



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 21st November 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

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

LEAP R.E. AMBASSADORS TRIP

Our LEAP Religious Education Ambassadors recently had the opportunity of visiting the stunning BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden. The trip provided an inspiring opportunity to deepen their understanding of Hindu faith, culture and traditions.

The visit began in the Arti Hall, where pupils observed an intricate arti session led by highly skilled Pandits. They were able to watch Pandits chanting holy prayers around "Murti's" of various Hindu Gods.

The ambassadors then explored the informative temple exhibition, which brought key aspects of Hindu history and belief to life. A particular highlight was learning about the story of Rama and Sita, a central narrative of courage, devotion and the triumph of good over evil. The visit was a reflective and enriching experience for all involved, and our ambassadors returned with a deeper appreciation of the spiritual heritage celebrated within the Mandir.

Louie from Mandeville said,

"This was the best trip I have been to! My favourite part was the exhibition

centre where we got to see different instruments."

Maryam from Kingsmead said, *"The Gods looked beautiful with all of their elaborate clothes and jewellery."*



LEAP RE AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED....



Edith from Grasmere said *"I really liked learning about how all of the individual pieces*

were carved in India and then transported over to England to be put together. There were also lots of tiny statues that were beautiful."

CALLING MASTER BAKERS...

Have YOU got what it takes to be the next Star Baker? Love Productions are looking for a new batch of bakers for the next series of The Great British Bake Off and they want to hear from you!

If you or someone you know is a talented home baker, then apply now at www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk or email us on

applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk or call 0117 456 8530 for an application form.

Closing date for applications is 1pm on **Monday 15th December 2025**.



ARCHITECT OR SURVEYOR?

A callout to our LEAP parent body for anyone who could help us with layout drawings for a possible premises development capital grant application at one of the school's within the LEAP Federation. If you are able to help please email admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

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JUSTIN THOMPSON PROJECT— INTRODUCING MY STORY

Celebrating Identity, Building Belonging

We're excited to share that we are moving onto the next phase of the Justin Thompson Project - My Story, a celebration of the stories that shape who we are and connect us to one another.



Rooted in the belief that personal storytelling can transform children, families, and whole communities, we will be exploring how sharing lived experiences builds emotional resilience, strengthens family bonds, deepens cultural identity, and nurtures wellbeing & belonging.

All four schools will be engaged in a variety of activities and projects around this central theme. The activities and ideas are designed to help children and families tell their stories with confidence, creativity, and joy. From Story Circles and Memory Maps to spoken-word poetry, digital storytelling, and intergenerational projects, My Story offers accessible ways for everyone, children, parents, carers, and staff, to take part.

At its heart, My Story reminds us that every voice matters, every experience has value, and every family has a story worth telling. Together, we can build classrooms and communities where belonging grows through the simple, human act of sharing who we are.



The Justin Thompson Project @ LEAP

Celebrating the Power of Story to build Connections, Empower parents and communities and change lives.

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#We are LEAP

My Story: Celebrating
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SCHOOL OF FOOD'S FESTIVE RAFFLE & AUCTION

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

NOW LIVE!

FESTIVE RAFFLE & AUCTION

Win Incredible Prizes while supporting Hackney School of Food this festive period

RAFFLE: Tickets are just £10 each and a winner is selected at random for every prize.
AUCTION: Place your bid! The highest bid per item wins.

Both close at 8pm on Sunday 28 December, so don't miss out!

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:

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- ◆ Bid in the Auction: The highest bid per item wins.

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We have LOADS of incredible prizes on offer...

7-course tasting menu at **Apricity** (Chef Chantelle Nicholson)

2 x **Guest Area Passes to All Points East 2026**

2 x Tickets to **Cooking Workshop** with Star Chef Ixta Belfrage

£150 feast at Hawksmoor

Signed **Loyle Carner** merch

Meal for two + drinks at Dalton's Dalla Restaurant

Italian feast at **Noci** (up to £150)

Meal for two at Shake Shack

£100 **Wahaca** dining voucher

Two tickets to any gig at Earth Hackney

£120 **Belazu** luxury food hamper

Month of gut-health goodies from Agua de

Madre worth £185

Membership to **Castle Cinema, Dalton**

£100 PlantHood voucher

A brilliant bundle of brilliant cookbooks

Book Vouchers from Pages of Hackney

...and lots more generously donated by our community.



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	95
Year 3 & 4	3E	295
Year 5 & 6	6C	121



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - **YAN**
 RPG - **OTIS**
 RS - **SASHA**

1A - **INES**
 1M - **VICTOR**
 2L - **PEPPY**
 2S - **RAFI**

3J - **ANGUS**
 3E - **INDI-RAE**
 4A - **MUSTAFA**
 4RA - **RUFUS**
 4RT - **MUSA**

5E - **VENICE**
 5F - **INEZ**
 5/6D - **SYLVIA**
 6J - **MARGO**
 6C - **MILANA**

GAYHURST'S INTERNATIONAL EVENING 2025

Our International Evening creates an opportunity to celebrate the people and cultures that make up our school community; it was fantastic to see so many families at the event! To start the celebration, we invited children and staff to come to school in either traditional dress or colours that represent their heritage. During the event, we were treated to a fabulous feast of international cuisine and brilliant performances from **Ben's choir and musicians, Mensah's Ukulele group, Dorinia and Victor's African Drumming and Dance ensemble** and a **Steel band**. There was also a range of activities on offer throughout the evening to celebrate and learn about different countries and cultures.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated food and offered their help before and during the event. We would especially like to thank **Edyta and Ella** who planned and ran the event; **Sergio and the kitchen team** for providing delicious food and managing the food team; **Darren and Nick** for preparing the school site; the wonderful **Gayhurst staff team** for all their efforts in running the event; **our amazing performers and all of our families who contributed dishes and gave up their time**, you all helped to make last night unforgettable.

A big thank you to our whole community for making this event so successful!



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YEAR 3 & 4's KEW GARDENS TRIP

Year 3 and 4 had a fabulous trip to Kew Gardens despite the freezing weather! When we headed into the Palm House we were met by tropical temperatures and amazing plants. We then enjoyed our lunch in teepees. It was a magical day!

My favourite part was seeing the lily pads and the waterfall. It was so beautiful - Alena

I liked seeing all the different plants and cacti - Taskeen

We even got to see fish! - Louis M



CINEMA TRIP FOR 4RT

4RT won the book corner competition and our prize was to watch the movie 'Flow' at Hackney Picture House. Flow is an animated movie without dialogue. All the emotion and themes are depicted through sound and the animals' facial expressions. We all thought the movie was 'astonishing and outstanding'.

It was a really good film, and I really liked it. - Arron

I loved that we won the book corner competition. I really liked the movie because of the animation and sound. - Virginia

I am so happy our class won and proud I got to watch the movie. - Alayna

I liked how there were different animals and they became friends. - Sasha

The movie was good to begin with, but the end was emotional. I liked the dream of the reindeers walking around the cat and then the flood woke him up. Musa



CLASS TEACHER IN 4A

As many of you will know, **Ally** our teacher in 4A, is pregnant and will begin maternity leave at the end of this term. She is also in the process of buying a house outside of London, so it is very likely that Ally will not return to Gayhurst after her maternity leave. Ally trained to teach with us in 2017 and has worked with us ever since. I know that she will be missed by children, parents and staff so we wish her well in her future.

Victoria Brunt, who left Gayhurst at the end of the last academic year, will be returning to teach 4A. We are delighted to be welcoming Victoria back into our team.



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 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**