agility and throwing skills. Thank you to the TGI team and Year 6 helpers who organised and supported the successful sporting event. The children had lots of fun.



### 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 & 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.



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

*From the Grill*

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

*On the Side*

Olive Tapenade & Sage Focaccia  
Garlic Roasted Olives  
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

### KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Sat 5 July** COGS Summer Fair 12—4pm  
**Mon 7 July** Sports Days:  
**Rec, Yrs 1 & 2** 9.45am -12.15pm **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