



LEAP NEWS

Friday 23rd January 2026



SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gustaría aprender más español....*I would like to learn more Spanish ...*

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

LEAP'S CROSS FEDERATION STAFF MEETING

This week staff from all four LEAP schools gathered at Mandeville school for a special joint staff meeting to plan and prepare for the upcoming LEAP Creativity Week, which will be taking place in the week before the half term break.

For Creativity Week once again LEAP will be taking part in our Take Two Picture project using this year's National Gallery chosen Take One Picture artwork, which is the painting 'A Muse' by Cosimo Tura, with a second painting by a British artist from the global majority, which has been chosen by LEAP. More information on these artworks will follow in the week before Creativity Week.

Staff enjoyed taking part in a creative activity together, preparing collage self-portraits.

'It was great to work with colleagues across the federation and share ideas. There was a real buzz around the pictures chosen. We're all very excited for Creativity Week' - **Ella** - Assistant Headteacher Gayhurst

'I loved being able to work with staff across all four schools.

The creative activity we did to explore the artists was a lovely opportunity to get to know each other better.' - **Barley**, Grasmere art specialist teacher.



LEAP STAFF MEETING CONTINUED.....



IMPORTANT REMINDER TO REGISTER FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

A reminder to parents to PLEASE ensure that they still register for Free School Meals if they are eligible to, even though all families are currently benefiting from the universal free school meal offer that the Mayor of London has funded.

Schools get extra funding, known as the 'Pupil Premium', for every child registered as eligible for a free school meal if their parents are receiving benefits. It is vitally important for the amount of funding that our LEAP schools receive from the Department of Education, that all families who are eligible, are actually registered for Free School Meals.

Not only will this additional school funding benefit your child in terms of what the school is able to offer it's pupils, but there are also other benefits that come with having your child registered for Free School Meals.

Depending on which LEAP school your child attends these additional benefits include free sweatshirts (for the LEAP schools that have school uniform), school bags, trips and clubs and extra activities to name a few— and only children registered for Free School Meals are entitled to school holiday supermarket vouchers.

You can find more information about Free School Meals eligibility [here](#). To apply for Free School Meals you will need to first register. Please follow the link above, scroll down the page and click on the Apply For Free School Meals button.

After you have completed your application you will receive an email to confirm your eligibility, you can then bring this into the school office as proof of your entitlement. Hackney Education will also send out a notification to school confirming your child's FSM and Pupil Premium eligibility.

If you're not sure whether you are eligible to register just speak to a member of staff in your school's school office and they will help you.



1st half of term: 05.01.26 - 13.02.26

Half term: 16 - 20 Feb 2026

2nd half of term: 23.02.26 - 27.03.26

GREEN TOKEN RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	2S	103
Year 3 & 4	4RA	189
Year 5 & 6	5/6D	170



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - FLORENCE
RPG- MARLO
RS - LIGAYA

1A - MAKSIM
1M - NEVEAH
2L - NYLAH
2S- MISTY

3J - MAIA
3E - JAY
4A - EMILIA
4RA- OLIVIA
4RT- CECILIA

5E - AYANNA
5F - NINA
5/6D - MAYA
6J- NHALA-ROSE
6C - JULIANNA

BREAKFAST CLUB AND EXTENDED DAY - JANUARY UPDATE

We wrote to you in December and shared our plans for changes to Extended Day and Breakfast Club and changes have now been up and running for three weeks. As you know due to the increase in demand for our wraparound care and in order to continue to offer the extensive range of specialist clubs.

As a reminder the changes are below:

- Booking: bookings for the upcoming week need to be made by **8am on Monday mornings** – this is for Breakfast Club, Short Extended Day and Long Extended Day. There is no longer an option to book on the day. We will of course accommodate emergency situations wherever possible.
- On Fridays, due to the lack of demand and to support staff wellbeing, Extended Day has been shortened. All children must be collected by 4:45pm. This started on Friday 10th January.

Thank you so much for the positive responses and support for the changes. The new system is working well. We will continue to monitor and review the impact of any changes we make to ensure we can continue to provide such a strong offer.

My Story

Rakaya has been continuing our poetry workshops, developing narratives around **Our Stories** as part of the JTP (Justin Thompson Project). The children and staff have really engaged with the process produced some beautiful poems...



MY STORY CONTINUED...

I was raised by **art** and **cooking**
I was raised by the smell of **scones fresh out of the oven**
I was raised by the sound of **my dad's songs**
I was raised by the taste of **hot sweet gingerbread**
All around me was the feel of **hustle and bustle**
I was raised by the sight of **the London skyline**
I was raised into **covid** and **grew to be me**

I was raised by **a village** and **loved without condition**
I was raised by the smell of **fried bakes and Saturday soup**
I was raised by the sound of **soca, reggae and soul**
I was raised by the taste of **a custard cream and a cup of tea after school**
All around me was the feel of **community and kinship**
I was raised by the sight of **low-rise tower blocks with courtyards**
I was raised into **a life of adventures** and **grew to be brave**

I was raised by **loud music** and by **an estate of community**
I was raised by the smell of **bread pudding filling nan's kitchen**
I was raised by the sound of **loud carnival music from the walls around me**
I was raised by the taste of **summer bbq's smoking the garden**
All around me was the feel of **the warmth of the heating in my nan's home**
I was raised by the sight of **crazy wild family gatherings**
I was raised into **a life of unknown** and **grew to support and teach**

I was raised by **hugs and kisses**
I was raised by the smell of **food that travels through the air**
I was raised by the sound of **music blasting on country roads**
I was raised by the taste of **airport food from travelling place to place**
All around me was the feel of **love and affection hugging me tight**
I was raised by the sight of **sky and clouds that look like cotton candy**
I was raised into **mindfulness** and **grew to be the person I never thought I could be**

CLASS 2L'S ASSEMBLY

Thursday was 2L's assembly and they very proudly put on a fantastic show!

In English, we have been looking at the story, Pattan's Pumpkin, in which Pattan saves his family and all their animals from a flood, with the help of a giant pumpkin. Together, we discovered that by rescuing and looking after a sick plant and nursing it back to life, the plant rewarded Pattan by producing the biggest pumpkin he had ever seen. It was this pumpkin that carried him, his family and all their animals to safety, until the rains had stopped and the sun shone brightly again.

We always talk about being kind and looking after others and this story showed that perfectly and then Pattan was rewarded for his kindness when the pumpkin looked after him. We worked together to retell the story in our own way with some amazing performances from each and everybody involved. We finished off by singing our own rendition of the song Count on Me, which we thought was a perfect song as it shows the beautiful friendships we are all so lucky to share. The song was made even better by being accompanied by Luiza on guitar and we are all so proud of what we achieved.

Billie and Nylah - *We think the song is really nice and pretty.*

Cianna - *I loved the way Pattan and Kanni sailed away with the pumpkin.*

Felix - *the song really connects to the message in our performance of the story.*

Carina - *I wish everybody could have seen our assembly!*

Noa - *I liked it when we all said lines together, like bigger and bigger and BIGGER!*

Bella - *The song makes me feel happy and joyful.*

Conrad - *I like that we learned to sing the song in our own way, with Luiza playing guitar and not just playing the original song.*

Lorraine and Luiza - *Well done 2L, we are so proud of you. You all learnt your lines so well and sang so beautifully. Each and every one of you is a star!*



2L'S CLASS ASSEMBLY CONTINUED.....



START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Recently there have been increasing numbers of children arriving late to school. Please be reminded that the school day starts at **9:00am** so children must be through the school gates and ready to go in by this time. The gates are open from **8:50am** so that there is time for children to drop bikes and scooters and still be on time for school. The gates are locked at 9:05am. Please support us in making the start of the school day run smoothly for everyone.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Thurs 29 Jan	5F class assembly 3pm
Thurs 5 Feb	4RT class assembly 3pm
w/c Mon 9 Feb	Creativity Week
Mon 16—Fri 20 Feb	Half term break
Thurs 26 Feb	4V class assembly 3pm
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day + 3E class assembly 3pm
Thurs 12 March	5/6D class assembly 3pm + Y3 & 4 #TAG opening 4:30-6pm
Thurs 19 March	Parent & Carer Consultations 1:50-7pm School closes at 1:30pm for all children No clubs or Extended Day
Fri 20 March	Comic Relief Fundraising + Additional Parent & Carer Consultations for NH 1:30-3:30pm
Tues 24 March	Gymnastics Performances: 2:40pm-1M & 2L and 3pm- 3E & 6J
Fri 27 March	Drumming & Dance Performances: 10am- 4V, 2S & 6C and 11.30am- 1A & 5E + Last day of Spring term - school closes early at 1.30pm for children