



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 13th March 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Feliz Día de San Patricio!..... Happy St Patrick's Day!.....

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

DEPUTY MAYOR OF LONDON VISITS GRASMERE SCHOOL

On Tuesday this week, Grasmere hosted a visit from some important VIPs, including the deputy mayor of London, Joanne McCartney. She was visiting the school to see the impact of Universal Free School meals on schools and also because she had had a recommendation to try the Grasmere lunches and find out about how the children contribute to the menu design by meeting with the chefs and giving feedback.

She was joined by the mayor and deputy mayor of Hackney, Caroline Woodley and Anntoinette Bramble. They who all met with the Grasmere school council and ate lunch with the children in the hall, and also had the opportunity of meeting LEAP Federation's Executive Chef, Sergio, to talk with him about the impact of Free School meal funding on school kitchens.

Jacqueline and Bianca discussed the work across all LEAP schools on food policy and ensuring we use local produce to prepare and serve seasonal dishes all year round. Our children play a big part in our menu selection; they meet with our head chef to review menus and give direct feedback on what dishes children love and what they want more of on the menus. Food education is a big part of the work of our federation and we educate children and families through parent workshops and visits to the Hackney School of Food, giving opportunities to develop new cooking skills and create a love for cooking as a family.



DEPUTY MAYOR VISIT CONTINUED....



🍀 HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY 🍀

On **Monday 17th March** it is St Patrick's Day. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, whose symbol is the shamrock. St. Patrick's Day celebrations often involve parades, with lots of people wearing green and good luck charms.

COMIC RELIEF REMINDER

Next **Friday, 20th March**, it's Red Nose Day and we are encouraging children and staff across all four LEAP schools to come to school **wearing something red** and bringing coins to donate to Comic Relief.

Since its launch in 1985, Comic Relief has supported more than 35,000 projects, enabling over 1,000 community organisations to tackle poverty and social injustice in the UK and around the world by giving people access to food, shelter and safety.

LEAP SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

A four day Spring Holiday camp will be running at **Gayhurst**, for **Gayhurst** and **Grasmere** children and at **Kingsmead** for **Kingsmead** and **Mandeville** children on **Monday 30th March** through to **Thursday 2nd April**. The camps will run from 10- 2pm and will be staffed by school staff running a range of fun activities including sports and games, art activities, gardening sessions and more. The holiday camps will be for children from Reception class to Year 6.

Each school has shared information about the camps and how to register your child. If you have any queries or are having problems registering please contact your school's office, who will be happy to help you.



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GAYHURST NEWS



SPRING TERM 2026

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	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	2L	148
Year 3 & 4	4RT	198
Year 5 & 6	5F	163



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - RUSTY
RPG- EZEKIEL
RS - KINGSTON

1A - AEL
1M - FARAH
2L - MIRAN
2S - NARIAH

3J - TOM
3E - TEDDY
4V - JESSIE
4RA- HARPER
4RT- SASHA

5E - TYRONE
5F - CODY
5/6D - WHOLE CLASS
6J- HANLEY
6C - JUNO

CREATIVITY WEEK DISPLAYS

The culmination of work from Creativity Week is now proudly displayed around the school. The artwork was inspired by Eleventh by Lina Iris Viktor and A Muse (Calliope?) by Cosimo Tura.

'I liked the one of the woman that was sat on the thrown with the maroon dress' -Neveah 1M. 'It was incredibly fun. I look forward to experiencing it next year. It was such fun making stuff we haven't done before.' **Tyana 5/6D**. *'We stuck it down. We stuck the gold paper on the hair'* **Gabriel & Rocco RPG**



Nursery



Reception



Year 1

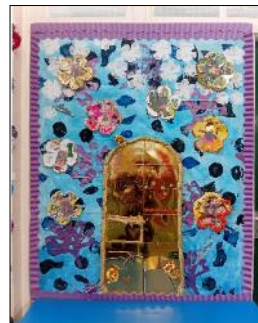


Year 2

CREATIVITY WEEK DISPLAYS CONTINUED.....



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

PTO

Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.

A WONDERFUL OPENING NIGHT FOR #TAG 'THAT'S ME!'

Celebrating identity, creativity and the power of names

The opening night of our new #TAG exhibition, "That's Me!" for Years 3 and 4 was a huge success. Families, pupils, and staff came together to celebrate an inspiring collection of artwork exploring the power and meaning of our names.

The gallery was filled with excitement as pupils proudly guided their families through displays of name-based sculptures, typography explorations. Each artwork reflected the story behind a child's name, its heritage, its sound, its uniqueness, and the personal connections that make every name meaningful.

Throughout the evening, visitors commented on the creativity, confidence, and thoughtfulness shown by the children. Many remarked on how moving it was to see pupils express who they are through such vibrant and imaginative art.

The collaboration with #TAG on the JTP Project – The Story of My Name has helped pupils think deeply about belonging and self-expression, and the opening night beautifully showcased the strength of our school community.

Thank you to all the families who joined us, to the staff who supported the project, and most importantly, to our fantastic young artists who made the exhibition so special.

The "That's Me!" gallery will remain open for families to visit over the coming weeks. We hope you enjoy celebrating the stories and creativity of our pupils as much as we have.



TAG OPENING CONTINUED.....



SCHOOLS CHALLENGE UPDATE

Some of our children in Year 5 and 6 have been joining the running club on Tuesday mornings as part of the Hackney Schools' Challenge.

It's been great to see so many of the children at these training runs. We are looking forward to the final run on **16th May**. Well done to all of the runners who attended this week. *'It was good to join the run this week'* - Otis



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

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

Mon 30 March to Thurs 2 April - Gayhurst &
Grasmere Spring Holiday camp 10 - 2pm daily