



LEAP NEWS

Friday 5th June 2026



SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta mirar las mariposas *I like to watch the butterflies*

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

BLUE PETER BOOK CLUB EXPERIENCE FOR KINGSMEAD

Four Kingsmead pupils, **Aisha, Apollo, Teddy and Nylah**, were recently chosen to take part in a special Blue Peter Book Club feature, reviewing *The Adventures of Rap Kid* by MC Grammar. The programme aired on CBBC and is currently available to watch on BBC iPlayer. You can see the section featuring the children [here](#).

As part of the experience, the children met MC Grammar, who visited Kingsmead to lead an exciting rap workshop. Inspired by the book, the children worked together to create and perform their own original raps, developing their creativity, confidence and performance skills.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the filming and were fantastic ambassadors for their school throughout the project.

Teddy (yr 6) said, *"It was the best experience of my life."*

Nylah (yr 6) said, *"I really enjoyed recording our rap, it was so much fun."*

Aisha (Yr 6) said, *"It felt surreal filming for Blue Peter."*

We are incredibly proud of Aisha, Apollo, Teddy and Nylah for representing Kingsmead school so brilliantly. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading, creativity and self-expression, and one they will remember for many years to come.



BLUE PETER BOOK CLUB CONTINUED.....



JTP PARENT SURVEY

As this year's Justin Thompson Project draws towards an end, we would very much appreciate parent and carer feedback on their experience of participating in the project. Here's a short reminder of some of the elements of the project that you might have been involved in since September last year:

My Name - discussions with your child about the story of their name and why you chose it.

My Story - sharing elements of your families' story, your childhood memories, creating My Story posters using photos from your past, children's work with visiting poets, story jars, story stones etc

Story Exchange - child and parent cooking sessions at School of Food, sharing family recipes, phrases, favourite songs, multi-generational interactions and sharing of stories.

My Future Story - children thinking about their hopes and dreams.

Please do take a minute to complete this short online questionnaire so we can gather feedback from LEAP families about the project. Thank you.

JTP Parent Feedback 25-26





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	2S	89
Year 3 & 4	4RT	135
Year 5 & 6	5F	82



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - AMINA
RPG - MIQUEL
RS - IZAAK

1A - SID
1M - FREDDIE
2L - EZEKIEL
2S - EMMA

3J - NYSSA
3E - LOUIS M
4V - FRED
4RA - SHAVELL
4RT - JAX

5E - ORLANDO
5F - LUCIA
5/6D - MIRABAI
6J - WHOLE CLASS
6C - MARIAM

YEAR 6's RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Our Year 6 children have been having an unforgettable time on their residential trip to Phasels Wood! Over the past few days, the children have embraced every opportunity to challenge themselves, work as a team, and enjoy the outdoors.

They have taken part in a wide range of exciting activities, including orienteering, where they navigated the woodland using maps and teamwork, pioneering and bushcraft, learning practical outdoor skills such as structure-building and making fires. The climbing sessions have been a particular highlight, with pupils showing great determination and resilience as they tackled new heights.

Meanwhile, the tunnelling activity brought lots of challenges and laughter, as children negotiated the underground course.

Throughout the trip, the children have demonstrated excellent behaviour, cooperation, and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they step outside their comfort zones and support one another.

We are incredibly proud of all of Year 6 and look forward to sharing more of their achievements when they return!

"I really enjoyed the rock climbing and conquering The Rock" - Hafidh

"I enjoyed the archery and rock climbing because I felt I achieved something" - Maya

"I've always looked forward to the residential, so I was so happy to come here and I'd love to do it all again!" - Mia C



YEAR 2'S SCHOOL OF FOOD VISIT

As part of our Design & Technology topic, Year 2 ventured down to the Hackney School of Food before the half-term break. The children were very excited to visit to the school of food again! Chef Yvonne explained that they would be making a courgette muffin and a delicious fruit salad. The children worked as a team to mix, rip and crumble our ingredients together to make their muffins and then started on their delicious fruit salad. They learnt how to use the claw method when using a knife to chop their vegetables. They had to be very careful and focus on what they were doing. Yvonne taught them all about the benefits of a eating a healthy diet. Each colour of the vegetables that



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YEAR 2's SCHOOL OF FOOD VISIT CONTINUED....

they used contained different vitamins and minerals from each other. So, the more colours you have on your plate the healthier you will be!

Finally, they tidied their workspace and took their muffins out of the oven, they smelt scrumptious!

A fun day was had by all!

Clayton - *I really liked how we made all the food ourselves and I liked all the ingredients we used.*

Rosa C - *I really enjoyed cracking the eggs!*

Samara - *I really liked stirring the vegetables into the mixture to make the muffins.*

Acen - *I really liked getting to cook because it was lots of fun!*

Nina - *I loved picking the lavender and oregano.*

Uly - *I really liked making the muffin and eating the salad.*

Felix - *I loved stirring and making the courgette muffins I also loved cutting the marjoram.*



COGS SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 4th July

The countdown to the CoGS Summer Fair is officially on and we need our amazing Gayhurst community to help make the magic happen!

Last year's Fair was a huge success thanks to 90+ volunteers giving their time, energy and brilliant ideas. That's what it takes to run a fantastic event for our children and raise vital funds for the school. This year, we're aiming for 10-15 volunteers from every year group with a particularly big push from Reception to Year 2 families. We're introducing some healthy year-group competition by keeping a running tally to see which year group volunteers the most!

So... how does the Summer Fair work? The Fair is powered by the creativity of our parent and carer community. The best stalls are fun and accessible for all ages, easy to run and great at raising money for the school. If it gets children excited & helps raise funds, we want to hear about it! CoGS can reimburse reasonable costs for creating a successful stall, although many families generously choose to donate materials or supplies to help maximise the profits made overall.

COGS SUMMER FAIR CONTINUED.....

Got an idea but not sure if it'll work? Thinking of running something but need advice? Please get in touch! We're happy to help shape your stall into a Fair favourite. You can either: email gayhurstcogs@gmail.com or fill out this form:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/z3seAeBGiR>



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

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 at 1.30pm