



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 13th February 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Necesito mi abrigo y mi sombrero.... *I need my coat and hat....*

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

ROYAL ACADEMY'S YOUNG ARTISTS SUMMER SHOW REMINDER

A reminder to families that the deadline for submitting children's artwork to the Royal Academy's prestigious Young Artists Summer Show is **4th March 2026**.

Half term could be the perfect opportunity for your child to get creative and produce some artwork to submit to the Royal Academy's Young Artists show with the chance of it getting selected for the online or physical exhibition later this summer.

Now in its eighth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

There is no theme so the children can do any piece of art work that they want. Children can submit a drawing, painting, photograph, collage or sculpture—the only restriction is that all artworks must be original pieces so please encourage children NOT to copy other famous artworks as they won't get chosen for the exhibition.

The children will need a parent or carer to submit the work. Please visit the link below for more information and to instructions on how to submit your artwork.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

If you have difficulties submitting work, please speak to your child's class teacher.

The deadline for submissions is 4 March 2026

Judging then commences in May and any successful artists will have their work displayed in this years Summer Show at the RA in July and August.



LEAP STAFF GOVERNOR ELECTED

We are delighted to share that we have a newly appointed staff member on our LEAP Governing Body. After members of staff nominated themselves for the role, an election was carried out to decide on our new staff member. **Winnie Cox** has been successfully appointed to this position. Winnie is currently a Year 6 teacher at Grasmere, and has previously been a teacher at Gayhurst

LEAP STAFF GOVERNOR ELECTED CONTINUED.....

for twenty years. Being such a dedicated member of our LEAP team, showing such commitment to our children and families, we know that Winnie will be an asset to our Governance team, as we continue in our strategic work for the federation.



FREE HALF TERM FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT HACKNEY LIBRARIES

There are a range of different drop in family activities being offered across Hackney's libraries this half term for children aged 5–11 including:

- Making Your Own Book at the Stamford Hill Library on **Tues 17 Feb at 2– 4pm** and Woodberry Down Library on **Wed 18 Feb from 3—4.30pm** for ages 6+
- Collage Your Favourite Books activity at Dalston CLR James Library on **Mon 16 Feb at 11am - 12** for ages 5+
- Make a Hiccup-inspired Shield at Homerton Library on **Mon 16 Feb at 4-5pm** for ages 6+
- Plant a Beanstalk at Clapton Library on **Tues 17 Feb at 11am-12** for all ages
- Share your Love of Books by creating a poster at Hackney Central Library on **Tues 17 Feb at 4-5.30pm** for ages 6+
- The Magic Book Circle - an interactive storytelling event on **Thurs 19 Feb at 3-4pm** for ages 5-11
- Children's Classic Storytime storytelling session on **Fri 20 Feb at 3-4pm** for ages 6+

You can find out more information on all these workshops [here](#).



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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 RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	1A	63
Year 3 & 4	4RT	190
Year 5 & 6	6C	154



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - RONDA
RPG - MYLA
RS - EZRA

1A - JA'NAIYA
1M - ILSE
2L - ROSA TJ
2S - UMA

3J - COCO
3E - ALENA
4V - REINE
4RA - FRIDA
4RT - VIRGINIA

5E - ASHKAN
5F - NORA
5/6D - LUCA
6J - VIOLET
6C - ROMY

CREATIVITY WEEK AT GAYHURST

This week, was Creativity Week and classes across the school have been busy working on different projects to create some wonderful artwork. All of the artwork was inspired by *Eleventh* by **Lina Iris Viktor** and *A Muse (Calliope?)* by **Cosimo Tura**. We also linked our art to the work that we have been doing on our own identity and stories.

Across the school, children took part in exciting art activities including photography, collage, painting, and printing. During the collage sessions, children used magazines, coloured paper, and different materials to create artwork based on imagination and identity. It was fun to cut, arrange, and layer materials to create their pictures and tell their stories.

Some year groups, tried different printing techniques such as block and sponge printing, using the shapes such as the leaves and flowers in the *Eleventh*. Lots of the classes chose to use the vibrant colours and interesting patterns in the paintings to inspire their own work. There was lots of gold, vivid blues and reds featured in the art work. There will be some wonderful displays going up around the school showcasing their fantastic work from Creativity Week. We can't wait to see them!

'I loved posing for my photo' - **Clarecia**

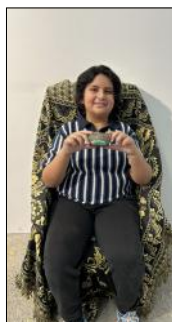
'I loved putting all the things I like on my collage' - **Amyra**

'The printing was messy, but it was fun' - **Orlando**

'I loved drawing my name it was really cool' - **Mani**

'I liked etching with gold foil' - **Coco**

'I enjoyed using gold paint on the black card and getting my photo taken with the golden cloth' - **Jay**



"Creativity week is my favourite week at school because we get to do so much art" - **Uly**

"You get to do lots nice stuff" - **Emma**



ART HOPPERS

This week Claire was working with the children in Year 4. They were making some stencils of their names linked to the work we have been doing on the story of our names (JTP).

Parents and carers are invited to come and see the installation on 12th March 4:30-6pm. As usual there will be delicious food to accompany the fantastic art work.



BRINGING THINGS INTO SCHOOL

A reminder that children should not be bringing items of jewellery, toys or pencil cases/stationery into school. The only things that we expect children to bring in each week are their book bags and PE kits.

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YEAR 2 VISIT LONDON AQUARIUM

This week, Year 2 visited Sea life, London Aquarium. We set off first thing in the morning as we had to take two trains! We were very lucky with the weather as the sun was shining. When we reached Westminster we could see London Bridge, The River Thames and The London Eye, it was very exciting. As we entered the aquarium, we had to walk on top of a glass bottom floor. Underneath us sharks swam and stingray glided gracefully. It was a little bit scary at first, but we were all very brave and made it across in one piece. After that, we saw some shy seahorses curling their tails and carrying their eggs. We also got to see the wonderful penguins. They were really showing off for us, diving into the icy water and playing with their friends under the surface. It was very funny to watch. We were all very tired as we made our way home after a wonderful day at the aquarium.

Fabian - 'My favourite part was seeing all the sea creatures because they are found in the ocean and I wonder how they got there!'

Carina - 'The penguins were really, really cute - they were my favourite!'

Umi - 'I liked the penguins and watching them swim everywhere really, really fast!'

Rodin - 'I loved seeing the stingrays - one was so big it was even trying to jump out of the water!'

Misty - 'The big shark looked like a ray and a shark put together.'

Kuzey - 'The giant turtle was so cool.'

Nariah - 'I really liked the seahorses and penguins. They were so cute.'



4RT'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

4RT's assembly, which they performed last week, was a terrific talent show full of wonderful words from their own poems, gymnastic routines and marvellous musical solos.

'I think the assembly was awesome because everyone got a part and there was live music and comedy'. - **Cecilia**

'I thought that it was amazing because I loved it and we did many things and it was so much fun, so it was very good.' - **Isla**

'I felt really scared and worried about the gymnastics, but when I did it nothing went wrong and I felt really good.' - **Winnie**

'I liked everything about it especially the music.' - **Rami**

'I loved the poetry and gymnastics.' **Miya**



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

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