



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 28th November 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Navidad es en diciembre..... *Christmas is in December.....*

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

SPANISH AMBASSADORS TRIP

"¿Roméo, Roméo dónde estás?" were some of the lines our year 5 and 6 Spanish Ambassadors recognised whilst watching a play entirely in Spanish! The play was called "Un Ensayo Desastroso" held at All Saints Catholic High School. It was performed by two actors who needed the help of the audience during a chaotic audition for the play Romeo and Juliette. The children had to use their listening skills to look out for familiar vocabulary and cognates to help them understand the fast-paced plot. It was an excellent opportunity for them to encounter native Spanish speaking accents and put their learning into context.

Melike, Mandeville: *"I was surprised by how much I understood! It's helped me feel more confident understanding Spanish!"*

Arin, Grasmere: *"It was really funny."*

Saeeda, Kingsmead: *"We enjoyed spending the afternoon watching the play. It was interesting to see the secondary school too. It had its own theatre!"*

Romi, Gayhurst: *"I recognised phrases that I have learnt in class like ¿Cómo te llamas?"*



PINES & NEEDLES CHRISTMAS TREE DISCOUNT



We're excited to share that Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville schools have kindly been donated a beautiful Christmas tree by Pines and Needles.

As part of their gift, they are also offering LEAP parents 10% off Christmas trees from their London pop-up stores and online shop.

Discount Code: **SCHOOL10**

Follow @pinesandneedles for festive activities at local stores, and visit www.pinesandneedles.com for full details and all store locations across London.

They have stores across Hackney at sites in Lee Valley (Waterworks), Victoria Park, Clissold Park and Hoxton.

Grasmere school has its own special Christmas Tree arrangements and offer to families that are organised by FROGS.

SCHOOL OF FOOD'S FESTIVE RAFFLE & AUCTION

Win brilliant prizes while supporting the Hackney School of Food to deliver food education for local families and young people next year. Our first-ever Festive Raffle and Auction is now live and we'd love you to take part. All funds raised will help us bring the joy of cooking and growing to even more children and families in 2026.

How it works—Head over to [our prize platform](#) to:

- ◆ Enter the Raffle: Tickets are just £10 each. A winner is selected at random for every prize.
- ◆ Bid in the Auction: The highest bid per item wins.

Both close on **Sunday 28 December**, so don't miss out!

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

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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	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	2S	112
Year 3 & 4	4RA	234
Year 5 & 6	6C	119



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - **MALAIYAH**
 RPG - **FATIMA**
 RS - **IVO**

1A - **ALIBHE**
 1M - **ABIBOULAYE**
 2L - **FELIX**
 2S - **MARIE**

3J - **STELLA**
 3E - **KEVIN**
 4A - **FRED**
 4RA - **EMMANUEL**
 4RT - **VICTOR**

5E - **AYAZ**
 5F - **SYD**
 5/6D - **VALENTINE**
 6J - **HARLEM**
 6C - **INGRID**

#TAG PRIVATE VIEW - THAT'S ME

On Thursday evening we had the Gayhurst Art Gallery private view to showcase the wonderful work of the Year 5 and 6 children. This work with Art Hoppers links to the work on the Justin Thompson Project, celebrating our stories and personal histories.

Inside the gallery, we saw the intricate, hand-crafted stencils of the children's names, illuminated all around the gallery. Guests were reminded that there are 147 names, 147 children and 147 stories as they listened to the stories of the children's names inside.

"It looks amazing. I found my name."
Amyra, 5E.
"I heard my story!"
Annieth, 4F.



OUR STORY - FAMILY WORKSHOP: SHARING STORIES, BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Thank you so much to the families that participated in the Our Story workshop as part of the JTP Project. It brought together parents, carers, and children for an inspiring and collaborative experience.

What Made It Special?

Families didn't just listen, they shared. Parents and children shared family stories and used photos and art materials to make these come alive. These conversations created a sense of belonging and reminded us that every family has a unique story worth celebrating.

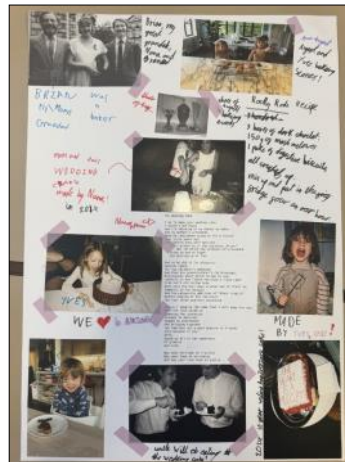
"A really great session, thank you." – Parent

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who shared their story. Your openness and enthusiasm made this workshop truly memorable.

What's Next?

We're planning future workshops so look up for the sign up links in future newsletters and emails.



LEAP EMPOWERMENT FRAMEWORK PARENT MEETING

Don't forget to come along to the LEAP Empowerment Framework meeting on Monday 1st December from 2—3pm, where we will share information about our dedication to diversity, equity and actively promoting belonging at all our LEAP schools.



PARENT COMMS AT GAYHURST

At Gayhurst we use the follow comms to communicate with parents.

We use **Arbor** for:

- Bulk emails e.g. whole school , year groups and classes.
- Wrap around care bookings.
- Parents evening bookings.
- Trip payments.

We us **Teachers2parents** for:

- Text messages.

For wraparound care queries , payments and different collection arrangements -please email clubs@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk

* PARENT AND CARER CONSULTATION *

RPG class Parent consultations will take place on **Mon 2 Dec & Thurs 4 Dec** from 3.30—6pm

NH class Parent consultations will be on **Fri 5 Dec 1.30—4pm** in addition to the slots offered on Wed 3 Dec.

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 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.

WINTER FAIR RAFFLE

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 [here](#).

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!



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Mon 1 Dec LEAP Empowerment Framework parent & carer meeting 2—3pm

Wed 3 Dec Parent & Carer Consultation for Nursery and Years 1—6.* **(See note)***

school closes early at 1.30pm for children

Thurs 4 Dec Panto comes to Gayhurst

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

Tues 9 Dec Gymnastics performances
2pm - 2S, 3J & 4RT, and 3pm - 4A & 6C

Fri 12 Dec **Drumming & Dance performances**
2pm - 4RA, 5/6D & 5F, and 3pm - 1M & 3E +
Last day of specialist clubs

Mon 15 Dec Christmas Lunch & Festive jumper day

Tues 16 Dec Class parties in afternoon

Wed 17 Dec Last day of Autumn term -

school closes early at 1.30pm for children