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LEAP NEWS

Friday 6th March 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Los pájaros cantan en la primavera..... *Birds Sing in the Spring.....*

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

LEAP TRIP TO CINEMA

As part of Spanish week, children in years 3-6 from all four LEAP schools had the exciting opportunity to take part in a special cultural trip to the Rio Cinema in Dalston.

The visit brought our school communities together for a shared cinematic experience, as the children enjoyed a Spanish-language film on the big screen. The event supported their language learning outside the classroom. The children represented their schools brilliantly, showing enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout.

'The environment was enjoyable and exciting. It was nice of the Rio to allow just our schools to watch a movie together.' **Vivian** - Yr 6 Kingsmead

'I really liked that I could use my Spanish' **Isabella** - Grasmere

'I loved the movie so much, it made me realise you can be yourself and never give up.' **Sienna** - Grasmere

'It was absolutely brilliant movie in Spanish' **Lulu & Taylor** - Mandeville

'I loved going to the cinema for Spanish Week!' **Jarrell** Gayhurst.

The trip was a fantastic highlight of Spanish Week to support the learning of new languages and cultures. ¡Qué experiencia fantástica!



LEAP TRIP TO CINEMA CONTINUED.....



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HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

The Hackney School of Food has two new community groups starting up which might be of interest to friends and relatives in the local area:

Gardening for Wellbeing Club



Who it's for:

Adults aged 18+ in Hackney experiencing mental or physical health challenges or social isolation. No previous gardening experience is required—just enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in.

What it offers:

10 therapeutic gardening sessions led by an expert garden

facilitator, involving food growing, garden maintenance, and skill-building.

When & where: Our productive garden at Hackney School of Food, Oswald Street, **third Wednesday of every month**, (first session Wed 18th of March) 10am–12.30pm.

Cost: Free for participants, with an expectation to attend at least the first 5 sessions. Only last few places available now.

To express interest, please ask interested participants to fill out [this form](#).

Mornings in Motion

Gentle, low-impact movement sessions aimed at older adults and people who have fewer opportunities to be active, paired with healthy breakfasts, aimed at improving physical wellbeing and social connection.

These will take place on **Saturday mornings once a month, over ten months.**

Find out more [here](#) and please ask interested participants to express interest [here](#).



POETRY @ LEAP CONTINUES...



LondonVerse

Our recent poet visits have really captured our love for poetry. LondonVerse is a city-wide celebration of poetry spanning all 33 London boroughs.

Marking the National Year of Reading 2026 - why not share your voice, tell your story, and be part of something extraordinary?

You can take part in LondonVerse by following the instructions below:

How It Works

1. Write Your Poem

Create an original poem inspired by London, your community, or any theme that moves you.

2. Submit Online

Use our simple submission form. Select your age category and borough.

3. Review & Selection

Library staff review all submissions. Selected poems are featured on our website.

4. Celebrate

Featured poets may be invited to special events throughout 2026.

Find out more [here](#).

One budding Gayhurst Poet has made it onto the features page with a poem about Gayhurst. You can find his poem here: [LondonVerse – Poetry Across London](#)

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 will be sharing further information about the camps and how to register your child today or Monday next week.

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	2S	102
Year 3 & 4	4RT	182
Year 5 & 6	6J	174



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - ARTHUR
RPG- ARIAN
RS - SIENNA

1A - MARY
1M - ILSE
2L - FABIAN
2S - ORLO

3J - JAAZIAH
3E - LOUIS O
4V - NESRIN
4RA- GABRIELLE
4RT- LUKA

5E - PEGGY
5F - MICKEY
5/6D - ALBERT
6J- MARLOWE
6C - GUR

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. The whole school dressed up as characters from books and we had a fantastic range of characters represented. Most of years 3—6 were dressed up whilst out on trips to the cinema and to Guildhall in the morning. When they came back, they were able to do some reading and appreciate some stories. Some of the children in years 3—6 went to read with the children in EYFS and Years 1 & 2. It was lovely to see the children enjoying books together. There were some wonderful outfits on display. Thank you to all of the children, parents and carers for making such an effort.

Everyone looked fantastic!

'They loved listening to me read' - Jacques

'When can we do it again?' - Scarlett



4V'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

Last week 4V preformed brilliantly in their class assembly. In English the children have been reading a collection of stories, fables and poems inspired by countries located in Central Asia. 4V began their assembly by acting out a tale from Afghanistan called The Carpet of Dreams. Flight attendants then welcomed the audience to 4V's magic carpet, which they have journeyed on in class to visit Tajikistan to taste delicious, herbal tea flavoured with honey and lemon. After that, the class sang Fly Away by Lenny Kravitz accompanied by a gymnastic performance. To demonstrate the learning the 4V has been doing in Geography, Mae and Jessie conducted an exciting volcano experiment that showed how a volcanic eruption occurs. In addition to this, there were incredible musical performances from **Romilly** (violin), **Vivien** (Guitar), **August** (Trombone) and **Reine** (piano). Well done on an excellent class assembly 4V!



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TRIP TO LONDON GUILDHALL

As a reward for winning the Green tokens last term, 6C and 4RA had the exciting opportunity to visit the Guildhall and take part in the "You Can Build This City" workshop as part of the London Careers festival. At the start of the session, the children explored their different strengths and personalities. They were given sheets with personality descriptors printed on different coloured paper. Each colour represented a different type of strength: for example red for the creatives green for the nurturers, and yellow for the leaders. This helped the children think about how different skills & personalities can work together when building a community.

After this, the class worked in groups to design and build their own city using cardboard and craft materials. The room quickly filled with imagination and teamwork as the children began constructing a wide range of buildings. They created houses, bridges, airports, gyms, shops, and other structures that would help their city thrive.

It was wonderful to see how well they collaborated, sharing ideas and supporting one another throughout the activity. I was amazed by the level of creativity and the impressive final products they produced in just two hours. The workshop was not only great fun, but it also helped the children think about teamwork, careers, and the different roles people play in building a successful city.



TRIP TO LONDON GUILDHALL CONTINUED....

Here are some quotes about the day from year 6 children:

"It was a wonderful, new experience. I enjoyed it!" - **Mariam.**

"I really liked having the opportunity to build my chosen building without having any restrictions." - **Rudy**

"We were given a lot of time to build our buildings. This meant that we had plenty of time to complete our designs." - **Milana**

"Being able to use my imagination to create a building was fun!" - **Sigrid**

LONDON FIELDS PADDLING POOL E-PETITION

Gayhurst families might be interested in this petition to *Re-open the London Fields paddling pool*. You'll need to create an account to sign it but it only takes a few minutes. If the petition receives 750 signatures it will be debated by the council so it really is worth taking the time to sign and share.

<https://hackney.moderngov.co.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=386>

GAYHURST'S WALL OF FAME

Have you got an un-sung talent? Play an instrument? Calling all budding artists, origami experts, ballet dancers in the making. Anything you think you're good at and want to shout about, we want to see!

We are creating a Gayhurst wall of fame. A space to show off any skills and celebrate you!

Please bring in photos or send in photos or short video clips to admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

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

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