



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 30th January 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me propongo beber más agua..... *I intend to drink more water ...*

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

SCIENCE AT LEAP

This half term, science across the LEAP Federation is bursting with hands-on exploration and exciting new learning. **Year 6** pupils are investigating light, exploring how it travels, how shadows form, and how we see the world through reflection and refraction. **Year 5** are journeying through space, discovering planets, gravity, and the vast scale of the solar system. **Year 4** are experimenting with sound and electricity, building circuits and exploring how vibrations help us hear. **Year 3** are delving into rocks, comparing rock types, studying fossils, and learning how rocks are formed. Our **Year 2** children are observing seasonal changes, focusing on the characteristics of winter. Meanwhile, **EYFS** children are exploring materials and their properties, investigating how objects look, feel, and change when handled.

"My favourite part was discovering that we can only see objects when light reaches our eyes. It's like the world needs light to show itself!" - **Nylah yr 6 Kingsmead**



"I really enjoyed creating a class mnemonic to remember the planets (My Very Enjoyable Mother Just Sipped Up Nesquick)" - **Marley yr 5 Mandeville**

"I loved being the Earth in our class reinactment of exploring how the earth rotates around the sun. Did you know it takes a whole year for the Earth to get all the way around?!" - **Labelle yr 5 Mandeville**



"I have learnt so much about all the different planets like Mercury, Saturn and of course the largest of them all...JUPITER!!" - **Martin yr 5 Mandeville**



SCIENCE AT LEAP CONTINUED....

"I liked learning about shadows because it felt like doing magic with a torch!" - **Jahziah 5/6D Gayhurst**

"I didn't know light travels in straight lines. Now I keep spotting it everywhere." - **Jax 5/6D Gayhurst**



"The sound was way louder when we used our animal ears." - **Rei, yr 4 Grasmere**

"I really enjoyed making the animal ears" - **Jesse, yr 4 Grasmere**



HALF TERM COOKING CLUB

This February Half Term, Hackney School of Food is opening its kitchen for a week of hands-on cooking fun!

From **Monday 16th to Friday 20th**

February 2026, children aged 7+ can spend the day chopping, stirring, and baking seasonal dishes, then sit down together to enjoy the lunch they've made. The club runs **10am-3pm** each day. Places are £40 per day, with free spots available for children eligible for Free School Meals - email

hello@hackneyschooloffood.com or click [here](#).

SPRING AFTER SCHOOL COOKING CLUB

If your child wants to keep cooking beyond the holidays, they can join our Spring After School Cooking Club **every Tuesday, 3:45-5:15pm**, until 24th March 2026. Each week explores new global flavors and seasonal produce. A half term costs £80, with reduced-cost places available.

For bookings or more info, visit our website or email us at hello@hackneyschooloffood.com - we'd love to hear from you!





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	2S	71
Year 3 & 4	4RA	197
Year 5 & 6	6C	156



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - **BLAKE**
RPG - **EZEKIEL**
RS - **KAAN**

1A - **ABEL**
1M - **OWEN**
2L - **REAGAN**
2S - **MARNI**

3J - **HASSAN**
3E - **TASKEEN**
4V - **DEXTER**
4RA - **ISLA**
4RT - **KLAUS**

5E - **REUBEN**
5F - **WHOLE CLASS**
5/6D - **OTIS**
6J - **BILLY**
6C - **AARIAH**

YEAR 4's NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM TRIP

Year 4 visited the Natural History Museum this week. They explored the Earthquakes and Volcanoes Gallery to enrich their learning this term. They have been studying the topic Active Planet, which covers the causes and impacts of tectonic plates, volcanoes and earthquakes. The children loved examining fossils, crystals and experiencing interactive exhibits. Here is what the children have to say about the trip:

"I loved the museum and I especially loved the part where there was an escalator and you went up it to the earth's core." - August.

"I really enjoyed all of the simulators." - Romilly.

"I really, really enjoyed my group and listening to [my group leader] who used to be a history teacher" - Reine.

Thank you to the parents and carers who came to support and made the trip a wonderful educational experience for the children.



YEAR 3 MOUSEHOLE CAT

Year 3 have been exploring the text The Mousehole Cat (set on the Cornish coast) in English this week and as a celebration of all the work they have been doing, the Year 3 team set up a Cornish tea party with freshly baked scones by Melissa.



5F's CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week, 5F had our class assembly. It was based on our work last term in English on the story of Alex Rider. We performed a short version of the story, retelling some of the most important parts. In this we included some of the brilliant work we had produced over the half term in English. To end, we danced beautifully to Skyfall by Adele, a song that encapsulated Alex's experience of being a spy.

Syd: *I really liked our assembly because I love the story of Alex rider and it's really fun to perform.*

Sinead : *I'm excited to perform a book I really liked.*

Kayode: *It was really fun being able to dance and coming up with the moves ourselves.*



POETRY WORKSHOPS

Our Poetry sessions with **Rakaya** came to a close this week with session for Years 1 and 2. We're really very proud of the work we have been doing for the My Story project and the impact it's had on our children and families and have asked a photographer/ videographer to capture this so that we can share our experiences with you, the community and other schools. The photographer came to Gayhurst this week and our children rose to the occasion. Photography and filming went very well.



Watch this space for the official My Story video.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 5 Feb** 4RT class assembly 3pm
- w/c **Mon 9 Feb** Creativity Week
- 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