

LEAP NEWS

Friday 10th July 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Gracias maestro/ maestra! *Thank you teacher!*...

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

SCIENCE @ LEAP

Our children have had a busy and exciting summer term in science, with pupils across the LEAP Federation asking thoughtful questions, carrying out practical investigations and developing their scientific understanding through hands-on enquiry.



At Gayhurst, Year 3 unearthed the secrets of rocks, fossils and soils before discovering what plants need to thrive. Year 4 became budding electrical engineers through their work on electricity, while Years 5 and 6 explored animals, including humans and living things and their habitats.



At Grasmere, Year 3 investigated rocks and plants, Year 5 learned about animals, including humans, and Year 6 developed their understanding of habitats and classification, learning how scientists organise the living world.



At Kingsmead, Year 3 explored forces and magnetism before studying plants, while Year 4 investigated states of matter and sound through a range of engaging experiments. Older pupils continued their learning about the human body, habitats and ecosystems.

Meanwhile, at Mandeville, Year 3 also explored rocks, fossils and soils and plants, while Year 5 studied animals, including humans and Year 6 investigated how organisms survive and interact within ecosystems.



Across the federation, our youngest scientists explored life cycles, plants, habitats and seasonal change, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm as they made sense of the world around them.

"I loved learning about electricity because we got to build circuits!" – **Gayhurst**

"Studying habitats and classification helped me understand how scientists group living things and how everything in nature is connected." – **Grasmere**

"My favourite science lesson was learning about magnets. I was surprised by how strong they were and enjoyed testing what they could attract." – **Kingsmead**

"Learning about the human body was really interesting because it helped me understand how exercise and healthy choices affect our bodies." – **Mandeville**

KINGSMEAD REPORTING FOR BBC NEWSROUND

We are delighted to be able to share a link to the BBC newsround clip featuring reporters **Evan, Cormac and Aylan** from Kingsmead's Year 4 interviewing Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson with questions about his up-coming film **Moana**, which the children saw at a special press screening.

You can watch their interview [here](#).



FREE SWIMMING LESSONS

Thanks to Better who are funding free Swimming Lessons **for Year 5 & 6 students** in Hackney in the summer holidays 2026, at Britannia Leisure Centre or London Fields Lido. Children must currently be in school year 5 or 6. They must be available to attend at least 80% of lessons in the two weeks at either Britannia Leisure Centre or London Fields Lido. Lessons will be 30 minutes long and take place in the mornings. Apply using [this form](#).

LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

Don't forget to book for the Kingsmead & Mandeville or Gayhurst and Grasmere holiday camps running for three weeks this summer. The camps will run from **Monday 20th July to Friday 7th August** from 10—2pm daily and are open to children from Reception to Year 6. The camps will be staffed by adults from our schools who know the children, and everyone attending will be offered a hot meal freshly prepared every day. There will be plenty of great activities for children to choose from at both camps including lots of sports and physical games, arts and crafts, gardening and Forest School fun and cooking at the School of Food, as well as some trips which are being planned. Don't forget to book your child's place.



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	102
Year 3 & 4	168
Year 5 & 6	246



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - **HERCULES**

RPG - **VIOLA**

RS - **OSMAN**

1A - **MARY**

1M - **NICO**

2L - **BILLIE**

2S - **FELIX**

3J - **STELLA**

3E - **EZRA**

4V - **ELIZA**

4RA - **SORAYA**

4RT - **WHOLE CLASS**

5E - **ALLIE**

5F - **YVES**

5/6D - **WHOLE CLASS**

6J - **WHOLE CLASS**

6C - **WHOLE CLASS**

GAYHURST'S SUMMER BBQ

On Wednesday, we enjoyed another fantastic Summer BBQ, and it was lovely to welcome so many families, including those who are new to the school, alongside familiar faces from across the years. The sunny weather, great food, music and dancing all helped to create a really enjoyable afternoon.

A huge thank you to **Sergio** and **the kitchen team**, who worked incredibly hard preparing salads and cooking on the BBQ in the scorching heat. Their efforts were very much appreciated and played a big part in making the event such a success.

Another thank you to **all of the Gayhurst staff** who helped make the BBQ happen. After a busy day at work, they gave their time and energy to ensure everything ran smoothly and that families could enjoy the evening together.

Events like this are a reminder of what a strong and supportive community we have at Gayhurst. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the event so special. We look forward to seeing you again next year.



YEAR 6's LION KING

This week's Year 6 productions of The Lion King were absolutely amazing. They were a wonderful celebration of the children's hard work, talent and dedication.

The children delivered fantastic performances, with confident acting, enthusiastic singing and energetic dancing. From the opening scenes, to the end of the show, we were captivated by the acting, singing, costumes and impressive stage presence of the cast.

Preparing for the production required hard-work, commitment and teamwork, and the children rose to the challenge brilliantly. Throughout the process, they demonstrated resilience, cooperation and growing confidence, making us incredibly proud.

A huge thank you goes to all the staff in Year 6 for their efforts in bringing the production together. Another huge thank you goes to our families involved in the set, costumes, make-up and for providing the pizzas on the night and to the families and friends who supported the children to learn their lines and be so confident.

Most importantly, congratulations to our amazing Year 6 children, who truly shone on stage and created lasting memories for everyone involved. We are so proud of you, Year 6!



STAFFING CHANGES

As we come to the end of another successful year, we will be saying goodbye to several valued members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities.

Fatou, who completed her teacher training with us and has spent the last three years teaching in Years 4 and 5, will be relocating to Leeds to begin a new teaching role. Fatou will be greatly missed in our teaching team.

Phoebe, who also trained at Gayhurst, is leaving after six years with our school. Over the past two years, she has balanced her teaching commitments with further study, working flexibly tremendously and now will finish her studies and broaden her experience to work as a child therapist in the future.

Victoria, who returned to Gayhurst for two terms to cover Ally's maternity leave, will be returning to teach in South London, nearer to her home. We are really grateful to have had Victoria back with us to support 4V so well part way through the year.

Annabel in our Nursery will be moving to Mandeville School now that **Rima** has returned from maternity leave.

We will also be saying farewell to **Angelica** and **Fraser**, who have enjoyed a fantastic first year in teaching at Gayhurst and will be taking up new posts in September.

We thank all of them for their dedication, hard work and contribution to our school. We wish them every success and happiness in the next stage of their careers and look forward to keeping in touch.

We are very thrilled to announce that that **Edyta** has been appointed to the Head of School role at Gayhurst. Edyta is an experienced school leader and deputy head teacher and is ready for the next stage of her career which will be leading Gayhurst on a day to day basis alongside Karen. Edyta will continue to lead on equalities and diversity across the federation. Karen will continue in the dual role across both Gayhurst and Grasmere as she has done for the last two years as well as leading the development of foundational learning, teaching and learning, assessment, accountability and best practice across the federation. Louise continues as Executive Headteacher overseeing finance, HR, operations and governance.

Fran continues as Deputy head for Inclusion and SEND and Lisa returns to a fulltime Deputy at Gayhurst role at Gayhurst whilst maintaining leadership of initial teacher training and CPD for early career teachers across the federation. Ella will also continue in her role as Assistant Headteacher.

YEAR 4 VISIT BRUCE CASTLE



4RT's trip to Bruce Castle Museum, to learn about the Romans, was fantastic. We looked at Roman coins, artefacts and made our own Roman mosaics.

'It was really cool getting to see real Roman coins' - **Winnie**

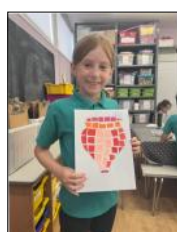
'I loved seeing the old artefacts from Roman times' - **Jax**



'I really loved the trip because we got to see lots of really cool old things' - **Romi**

'An oil lamp was used with olive oil to light the huts they lived in' - **Felix**

'I loved looking around the museum' - **Ayza**



COGS SUMMER FAIR



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the CoGS (Community of Gayhurst School) Summer Fair last Saturday! We were lucky with fantastic weather, and it was wonderful to see so many families and friends enjoying a brilliant afternoon

together. The DJs, BBQ bar and cocktails helped to create a great atmosphere encouraging people to stay and enjoy. Our fantastic stalls included plants, cakes, popcorn, jewellery, books, toys, clothes, uniform, arts and crafts, face painting, nail painting, sports and traditional games, plus some exciting new additions from the kids, including homemade bracelets, a sweet machine and a fortune-telling stall. The dunk chair was, as always, a huge hit! Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket and came along to enjoy everything the fair had to offer.

A special thank you goes to all of our incredible volunteers, and organisers who made the day possible. It truly is a team effort, and we're so grateful for everyone who gave their time and energy.



COGS SUMMER FAIR CONTINUED.....

It's been a busy couple of weeks at Gayhurst, so we're still finalising the figures, but we're delighted that the Summer Fair has once again been a fantastic fundraiser, helping to support extra-curricular arts and sports opportunities for every child at Gayhurst.



LONDON FIELDS PADDLING POOL CAMPAIGN

**THE WEATHER IS RELENTLESS!
WE ARE RELENTLESS!**



**THIS IS YOUR ONE TIME CHANCE TO
SUPPORT THE DEBATE TO
SAVE LONDON FIELDS PADDLING POOL!**



MONDAY 20TH JULY

**LET'S ALL JOIN TOGETHER ON THE HACKNEY TOWN HALL STEPS
GATHER AND HOLLER 5PM TIL 5:30PM!**

(DEBATE BEGINS IN THE TOWN HALL AND ONLINE AT 6PM)

WEAR BLUE, BRING LILOS, FIRE BUBBLE GUNS, COME!!!



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KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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 +
Meet the teacher (Rec—Y6)
- Thurs 16 July** Class parties
- Fri 17 July** Last day of Summer Term—
school closes early for children at 1.30pm
(no clubs or extended day)