



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 20th March 2026

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Qué ves en la primavera?..... *What do you see in Spring?.....*

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

## POLKA DOT SISTERS 360

Polka theatre company from south London brought their play Sister's 360 to perform at both Mandeville and Kingsmead last week. Grasmere years 4, 5 and 6 and Gayhurst's year 5 attended the performances as well.

The play was inspired by real-life skateboarding sisters Layna, Maysa and Amaya, and their hero Sky Brown. The play was about determination and having a big dream. The actors, Farah Ashraf and Sara Abanur were brilliant as the skateboarding sisters and the whole show and workshop was fantastic.

**Teddy (Y6):** *'It was great, the whole thing!'*

**Saeeda (Y6):** *'The acting was amazing.'*

**Aisha(Y6):** *'It was very entertaining.'*

**Orlando:** *'It was good because I like skateboarding'*

**Swafaa (Y6)** *"It was really nice seeing women, wearing hijabs leading the show. It was a lot of fun."*

**Shiloh (Y4)** *"I enjoyed the show, especially the skating part. I wanted to join in."*

**Marnie (Y5) -** *"I liked Fatima and Salima's special handshake."*

**Sianna (Y5) -** *"I liked how creative it was."*

**Lily (Y5) -** *"I thought the children at Kingsmead were very welcoming."*

### POLKA DOT SISTERS CONTINUED.....



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### TV SHOW LOOKING FOR FAMILIES

The makers of *Cooking with the Stars*, *Freddie Flintoff's Field of Dreams & DIY SOS* are making a brand-new show, *Home For The Weekend* (wt) the exciting home makeover competition show.

They are looking for fun, outgoing families that would love to redesign their home with a budget that will be provided by us. They would compete against another family and the family judged to have the best re design wins a fantastic prize!



Filming will last for 48 hours in May – August. Anyone interested should email [hftw@southshore.uk](mailto:hftw@southshore.uk)



### RED NOSE DAY @ LEAP



It was wonderful to see so many children and staff come to school today wearing something red to support Red Nose Day and help raise funds for Comic Relief. You can see how much everyone enjoyed taking part in these photos from all four of our schools.



### LEAP SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

#### MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER YOUR CHILD!

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.



## 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	147
Year 3 & 4	3E	200
Year 5 & 6	6J	153



## GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - PALOMA  
RPG - SID  
RS - NATNEAL

1A - MAGNUS  
1M - WHOLE CLASS  
2L - BILLIE  
2S - ISABEL

3J - MORTY  
3E - LEONARDO  
4V - SOLOMON  
4RA - BEA  
4RT - SASHA

5E - EMILIA  
5F - CONNOR  
5/6D - SEHER  
6J - ARIELLA  
6C - CHANELLE

## YEAR 1 VISIT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

This week Year 1 visited the Natural History Museum. The children were full of excitement exploring the different galleries, with the dinosaur exhibition being a particular highlight—everyone was amazed by the enormous fossils and loved learning more about how dinosaurs lived!

We also explored a range of fascinating exhibits, including animals, habitats, rocks and gems, and were especially excited to see the impressive blue whale model. Throughout the day, the children asked thoughtful questions and showed great curiosity about the world around them.

We were incredibly proud of their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and the way they represented Gayhurst. Well done, Year 1!

"I loved the earthquake room!" - Ael

"My favourite part was the dinosaurs - they were so big and scary!" - Felix

"The blue whale looked so real!" - Fatou



## YEAR 3 AT MUSEUM OF LONDON DOCKLANDS

On Wednesday children from 3J and 3E visited Museum of London Docklands. This was a geography trip to support their unit about the different regions of the UK. During the trip, the classes explored how the Docklands changed over time. They discovered how the area transformed from a trading port into a modern urban area. There were lots of fascinating models and recreations showing what life was like in London in the past.

*'We learnt about the 1930s and what it was like in the wars.'* - Santiago

*'We saw what an old shop was like and we saw an old bomb'* - Safiya



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### GAYHURST'S FAMILY PLAYLIST



**Add the songs that matter most to you!**

At Gayhurst, we believe music brings people together and now we need your help to create something truly special!

We're making a Gayhurst Family Playlist, filled with songs chosen by you and your children.

Does your family have a song that:

- You sing on car journeys?
- Makes everyone smile or dance in the kitchen?
- Reminds you of home, heritage, or a special moment?
- Helps your child feel calm, brave, or joyful?

We'd love you to add it!

Whether it's a classic, a cultural favourite, or a tune that's uniquely "your family," every song helps celebrate the wonderful diversity, joy and community spirit of Gayhurst.

How to join in:

Just click [this link](#) and send in the title of your chosen song (or songs!) and we'll add them to the playlist for everyone to enjoy.

Let's fill our school with the music that matters most to you. Add your song today!

### COGS SPARKLING SPRING - WINE TASTING EVENT!



Join CoGS on **Thursday 30 April** between 7 and 8:30pm for a Sparkling Spring wine tasting event led by James Lockett, a wine buyer and educator.. and Gayhurst parent. We'll explore sparkling wines from Prosecco to Champagne, learning how different

grape varieties shape flavour, texture and style in the glass. Discover fun and affordable wine ideas to elevate any occasion while learning the art of smelling, tasting, and fully appreciating wine. Sip, savor, and enjoy a delightful evening, all while contributing



### COGS WINE TASTING EVENT CONTINUED.....

to a great cause. All profits from the ticket sales will go to Gayhurst via CoGS and we'll run a raffle on the night to raise some extra funds.

Tickets are £25 each and there are 40 spaces available. Buy tickets via this link: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/cogs-sparkling-wine-tasting>

### GAYHURST SPRING CAMP

Don't forget to sign up for our Spring Camp. Due to an increase in funding, **the cost for non- FSM families will be £25 per day.**



**RECEPTION - YEAR 6**

Gayhurst  
Community School

**GAYHURST  
SPRING CAMP**

**MONDAY 30TH MARCH –  
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL**  
10 AM – 2 PM DAILY

**LOCATION:  
GAYHURST COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**ACTIVITIES:**  
FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TENNIS, CRICKET,  
ARTS AND CRAFTS AND MANY MORE.

**WE WELCOME CHILDREN FROM  
RECEPTION TO YEAR 6.  
FOR NON-FSM FAMILIES,  
IT WILL BE £25 PER DAY,  
INCLUDING A HOT LUNCH.**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP**

### KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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
- Mon 13 April** Children return to school for start of  
Summer Term
- Thurs 30 April** COGS Wine Tasting Event 7—8.30pm
- Mon 25 - Fri 29 May** Half term break
- Mon 1 June** INSET day- school closed to children
- Tues 2 June** Children return to school