



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 17th April 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Vamos a hacer un picnic..... *Let's have a picnic.....*

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

LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

Our Easter Holiday Camps were a great success this year, running over four fun-filled days packed with excitement and activity. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a wide range of sessions, including football, dodgeball, dance, art, basketball and cooking at the Kingsmead and Mandeville camp, and football, dodgeball, Arts and crafts, TAG rugby & table tennis at the Gayhurst and Grasmere camp. Each day brought new opportunities for them to try something different, build confidence, and develop new skills in a fun and supportive environment.

It was wonderful to see the children making new friends and children from both schools getting along so well.

Thank you to all the families for your continued support, and to everyone who took part and helped make the camp such a memorable and enjoyable event for all!

"I loved taking part in the Easter egg hunt on the last day, it was so much fun." **Ahmet-Mandeville**

"My favorite activities were cooking and dance. I made a spinach lasagna and took it home for my dinner. I really enjoyed performing our dance routine on the last day to all the other children." **De'kiyah Mandeville**

"I attended camp every day. It was great fun and I enjoyed playing football as we had a mini tournament." **Archie-Lee - Mandeville.**

"We loved hunting for the Easter Eggs on the last day! - **Calisa & Marayam Yr 3 Kingsemad**

"My favourite thing about the camp was playing Dodgeball" - **Marty Yr 3 Kingsemad**

"The football was organised like a tournament—it was really good" - **Gabriel Yr 6 Kingsmead**

"We had such fun dancing everyday with our friends" - **Aheli, Yr 3 Kingsmead**

"It was very entertaining, I only went for one day but I wish I came for the week." - **Romilly, Gayhurst**

"I really loved getting to spend time with my new friends from Grasmere" - **Chanelle, Gayhurst**

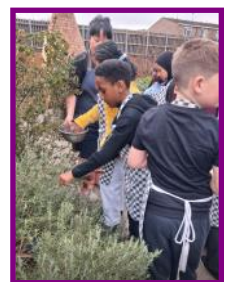
"There were lots of choice with activities. Everything was set up good." - **Mia, Gayhurst**

"I had a lot of fun; the lunches were nice too. I wish it ran longer!" - **Zebedee, Gayhurst**

It was really fun, I enjoyed all of the activities and making new friends. - **Ricki-Leigh, Grasmere**

It was fun. - **Benjamin, Grasmere**

I really enjoyed the food and meeting new people. - **Eleni, Grasmere**



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MAYOR OF LONDON'S TEAM FILM AT MANDEVILLE

Just before the end of last term, Mandeville school was excited to welcome a professional filming team to the school as part of a very special project marking ten years of Sadiq Khan's time as Mayor of London. Mandeville children were invited to take part in a video reflecting on what London looks like through the eyes of a 10-year-old. As part of this, a group of year 5 children- **Jayden, Farrah, Zayd and Ariam** worked collaboratively to write a thoughtful letter to the Mayor, sharing their experiences of growing up in Hackney and the changes they have seen in their city. The letter highlighted issues that matter most to them, including free school meals, caring for the environment, growing their own food, and safer streets. Each child then had the opportunity to take part in the filming, reading sections of the letter on camera. It was a fantastic experience for them to see how a real production works and to have their voices heard in such an important project.

We are incredibly proud of how confidently and articulately the children represented Mandeville. The filming team also commented on how brilliant the children were throughout the process. The final video has now been shared publicly, showcasing the children's perspectives and celebrating their role in shaping our city's future. You can watch it here:

[Instagram link](#)

[YouTube link](#)

"I really enjoyed filming the video. I felt like I was famous, and it was nice to do it with my friends."-
Jayden



"Thank you so much, Mandeville. Everyone was brilliant, including the children, very professional."-
Elizabeth, videographer



MAYOR'S TEAM FILM AT MANDEVILLE CONTINUED.....

"I am incredibly proud of the way Jayden, Farrah, Zayd and Ariam represented Mandeville School, sharing their thoughtful reflections on the impact of Sadiq Khan. It is so important that children feel empowered to use their voices, and I was especially proud to see ours contribute so confidently to this special project." -

Marc Thompson, Mandeville's Headteacher



KINGSMEAD PUPIL'S ART TRAIL PROJECT ON NEWS!

Niovi, a Kingsmead Year 6 pupil, has caused quite a storm with an intriguing creative project she's secretly created. Over a period of weeks, under the name **Talking Tree Collective**, she created a trail on Hackney Marshes inviting those passing through to step into a world where trees have stories to tell...

This lovely informal art trail features small signs nestled among the trees—each one revealing the imagined inner thoughts and secret lives of the woodland. Word spread and her creation was covered first by the [Hackney Citizen newspaper](#) and then by [BBC local news!](#)

Niovi's classmates in Kingsmead's Year 6 have already enjoyed a walk on the Hackney Marshes reading the trees' stories. Make sure you make time to go and explore them over the coming weeks. Well done Niovi for this imaginative and creative project.



Niovi & her Dad often walk on the marshes



A Talking Tree Collective mystery sign



HACKNEY'S 10x10 OFFER CONTINUED.....



HACKNEY MUSIC SERVICE FREE CHOIR TASTER SESSION

Do you have a child who loves to sing? Hackney Music Service are holding an absolutely free of charge Taster Session for the **Hackney Borough Youth Choir (Yrs 4-6)** and the **Senior Vocal Ensemble (Yr7+)** on **Wednesday 22 April**.

The sessions will take place after school. Please contact Hackney Music Service in advance, if you are interested in your child taking part in the taster session—so they can capture all necessary emergency contact details, and share all details of venue and timings.

The Hackney Music Service are working on a programme with the London Community Gospel Choir this term so this is a fantastic time to get involved.

They are especially keen to involve more boys from both primary and secondary schools.

Do you love to sing?

We are recruiting young singers to join the Hackney Borough Youth Choir (Yr4-6) & Senior Vocal Ensemble (Yr7+)

HBYC is an inclusive musical community that brings together singers from Hackney schools to regularly perform joyful, uplifting and diverse repertoire.

Join us for a free of charge taster session after school on **Wednesday 22 April 2026**.

For venue details & times, please call 020 3076 1535 or email xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk

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HACKNEY'S 10x10 OFFER

Hackney Education's 10x10 programme have developed new resources to support families to support every child in Hackney to achieve 10 activities by the age of 10.

[10x10 Padlet for Families and Children](#)

Hackney Education aim to help all of our Hackney children experience a broader range of skills, interests and opportunities. They believe the 10x10 activities will help every child to improve their emotional, physical and social wellbeing, developing a strong sense of identity and feel a valued part of Hackney.



SUMMER TERM 2026

1st half of term: 13.04.26 - 22.05.26

Half term: 25 - 29 May 2026

2nd half of term: 02.06.26 - 17.07.26

INSET days - Mon 1 June &
Mon 20 July

GREEN TOKEN	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	2L	87
Year 3 & 4	3J	120
Year 5 & 6	5/6D	191



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - **RAFAEL**
RPG - **SYLVESTER**
RS - **STELLA**

1A - **FEELIX**
1M - **STEVIE D**
2L - **CLAYTON**
2S - **LUNA**

3J - **ROBERTA**
3E - **LUIS M**
4V - **TEDDY**
4RA - **YVES**
4RT - **HIRA-NISA**

5E - **MARTHA**
5F - **KAYODE**
5/6D - **RENZO**
6J - **THEA**
6C - **ANTONI**

HACKNEY WELLBEING & MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS (WAMHS) TEAM

We are pleased to announce that Gayhurst will now be working with the WAMHS team; an email has been sent to all families to share an overview of the WAMHS offer. We will also be hosting a Coffee Morning on **Thursday 30th April at 09:15** where you'll be able to find out more information and meet the team. The WAMHS practitioners will work closely with our Inclusion Team- **Fran, Lorraine K, Toki, Pat and Jon**. Please see further details below.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS):

NHS services offering support for young people and families facing mental health challenges, from low-level to specialist interventions.

Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools (WAMHS):

A Hackney initiative fostering stronger relationships between schools and CAMHS to enhance student wellbeing and maintain a healthy school environment.

CAMHS Worker in School (CWIS):



Hello, I'm **Lily**! I am a pre-qualified Clinical Psychologist at First Steps (Hackney CAMHS) and the CAMHS worker in your school. I am at Gayhurst twice a month, on a Thursday.

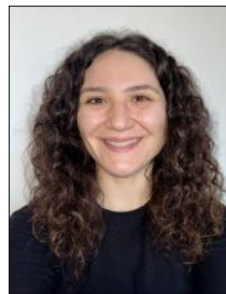
My role at Gayhurst involves working with teachers, school staff and parents/carers to promote and embed an understanding of wellbeing and child development. I meet with staff to think about how they can support the wellbeing of the whole class and can also discuss any concerns teachers or staff have about a child's wellbeing or development. I offer training and consultation to the school as well as parent coffee mornings and workshops on areas that you would like to know more about.

I can also offer one off 'parent consultation' sessions with Fran or your child's teacher, where we think together with you about what kind of support or strategies may be helpful for you and/or your child, both in and out of school.

If you see me around the school, please feel free to say hello! If you would like to hear more about how I can help you and your child or have ideas for a parent workshop you would find helpful, please contact your school's Designated Mental Health Lead, Fran.

WAMHS TEAM CONTINUED.....

Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP):



Hello, my name is **Berin** and I am an Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) with the City and Hackney CAMHS Mental Health Support Team. I work across schools in the borough, providing early intervention support to children and their families to promote emotional wellbeing and build resilience. I will be based at

Gayhurst Community School every Thursday from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

In primary schools, our team offers support in understanding and managing anxiety and we share practical strategies for responding to common behavioural difficulties. Our one-to-one sessions are designed to work directly with parents, as evidence suggests this approach can be particularly effective in supporting children. By equipping parents with helpful tools and strategies, we aim to empower parents, which can lead to more meaningful and lasting improvements in their child's emotional wellbeing and resilience building. We also deliver a range of support, including whole-class 'universal' sessions, targeted parent groups, and one-off psychoeducation workshops for both parents and young people.

If you would like to access support from the Mental Health Support Team, please speak to your school's Designated Mental Health Lead, Fran and provide consent to be considered for our services.'

5E & 5F AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM

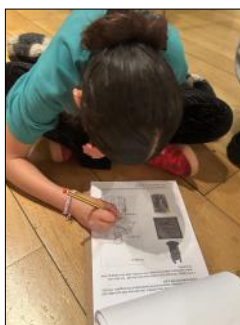
On Thursday, 5E and 5F visited the British Museum to see artefacts from Benin. They explored what these objects can tell us about the natural world and rulers of Benin. The children did drawings and observations of the bronzes and statues in preparation for their up-coming history unit. Over the next few weeks, they will find out lots more about what life was like in the Kingdom of Benin.

Ayaz (5E) *'The African section was the most interesting part.'*

Scarlett (5E) *'I liked drawing the animals that were in the bronzes and statues.'*

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SF&SE'S TRIP TO BRITISH MUSEUM CONTINUED.....



GAYHURST'S NEW WEBSITE



Welcome to
**Gayhurst
Community
School**

As some of you may already have noticed, Gayhurst has an updated new school website. The new website is on a more up to date platform which will hopefully be much easier to access and read on mobile phones.

There are quick parent links on the top left side of the Home Page which take you straight through to School Lunches, Newsletters and Term Dates pages.

We also have an Upcoming Dates area on the Home Page which links through to the school website calendar, which we hope parents and carers will find helpful.

GAYHURST'S NEW WEBSITE CONTINUED.....

Further photos will be added to the new Gayhurst website over the next couple of weeks.



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Mon 20 April** Specialist clubs begin
- Thurs 23 April** 1A class assembly 3pm
- Mon 27 April** STEM Fair 4—5pm
- Thurs 30 April** Coffee Morning—Meet the WAMHS Team 9.15 - 10am +
2S class assembly at 3pm +
COGS Wine Tasting Event 7—8.30pm
- Mon 4 May** Bank holiday
- Thurs 7 May** 3J class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 14 May** RPG class assembly at 3pm
- Tues 19 May** Nursery Sports day am
Reception, Y1 & Y2 Sports day pm
- Thurs 21 May** 4RA class assembly at 3pm
- Mon 25 - Fri 29 May** Half term break
- Mon 1 June** INSET day— school closed to children
- Mon 1 June - Fri 5 June** Y6 Residential trip
- Tues 2 June** Children return to school for second half of Summer Term
- Thurs 4 June** EYFS & Y1 & Y2 # TAG event 4.30-6pm
- Thurs 11 June** 1M class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 18 June** RS class assembly at 3pm
- Wed 24 June** Y5 & 6 Sports day pm
- Mon 29 June** Y3 & 4 Sports day pm
- Sat 4 July** COGS Summer Fair
- Tues 7 July** Y6 production at 5pm (class tbc)
- Wed 8 July** Y6 production at 5pm (class tbc)
- Tues 14 July** Gymnastics performances:
2.30pm for 1A, 4RA & 5/6D 3pm for 5F & 5E +
Y6 Disco 5—6.30pm
- Wed 15 July** Y6 Leavers' assembly at 2.40pm
- Thurs 16 July** Meet the teacher (Rec—Y6) +
Class parties
- Fri 17 July** Last day of Summer Term—
school closes early for children at 1.30pm
(no clubs or extended day)