



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 24th October 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar con mis amigos..... *I like to play with my friends*

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

SPANISH @ LEAP NEWS

Every year, children in year 5 at LEAP are partnered with a child from Placido Domingo School in Madrid to take part in a year long pen pal project! In their Spanish lessons, the children have been drafting and publishing their first letter to their new pen pal using vocabulary they have learnt in years 3- 6 as well as new letter-specific vocabulary.

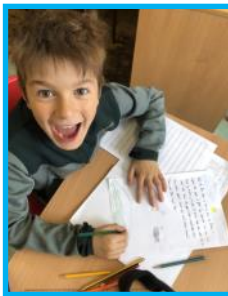
Ariam (Mandeville) – “We told our pen pal about our family members and pets. I said *tengo un perro.*”

Sianna (Grasmere) - “I can’t wait to hear back from my new pen pal and write the next letter!”

Kayode (Gayhurst) – “It was really fun using everything I learnt in Spanish to write to a real person in Spain. Can’t wait for the reply.”

Xander (Kingsmead) “I enjoyed writing my letter in Spanish and I can’t wait to see how they will reply!” -

This project helps children to use their language learning in a meaningful context, as well as learn about a new country and culture. We can’t wait to hear back from our pen pals!



GLURBS

LANGUAGE LEARNING MADE SIMPLE

Completely safe, ad-free and designed by the specialists at Language Angels for children to learn and play independently in a way parents can trust.

- It's not just fun, it's effective - from first word to fluency.
- The more you play, the more you learn!
- Boosts memory, creativity & communication.

HOW TO GET AN ENTIRE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION FOR JUST **£1.99**:

1. Register a new account
2. Go to 'Settings'
3. Tap LAOFR25

ON MOBILE? CLICK HERE

HACKNEY LIBRARIES

Have you signed up to join your local library? If not, why not do so in the half term holiday? It's simple and free and you and your child can borrow an endless supply of great books to take home, read and bring back to exchange for new books. Library's have experienced staff who can help you to guide your child to find interesting books at the right level for their reading ability.

How to join the Library

You can apply to join your local library in person. You just need to bring proof of address, such as a utility bill. Membership is free and open to everyone.

Other benefits of Joining the Library

Did you know that many of Hackney's libraries also offer a range of regular fun activities? From reading groups to chess groups, stories & rhymes to arts & crafts, Lego clubs to creative writing classes, Hackney Libraries have something for everyone.

You can find out what's going on in your local library by following [this link](#).

Half Term Activities

Hackney Libraries offer some FREE half term activities across their libraries. Get involved in a programme of craft activities, film screenings and storytelling sessions in Hackney Libraries from 24 October until 1 November! We kick off with a Lego session collaboration with Thread Point Foundation at Homerton Library. You can make a mosaic inspired by African-American artist Alma Thomas at Shoreditch Library and Woodberry Down Library, or take home a homemade autumnal garland from Dalston CLR James Library. You can even make your very own Halloween crowns and puppets at Stamford Hill Library and Clapton Library. [Find out more here](#)

USEFUL ONLINE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Osbourne Publishing have a great website full of fun reading and maths activities. **Teach Your Monster** is a not-for-profit that creates magical, fun-filled learning games for kids.

"We work with leading academics to create beautifully crafted games kids love to play. We do this with the help of friendly monsters, playful design and out-of-this-world storytelling! Trusted by teachers and parents, our innovative products aim to engage even the most reluctant of learners."

<https://www.teachyourmonster.org/>



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	1A	109
Year 3 & 4	3E	254
Year 5 & 6	6J	124



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - OLYMPIA
RPG- CHIARA
RS - MAX

1A - FRIEDA
1M - STEVIE N
2L - MIRAN
2S- ELSIE

3J - ALEYA
3E - SASHA
4A - RIVER
4RA- BO
4RT- ISLA

5E - ARAYA
5F - TIAGA
5/6D - SETH
6J- JAMES
6C - WHOLE CLASS

YEAR 2 AT THE SLEEP SHOW

On Friday 17th October, Year 2 were very lucky to be invited to see a preview of Peut-Être Theatre Company's The Sleep Show at Bradbury Studios. Through dance, song and rhythmic actions, the children were treated to a wonderful array of music and movement, all designed to help encourage a good night's sleep which sets us up perfectly for the day ahead!

The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed every minute, especially being invited up on stage to take part in the final performances!

Ezekiel – *I thought it was funny!*

Fabien – *It made me want to go to sleep - but in a good way!*

Bella – *I thought it was really funny!*

Billie – *I sometimes have trouble getting to sleep and I think this will really help me!*

Cianna – *It was really relaxing.*

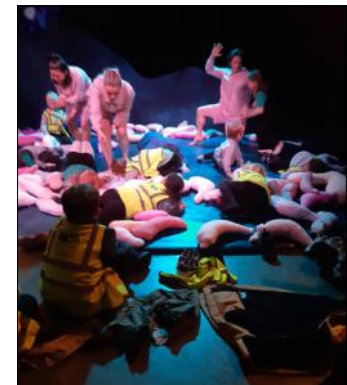
Kotaro – *It was really calming.*

Peut-Être Theatre Company's The Sleep Show will be at venues in London in October and 2026. If you would like to access the podcast that helps little ones unwind and drift into sleep, [follow this link](#). You can

also then navigate the website to access other podcasts on Space, the Zoo to name a few.



YEAR 2 AT THE SLEEP SHOW CONTINUED.....



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INTERNATIONAL EVENING CHILDREN'S AUDITIONS

We have been overwhelmed with sign-ups for the auditions for International Evening, from over 50 individuals or groups, which is amazing. It shows how much our children want to perform and showcase their talents.

We have made the decision, in order to ensure all children have the opportunity to perform, to put on a **Gayhurst's Got Talent GGT** in the Spring Term. We feel this be a fairer way to allow more children to perform and showcase a wider range of talents.

Details to follow in the New Year



NETBALL NEWS

A huge well done to our amazing netball team for qualifying for the finals, which will take place on the 5th November! The team showed incredible skill and teamwork, winning **all four** of their qualifier matches. We're so proud of their hard work and the determination that they have put in so far.



DONATIONS NEEDED

We are looking to enhance our **Yr 2 - 6** playground area and would be very grateful for any donations of dressing-up clothes for ages 8 -12, accessories (such as hats and bags), and Barbie type dolls, clothes and accessories, that you may no longer need.

These items will help create a more engaging and comfortable environment for our pupils during playtime.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support.

HACKNEY MUSEUM WINDRUSH WORKSHOP

On Thursday children from 5E took part in a workshop at Hackney Museum. This was a workshop about the Windrush which supported the learning that the children have been doing in class. The children started the session by looking at Hackney throughout the ages and looking at the geography of Hackney. The session involved unpacking suitcases and learning about the lives of the Windrush generation who arrived in Hackney from the Caribbean. The children made inferences about their lives by examining items in the suitcases.

'The workshop was good. I found the flag of Trinidad and Tobago'. - **Malakai**, 5E

'There was clothing and photographs that told us about the lives of the different people'. - **Emilia**, 5E



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 27—Fri 31 Oct** Half term break
- Tue 4 Nov** Writing workshop for Rec & Yr 1 parents 9.15am
- Mon 10 Nov** School lunch parent visit for Rec & Yrs 1 & 2 parents at 2.30pm (booking required)
- Thurs 20 Nov** International Evening 4.30—6.30pm
- Sat 6 Dec** COGs Winter Fair 12—4pm
- Mon 8 Dec** Yr 1 Nativity performances:
1M at 11am and **1A** at 2pm in middle hall
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term -
school closes early at 1.30pm for children