LEAP NEWS

Friday 22nd May 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta mirar las mariposas ..... *I like to watch the butteflies*

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

EXCITING FILMING IN MANDEVILLE'S KITCHEN

This week Mandeville school were delighted to welcome the charity Chefs in Schools (with whom the LEAP federation work closely) into school to film some of the fantastic work taking place in our kitchen and dining hall. The filming also involved renowned chef Nicole Pisani, (who used to be the Head Chef at Gayhurst school) who worked alongside Mandeville's brilliant Head Chef, Hodan. The filming focused on the high-quality, freshly prepared food our children enjoy at Mandeville, and how our school is already showing what is possible in relation to the proposed School Food Standards. The team captured the kitchen in action, including food being prepared from scratch, the salad bar, finished dishes, and children enjoying their lunches.

A special thank you goes to Hodan, who showcased the care, skill and creativity that goes into school meals every day. The filming also highlighted the important role that school food plays in children's wellbeing, readiness to learn and wider school life. We are proud that Mandeville has been chosen to help share this positive message more widely. It is a lovely recognition of the work happening across Mandeville and the LEAP Federation schools, from the kitchen teams to staff supporting children at lunchtimes, and of LEAP's commitment to providing children with healthy, enjoyable food they want to eat.

"*It was nice to work with Nicole again and to be one of the schools helping to improve school lunches for children. We are very proud that all of our food is cooked fresh every day*."- **Hodan**, Mandeville chef

"I love the lunch because there are so many options on the menu and the salad bar is the best."- **Salma**, year 2

FILMING IN MANDEVILLE'S KITCHEN CONTINUED....

"It has been such a pleasure to see Hodan grow into the chef and leader she is today. She knows exactly what she is doing in the kitchen and brings a unique culinary flavour to the team; we had an okra salad that we couldn't get enough of and her leadership is kind as well as knowledgeable " - **Nicole**, Chefs in Schools

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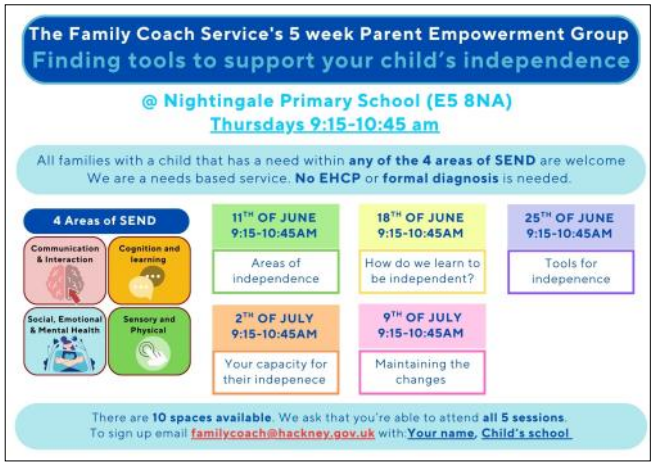
FAMILY COACH SERVICE

The Family Coach Service are offering a number of different events in the next half of Summer Term to support Hackney parents of children with special needs (no formal diagnosis needed). All events are free and sign ups are on a first-come, first-served basis.

To sign up for any of the events please email **familycoach@hackney.gov.uk** with:

- Your name
- Child's school
- The name of the event(s) you would like to attend

A member of our team will then send a confirmation email.



FAMILY COACH SERVICE CONTINUED.....

FELIX EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME

The Felix Project's Employability programme is open to receive applications. This programme offers 2 days per week across 8 weeks of building skills that employers want to see in a friendly working environment with the possibility of getting qualifications e.g: Food & Hygiene Level 2, Manual Handling training etc.

Applications are open to **anyone over 18 who has the right to work in the UK.**

You can find out more here and the referral form can be found here.

The Felix Project is a charity that rescues good-to-eat surplus food that cannot be sold but would otherwise go to waste from across the food industry.

Their Employability Programme runs from their Poplar warehouse on Tuesdays and Thursday from Tuesday 16th June to Thursday 13th August.

If you are interested please apply asap.

GAYHURST NEWS

Gayhurst Community School

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 RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	**2S**	97
Year 3 & 4	**3J**	140
Year 5 & 6	**5E**	92

GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - **ARLO**
RPG - **TILDA**
RS – **KAI**

1A - **ALMA**
1M –**MYLES**
2L – **SAMARA**
2S – **VIGGO**

3J - **SANTIAGO**
3E - **EDITTH**
4V– **LIBBY**
4RA – **WHOLE CLASS**
4RT - **EDISON**

5E - **SEBASTIEN**
5F – **JOHN**
5/6D – **IRA**
6J– **JESSE**
6C – **ARLO**

NURSERY SPORTS DAY

We were delighted to host our Nursery Sports Day this week, and what a fantastic event it was! The children arrived full of excitement and enthusiasm, ready to take part in a morning packed with fun, teamwork and physical activity. They enjoyed a variety of activities including running races, obstacle courses, beanbag relays, and balancing challenges. Each activity was designed to build confidence, coordination, and a sense of achievement. It was lovely to see them cheering each other on, celebrating successes together, and showing great kindness and encouragement to their friends. Every child received a certificate to celebrate their effort and participation. Thank you to all staff for organising such an engaging event, and to families for your continued support. Sports Day was a joyful reminder of how active play contributes to our children's wellbeing & development.

Well done to all of our Nursery stars you were amazing!

SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT CITY HALL

On Monday Gayhurst's School Council visited the chambers where Sadiq Khan and his assembly members have regular talks about current issues affecting Londoners. They took part in a workshop where they learnt about how these talks are open to the public.

The school counsellors spoke about some of the things they have done for their school. One of their examples of making a difference for the school environment was their idea of raising money for the school library. This was a very successful initiative that they could share has already raised over £500. Some of the children also spoke about the things they would do if they were Mayor of London to make London even better. **Musa** (4RA) said that he would have more security guards in shops/corner shops. **Morti** (3J) said that he would create parks for dogs.

The children also loved going on a round trip on the cable cars. They could see across the London skyline, identifying many landmarks.

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Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.

YEAR 3 AT SCHOOL OF FOOD

Year 3 enjoyed an amazing trip to the School of Food. They cooked souvlaki and pitta bread in preparation for our Ancient Greek topic. The children enjoyed using their knife skills and using traditional seasonings.

'The pitta bread was fun to knead' - **Luna**

'It was good working with the chef'- **Kevin**

HOKA SCHOOLS' CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

A huge well done to all of the children who took part in the Hackney Schools' Challenge last weekend. It was a brilliant event and was lots of fun for all involved! This was their final mile of a half marathon that they have completed over several weeks. The children did a fantastic job. There was such great team spirit - they were a real credit to the school! They have also raised over £1400 for books and our reading areas. If you wish to donate, please follow the QR code.

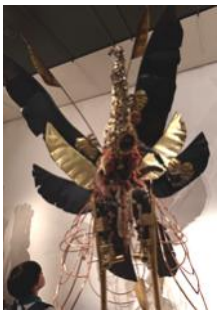
Well done everyone - we are very proud of you!

YEAR 6 GO TO BRITISH MUSEUM

This week, Year 6 enjoyed an exciting and enriching trip to the British Museum to deepen their understanding of the Ancient Kingdom of Benin, linking closely with their current history topic. During the visit, pupils explored a range of fascinating artefacts, including the famous Benin Bronzes, and learned about the skill and craftsmanship of the Edo people. They were particularly interested in how these objects were used to tell stories about rulers, beliefs and daily life in Benin.

The trip also sparked thoughtful discussions about the history of these artefacts and the importance of museums in preserving and presenting cultures from around the world. Pupils demonstrated excellent curiosity, respect and behaviour throughout the day, asking insightful questions and engaging enthusiastically with the exhibits.

It was an amazing learning experience that brought the classroom studies to life and inspired a deeper appreciation of this important civilisation.



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

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
Mon 6 July	Y6 production at 5pm **6C** & **5/6D** group
Tues 7 July	Y6 production at 5pm **6J** & **5/6D** group
Wed 8 July	Gayhurst Summer BBQ 5—8pm
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 att 1.30pm**