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LEAP NEWS

Friday 14th November 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Está lloviendo mucho..... *It is raining a lot.....*

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

ANTI BULLYING WEEK @ LEAP

Children at LEAP started Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks on Monday to celebrate everyone's uniqueness. Throughout the week, they explored this year's Anti Bullying week theme, 'Power for Good', during their PSHE lessons, thinking about how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

To end the week, on this very grey and wet day children and staff across LEAP got cosy, spending the day at school in PJs to help raise funds for the charity Children in Need.

At Grasmere children created colourful odd-sock posters to show how they can use their voices and actions to help others.

"Being kind makes everyone happy." - **Liam** (Year 1).

"We all have the power to help someone if they're feeling sad." - **Janessa** (Year 5)

"We have powers like super-heroes and we can help people." - **JJ** (Reception)



ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

At Gayhurst, during assemblies and PSHE lessons we talked about the definition of bullying and what we mean by power and kind actions. The Anti-Bullying Alliance's definition of bullying is - *The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face to face or online.*

We spent time discussing different scenarios and thought about how we could help and what we could do if we needed help ourselves. Some of our Mental Health Champions spoke in assembly and let us know how they would be using their power for good. Each child then thought of one way they want to use their power for good and created posters to show their ideas. The Mental Health Champions and School Councillors are going to use these to help create a kindness display.

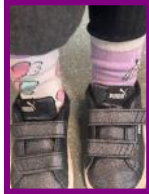


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ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

At Kingsmead younger year groups read the lovely book **One** by Kathryn Otoshi, a moving story about friendship and standing up for yourself and others, that is very accessible for young age groups. We looked at the book **'Kindness is my Superpower'** by Alicia Ortego and discussed how it's never too late to be kind to others, how to make amends, the importance of making the right choices and how being kind can make you and others feel. Evelyn delivered a whole school assembly on The Power of Good and how we can all make a difference. This is a week to stand together against bullying, a chance to celebrate kindness, courage and respect. It's important to speak up and speak out if you are worried and how bystanders can become upstanders.

Imani Campbell, a children's author who read with some children at Kingsmead this week, shared her book **My Classroom Bill Of Rights** with some of the older children. It's an uplifting story of how one girl stood up for herself against someone who was unkind to her, with positive outcomes for both of them.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

Mandeville launched an odd sock poster competition. Posters will be judged by our Mental Health ambassadors and the winners will be announced in Fridays achievement assembly.



A NIGHT OF AUTUMN MAGIC AT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Wow! Our Autumn Trail last Friday night was a HUGE success, with families from the local area stopping by, thank you to the nearly 500 of you who joined us for a truly magical evening.

As the darkness descended, the gardens were transformed! We lit the fire pits and the beautifully carved pumpkins glowed, creating a wonderful, warm atmosphere. Guests settled in with spiced pumpkin soup, sparklers and steaming hearty drinks. Our crafting activities in the Garden Room were abuzz with creativity as we made bird feeder pine cones.

We were treated to the most engaging and enthralling story telling with the fantastic Rich & Adam from Tongues in Trees; they captivated everyone young and old alike!

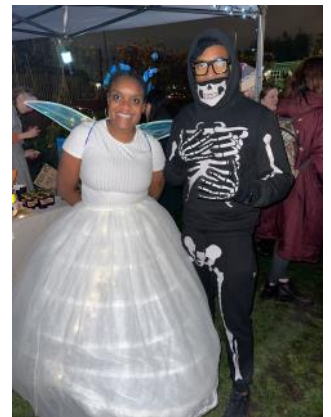
And of course we couldn't do this without the mega support from LEAP SLT team, and staff & PTA at Mandeville as well as our wonderful collection of volunteers.

We were also hugely thankful for the generosity of our suppliers too - the brilliant Shuanie from Natures Choice donated produce for the event and Tesco helped us out with other ingredients

The team at Dalston Curve Garden were amazing in dropping over 100 pumpkins for us to carve and light the gardens with.



A NIGHT OF AUTUMN MAGIC CONTINUED....



Staff members across LEAP contributed carved pumpkins for the Autumn trail, in a competition to see whose would be voted best design by all visitors attending the Autumn Trail. The results are out and congratulations to each school's winning pumpkin design

Mandeville - Jodie



Gayhurst - Ella



Grasmere - Barley



Kingsmead - Omi





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	2L	200
Year 3 & 4	3E	270
Year 5 & 6	5F	163



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - ALICE
 RPG- MOON
 RS - CAIRO

1A - COREY
 1M - OWEN
 2L - ROSA C
 2S- AZRIAH

3J - PERSEPHONE
 3E - KAMARI
 4A - EMILIA
 4RA- EMIL
 4RT- LUKA

5E - JOSHUA
 5F - ARAS
 5/6D - GAEL
 6J- FLORENCE
 6C - KYRUS

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU TASTING FOR PARENTS

This week, we welcomed a group of parents from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, to experience our school lunch menu. The visit was part of our ongoing commitment to providing healthy, balanced, and appealing meals for our children.

Parents had the opportunity to sample a variety of dishes, including our new vegetarian options, freshly prepared salads, and seasonal fruit selections. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with parents praising the freshness, flavour, and nutritional value of the meals. Many commented on the importance of offering choices that cater to diverse dietary needs while maintaining high standards of taste & presentation. The tasting session also sparked valuable discussions about portion sizes, sustainability, and reducing food waste. We are delighted to share that several suggestions from parents will be incorporated into future menu planning.



MENU TASTING CONTINUED...

Thank you to all who attended and contributed their thoughts. Together, we are ensuring that our children enjoy meals that are not only delicious but also support their health and learning.

The next Parent School Lunch Menu Tasting will be for **Year 3- 6** parents **Monday 24th Nov 2:15 - 3:20pm** Bottom Hall. To book a place for this please email admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk



CROSS COUNTRY SPIRIT

The Gayhurst Cross Country team delivered an incredible performance, finishing high in the rankings and truly showing Hackney what Gayhurst determination looks like. Every runner gave their all, with standout performances from **Chidi** and **Sophia**, whose effort and spirit inspired the whole team. From start to finish, the group showed grit, teamwork, and pride, a true reflection of what it means to represent Gayhurst.



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 20 Nov** International Evening 4.30—6.30pm
- Mon 24 Nov** Yr 3—6 Parent Lunch Tasting Session 2.15—3.20pm
- Thurs 27 Nov** #TAG exhibition Private View for yr 5 & 6 friends & family 4.30—6pm
- 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

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INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Important Information

We are really looking forward to our International Evening next week on Thursday **20th November 4.30-6.30 pm**. Please support us by donating a dish using [this link](#).



This special event celebrates the rich diversity of our school community with food, music, and cultural activities from around the world.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of previous years, tickets will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make sure to secure yours early to avoid disappointment. You can purchase your tickets [here](#).

Adults: £2.00 Children: £1.00
Concession Adults: £1.00 Concession Children: Free

This year in order to maximise our fundraising we are charging £3.00 per plate of food for adults. Children's plates are free.

Important reminders for the evening:

Children must be supervised at all times by a parent or guardian.

No buggies or pushchairs will be allowed inside the venue due to space restrictions.

Please bring your ticket with you for entry.

We look forward to sharing this wonderful evening with you and celebrating the many cultures that make our community so special!

GAYHURST PARENTS & CARERS..... WE NEED YOU!

Would you mind taking 2 minutes to update your media permissions. It would be great if you can submit your response by **Wednesday Nov 19, 2025**. Thank you! Please click link below to complete the short form

[Media Consent Gayhurst Primary School 25-26 Update REQUIRED](#)

COGS WINTER FAIR 2025

We Need YOU!

The countdown is on! The Community of Gayhurst School (CoGS) Winter Fair is happening on **Saturday 6 Dec from 12-4 pm**, and we're calling on all hands to help make it magical.

We Need PEOPLE!

This beloved event is packed with festive fun—stalls, games, and activities for all ages. It's a brilliant way to

COGS WINTER FAIR CONTINUED.....

connect with the school community and spread some seasonal cheer. We're looking for volunteers who can spare just a couple of hours to help run activities. No experience needed—seasoned helpers will show you the ropes!

Sign up here: [Community of Gayhurst School Winter Fair 2025 – Fill in form](#). Choose where you'd like to help and be part of something special.

We Need THINGS!

To make the fair a fundraising success, we're collecting donations over the coming weeks. Every item helps us raise more for the school!

Here's what we're looking for:

- **Mulled Wine Supplies:** Any old or inexpensive bottles of red wine—perfect for brewing up festive cheer.
- **Tombola Prizes:** New or unused kids' items—think birthday gifts, mini games, toys, art kits, books, sweets, or chocolate. Higher-value items like Lego, Minecraft, or Labubu-themed goodies are especially welcome.
- **Children's Clothes & Accessories:** Good condition, second-hand items for ages 6-11 (no stains or holes, please).

Drop donations at reception in the labelled boxes. More updates and requests will be shared via year-group and school-wide WhatsApp channels.

Let's make this year's Winter Fair unforgettable—thank you for your support!

WINTER FAIR RAFFLE Fabulous Prizes Await!

Get ready to win! The CoGS Winter Fair Raffle is packed with fantastic prizes generously donated by parents, carers, and local businesses. From treats to treasures, there's something for everyone.

Tickets are just £1 and can be purchased via this link: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/gayhurst-winter2025>

Winners will be notified by email—so keep an eye on your inbox!

Support the school, join the fun, and you might just be one of our lucky winners!

