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LEAP NEWS

Friday 26th September 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

No me gusta el viento*I don't like the wind.....*

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

LEAP PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS AUTUMN 2025

Can you help shape the future of our Federation?

We need parents of children registered at a school in our Federation to make a difference in our school community by volunteering to become parent governor.

Currently we have vacancies for two parent governors on the LEAP Federation governing board.

Your voice as a parent is very important and it is vital that the governing board has good representation from our parents among its membership.

Information about the role

Once elected or appointed for a term of four years, a parent governor takes on the role of a Federation governor, a public volunteer. All governors are equal, no category of governor is any more important or influential than any other and parents are elected to be an equal part of the board. They are not elected to present parents' views or to act as parent representatives any more than any other governor.

We are seeking parents who have a real willingness to help, who can listen carefully, read important documents, ask questions, attend training and be able to actively contribute at meetings which are around 9 per year.

All governors represent all four schools in the Federation and will be expected to gain an understanding and feeling for all the schools and how they function.

If you can spare approximately ten hours or more a month then please consider nominating yourself for this interesting voluntary role.

The governing body is particularly seeking applicants with the following skills - fund raising, finance, law, personnel, health and buildings or architectural experience. We are also keen to appoint governors from under-represented communities.

LEAP PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS CONTINUED...

What can you offer as a parent governor?

- Enthusiasm, time and commitment.
- You will have a feel for what is important to people.
- Any professional or other skills you may have will be very helpful.
- An openness to learning and change, and wanting to make a difference.
- Governors also provide objectivity in debate and decision-making and can add further and different perspectives to Federation matters.

What are the benefits?

- ◇ Being a school governor is a privilege – you are a small but very important part in an educational system with a very long history.
- ◇ The knowledge that you have played a part in improving local children's education and supporting the Federation's staff.
- ◇ A chance to develop new skills, to practice and strengthen existing ones, such as chairing a meeting, researching or leading on a key Federation issue.
- ◇ The opportunity to work as part of a team to make a real difference in the community.
- ◇ The opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life whom you probably would not have otherwise encountered.
- ◇ Knowing that the decisions you collectively make will have a huge impact on children's lives.
- ◇ You develop as a person and may even find that your experiences as a governor influence future career and life choices.

If you are interested in volunteering, here's what you should do ...

Please check that you are eligible to stand as a parent governor. The definition of "parent" includes:

all natural parents, whether they are married or not

any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person

"Parent" is defined as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18".

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LEAP PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS CONTINUED...

The definition of "parent" also includes a person who the child lives with and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. The reference in the definition must be to someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

There are some criteria which can disqualify you from serving as any type of governor. This list is given in the nomination form. If you are applying, then you must confirm that you are not disqualified by those criteria.

Please nominate yourself by completing the nomination form which can be downloaded from our Federation school websites on the **Parent Governor Election Autumn 2025 page**, which is under the **School Governors** page in the **About Us** section.

[Link to page](#) on **Grasmere website**

[Link to page](#) on **Gayhurst website**

[Link to page](#) on **Mandeville website**

[Link to page](#) on **Kingsmead website**

If you would rather have a paper copy of the nomination form please ask your school office for one.

Please ensure that your completed nomination form is returned to one of the schools by 5pm on Friday **October 3rd 2025**. You can hand in your completed nomination form to your school's office or it to Governors@leapfederation.org

Nominations will be published as part of the newsletter and then parents from all 4 schools will be invited to vote based on your self nomination. Parents from each school are requested to consider each governor on merit and not dependent on which school their child attends. Voting is electronic and all votes are confidential. The two candidates with the most votes overall will be elected to the governing board.

FROM HACKNEYS SPEAKER'S OFFICE

Here are three items from Hackney Speaker's office Autumn newsletter that we thought our families might be interested in.

CHILDREN'S T SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

Amongst various other fundraising events, one of the most exciting is Hackney's participation, this time, in the London Parade on new year's day 2026. We are collaborating with local businesses to put together a float with the theme of **celebrating unity**. All of those on the Hackney float will be wearing matching T-shirts, and we are asking Hackney's young people to get involved in my competition to create the Hackney T-shirt design, in the style of an emblem.

The winner will have their design realised, be invited to join the float (subject to being accompanied by an adult)

FROM HACKNEY SPEAKER'S OFFICE CONTINUED....

and be part of an event that is broadcast live, world-wide. The winner and five runners up will all receive Amazon vouchers.

The age limit is 18 years old and we welcome entries from nursery to sixth form. Please email entries to speaker@hackney.gov.uk. The deadline for entries is **21 November 2025**.

SILVER SUNDAY INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT



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Hackney Speaker Cllr Sharon Patrick's intergenerational event: games, music, poetry, tea and cakes

5 OCTOBER 2025, 11AM-1PM

ALL AGES WELCOME!

at St Mary's Secret Garden,
50 Pearson St, London E2 8EL

Hackney

HACKNEY COMMUNITY ACTIVITY DAY

If you'd like to get involved in supporting the community contact us here speaker@hackney.gov.uk to register or for further information.



HACKNEY SPEAKER CLLR SHARON PATRICK'S CHARITY FUNDRAISER

HACKNEY COMMUNITY ACTIVITY DAY
1 NOVEMBER 2025

JOIN US AND GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY BY DOING A SPONSORED

- WALK
- RUN
- SWIM (FREE AT ELIGIBLE BETTER HACKNEY CENTRES)
- CYCLE

OR

- ATTEND A MOTIVATIONAL TALK @ PEDRO CLUB
- HOLD A RAFFLE / ANY COMPETITION
- CAKE SALE

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Hackney Foodbank
Hackney Marsh Partnership
SPEAKER@HACKNEY.GOV.UK



1st half of term: **02.09.25 - 24.10.25**

Half term: **27 — 31 Oct 2025**

2nd half of term: **03.11.25 - 17.12 25**

INSET days: Mon 1 Sept 2025,
Thurs 18 & Fri 19 Dec 2025

GREEN TOKEN RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	1M	166
Year 3 & 4	3E	193
Year 5 & 6	6J	144



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - **AURORA**
RPG - **JANNAH**
RS - **JUDE**

1A - **ISAIAH**
1M - **SOFIA**
2L - **CARINA**
2S - **GILLAN**

3J - **LUCAS**
3E - **BRODIE**
4A - **ZAINAB**
4RA - **TEO**
4RT - **AYZA**

5E - **PRIMROSE**
5F - **VIENNA**
5/6D - **GABRIEL M**
6J - **ALI**
6C - **TAMMY**

YEAR 3'S TRIP TO EPPING FOREST

On Wednesday, we made the journey on the Overground from Hackney Downs to Chingford. We walked all the way to Epping Forest Visitor Centre, spotting some long-horned cows on the way.

When we arrived Olivia and Connie told us how to keep safe in the forest and taught us how to respect the ancient land. We then had a blast learning how to light our very own fires with flint and cotton wool.

Later, we built our own dens and then sat down with a breath taking view for lunch.

'I loved making the dens' - Remi

'I liked being taught how to make fire' - Kamari



NEW SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

Congratulations to our new school council! Here are our new members.

2L - Rosa TJ & Conrad
2S - Namiko & Nariah
3J - Stella & Morti
3E - Olive & Louis M
4A - Mae & August
4RA - Harper & Rufus
4RT - Lili & Musa
5E - Amyra & Jasper
5F - Roxy & Ziggy
5/6D - Frida & Gabriel C
6C - Romy & Chidi
6J - Angiolina & Kit

NEW SCHOOL COUNCILLORS CONTINUED.....

Our new school councillors will meet next week and will carry out their first of voting for their favourite class book corner! The children will find out which class has made the most attractive and inviting book corner soon — watch this space!

VACCINATION UK

Vaccination UK will be in school on the following dates:

Tuesday 25th November - AM

Wednesday 26th November - AM

Friday 5th December - AM

If your child is in Years Rec-Yr6 please see key info below:

- Vaccinations will be offered in school, with a community clinic option available if a child is absent.
- Both the nasal spray and a pork-free, gelatine-free injection are available.
- Consent must be completed for every child, even if the parent/carer chooses not to vaccinate.

Full details and online consent forms are available here: <https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/cityandhackney>.

If you have questions, you can contact vaccination team at hackney@v-uk.co.uk or call 0207 613 9146.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Tues 30 Sept Phonics workshop for Reception parents 9.15am
Thurs 2 Oct 6J Class Assembly 3pm
Fri 3 Oct International Evening Coffee Morning 9am
Wed 8 Oct Maths workshop for Yr 3 & 4 parents 9am
Wed 15 Oct Maths workshop for Yr 6 parents 9am
Thurs 16 Oct 5E Class Assembly 3pm
Thurs 23 Oct 6C Class Assembly 3pm
Mon 27—Fri 31 Oct Half term break
Tue 4 Nov Writing workshop for Rec & Yr 1 parents 9.15am
Wed 17 Dec Last day of Autumn term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**

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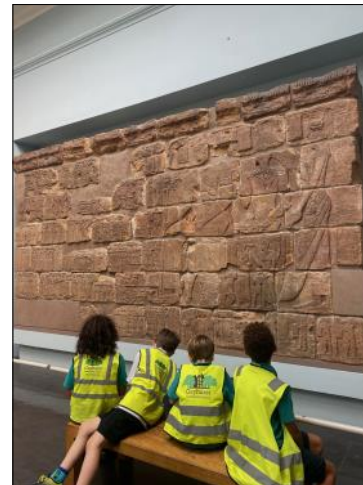
YEAR 4 BRITISH MUSEUM TRIP

Last week Year 4 at Gayhurst were lucky enough to visit the British Museum. All three classes had a great time and learnt so much! We caught the 38 bus there from Dalston and when we arrived went straight to the Ancient Egypt room to see statues and artefacts to support all the brilliant learning that we have been doing in class.

It was fantastic to see the false doorways to tombs, real hieroglyphics, the Rosetta Stone and real life mummies. We even saw ancient mummified remains that inspired the Egyptians to start creating mummies. There were so many fantastic artefacts to look at, from jewellery, to tools and even different types of canopic jars!

"We saw a real mummy and we saw a big sculpture of a sphinx and we saw hieroglyphics!" Nesrin and Zainab 4A.

"I liked the British Museum because I got to see mummified bodies!" Miya 4RT.



COGS NEWS

This year the **CoGS Winter Fair** will be held on **Saturday 6th December**, from 12-4 pm.

To make this a successful fundraiser and community-oriented event, CoGS are reliant on people

volunteering their time, energy and ideas in the lead-up and on the day.

A planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th October from 6-7:30pm**, location tbc.

This year we need volunteers to:

- Coordinate the bar. Our bar lead will show you everything you need to know but can't attend on the day. If you have bar management experience, this is one for you and always a fun part of the fair.
- Make or coordinate the donation/purchase of some Christmas decorations for the tables and surroundings.
- Design some large signage to display at the entrance to the fair to help people find the different stalls and activities.
- Set up and clear down on the day. We need people to shift tables, erect gazebos, pick up litter and sweep/mop at the end.
- Volunteer two hours (or whatever you can) to support a stall or activity.

If you would like to help, or have any ideas for stalls to raise funds, you can either complete this form <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/fsXxKxZx3B> or email gayhustcogs@gmail.com

Thanks in advance to volunteers old and new!