LEAP NEWS

Friday 17th July 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Nos vemos en septiembre…… *See you in September……*

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

MESSAGE FROM LEAP'S EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

As another busy and successful school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone across LEAP Federation, to thank our wonderful staff, governors, parents and carers for everything you have done to support our children throughout the year.

Schools are built on partnerships. The dedication of our staff, the encouragement and trust of our families, and the commitment and challenge provided by our governors all play an essential part in creating the nurturing, ambitious and inclusive communities that make our schools such special places. Together, we have celebrated successes, overcome challenges and, most importantly, ensured that our children have continued to thrive.

This year we also say goodbye to two exceptional members of our school community whose dedication and service have helped shape our federation over many years.

After twenty one years of outstanding service, **Ruth** will be leaving Kingsmead. Since joining the school in 2005, Ruth has served as Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo with unwavering commitment, exceptional professionalism and an unfailing belief in every child.

Ruth has worked tirelessly to ensure that children receive the care, support and opportunities they deserve. She has been a source of wisdom, reassurance and strength for countless families and colleagues, always leading with humour, kindness and absolute integrity. For those of us fortunate enough to have worked alongside her, she has been a constant source of encouragement and a true tower of strength, offering calm guidance even through the busiest and most challenging of times. Ruth has helped shape the culture and values of Kingsmead itself, leaving a legacy that will continue to benefit the school community for many years to come. While we will miss her enormously, we are deeply grateful for her remarkable contribution and wish her every happiness in the next chapter of her life.

We also bid a fond farewell to **Gill Brady** as she steps down as Chair of Governors. Gill has dedicated over 17 years to improving education for children in Hackney, first as a School Improvement Adviser and later as a governor and, most recently, as Chair of Governors. Throughout that time she has worked across all of our schools, guiding and supporting them through significant change and playing a pivotal role in the growth and success of the LEAP Federation.

Leadership in schools depends not only on those who work in them every day but also on governors

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Gill (L) with LEAP co-chair Shanielle (R)

who generously give their time, expertise and wisdom because they believe in making a difference for local children. Gill exemplifies the very best of school governance. She has always placed children at the heart of every decision, never losing sight of why schools exist and reminding us that our purpose is to give every child the very best start in life. Her clarity of vision, unwavering sense of purpose, thoughtful challenge and steadfast support have been invaluable to me personally and to the leadership teams across our federation. We owe her an enormous debt of gratitude for her years of dedicated service and the lasting impact she has made on the lives of so many children, families and staff. Thank you, Gill, for everything you have done for LEAP Federation and for the children of Hackney.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we do so with confidence and optimism, knowing that the strength of our federation lies in the people who make it what it is. Thank you once again to every member of our school community for your kindness, commitment and support throughout the year.

I wish you all a wonderful, restful summer break and hope you enjoy some well-deserved time with your family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year together.

Louise Nichols
LEAP's Executive Headteacher

A MESSAGE FROM LEAP GOVERNORS

Dear LEAP families, Staff, and Community

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding year, I want to reflect on what has been another remarkable chapter for the LEAP Federation.

It has been a privilege to see the continued growth and strong sense of community across Gayhurst, Grasmere, Kingsmead and Mandeville. A particular highlight for me was visiting all four schools to see the Justin Thompson Project in action. It has been inspiring to witness how the project is strengthening belonging, celebrating diversity and bringing children, staff and families together.

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I would also like to congratulate Grasmere on its first inspection under Ofsted's new framework, where it achieved the new grading strong standard across all areas. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the dedication of the staff, leadership, children and families.

Across all four schools, our staff should also be incredibly proud of this year's excellent academic outcomes, particularly for our Year 6 pupils. Despite the national delays to SATs results, the achievements of our children stand as a testament to the exceptional teaching, care and commitment shown across the federation.

These successes are only possible because of the commitment of everyone in our school community. Thank you to our staff for your dedication and care, to our parents and carers for your continued support, and to our wonderful children for your enthusiasm, kindness and determination to do your very best.

To our Year 6 pupils, congratulations and good luck as you begin the next stage of your education. We are incredibly proud of you and wish you every success in secondary school.

Finally, I would like to thank our governing board for the time and commitment they give so generously. This term we say farewell to several governors, including my co-chair, **Gill**. Her years of dedicated service, wise leadership and unwavering commitment to the LEAP Federation have made an enormous contribution, and she will be greatly missed.

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer break, and look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year.

Shanielle (Sha-nee-yel) **Shrouder**
Chair of Governors

HACKNEY SUMMER QUEST - LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE

The Great Hackney Libraries Quest is back to celebrate the National Year of Reading: Reading is Magic!

For the third year Hackney are running their own Hackney version of the Summer Reading Challenge at all Hackney Libraries, from 18 July to 12 Sept.

Sign up at any library from 18 July to collect your booklet and start collecting stamps for reading books & taking part in activities.

This year there are two certificates – one for reading books, and one for doing activities. There are even bonus stickers to collect! There are lots of fun free activities happening all summer. Click here to find out what's on, where.



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GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS

The government is cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on family days out — from cinema and theatre tickets to attractions, and children's meals out. Less to pay, more summer to enjoy.



Real savings on days out

A 15-percentage-point VAT cut on eligible tickets and meals, passed on at the till. Ten weeks of school holidays to make the most of summer.

Cinemas, attractions & meals

Family and children's tickets for shows and attractions, plus kids' meals eaten out, wherever you are in the UK.

Free bus travel for kids

For the whole month of August, kids age 15 and under in England will get free bus travel, supporting families to choose public transport.

More information click here:

Find your family's summer offer

FREE MORRISONS CAFÉ BREAKFAST FOR FAMILIES

Families visiting their local Morrisons Café between 29th Junee to 6th September can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too. Both kids and adults can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

We're looking forward to seeing lots of LEAP children at the two holiday camps that LEAP are running (one at Gayhurst and one at Kingsmead school) from **Monday 20th July to Friday 7th August** from 10—2pm daily . Thee camps are open to children from Reception to Year 6 and will be staffed by adults from our schools who know the children. Everyone attending will be offered a hot meal freshly prepared every day. There will be lots of great activities from including sports and physical games, arts & crafts, gardening & Forest School fun, cooking at the School of Food, ice skating trips as well as other trips which are being planned. Don't forget to book your child's place.

GAYHURST NEWS

Gayhurst Community School

AUTUMN TERM 2026

1st half of term: **03.09.26 - 23.10.26**

Half term: **26 - 30 October 2026**

2nd half of term: **02.11.26 - 18.12.26**

INSET day - Weds 2 Sept 26

GREEN TOKEN RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2		
Year 3 & 4		
Year 5 & 6		

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GOLDEN AWARDS

No Golden Awards issued this last week of term

YEAR 6 VISIT CHESSINGTON

We were so pleased that we were able to rearrange the Year 6 trip to Chessington World of Adventures for this week. It was a wonderful way to end the term for our brilliant Year 6. Everyone showed excellent behaviour, listened carefully to instructions and represented the school brilliantly.



Thank you to the teachers and parent helpers who organised & supervised the visit. It was a fantastic day that the children will remember for many years to come.













YEAR 6 VISIT CHESSINGTON CONTINUED.....















DRUMMING & DANCE PERFORMANCE

We were delighted to share our drumming and dance performance with families at the end of the year performance. The children worked incredibly hard throughout the term, showing enthusiasm, determination and teamwork in every rehearsal, and they were fantastic performing so confidently in front of all the families who came to watch. They were also incredibly supportive audience members, encouraging and celebrating each other's performances with kindness and respect. We are so proud of every child for their hard work and positive attitude. A huge thank you to all the families who came along to support the children, and to our wonderful drumming and dance teachers for inspiring, encouraging and helping the children shine.

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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.

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YEAR 6 DISCO









The Year 6 School Disco was a fantastic evening filled with music, dancing, laughter, and plenty of fun. Pupils arrived dressed in their best outfits and were excited to celebrate with their friends.

The children were singing along to their playlist and showed off their best dance moves. There were group dances, dance-offs and so much energy in the room!

The disco was a wonderful opportunity for Year 6 pupils to celebrate the end of the school year together and make lasting memories before moving on to the next stage of their education. A huge thank you goes to the staff and the parents who set up and organised the disco, making it a huge success. Finally, thank you to our Year 6 for being such great fun!





GOODBYE TO YEAR 6

We have had a truly wonderful group of Year 6 children, who have been an absolute joy throughout their time with us. From their hard work and determination in the classroom to their positive attitudes and resilience, they have continued to make us proud every day.

This year has been filled with many special memories, including their fantastic performance of The Lion King, where they showcased their confidence, creativity and teamwork. They also enjoyed celebrating together at their Year 6 disco, creating lasting memories with friends as they marked the end of their primary school journey.

As exemplary role models to the rest of the school, they have demonstrated kindness, responsibility and maturity, setting a wonderful example for younger pupils. The



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strong bonds they have formed with one another are a testament to the caring and supportive group they have become. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and know that they will go on to succeed in all that they do. We wish each and every one of them the very best for the future as they begin the next exciting chapter of their education.

CLASS TEACHERS NEXT YEAR

This week children were excited to meet their new class teachers. Here is a list of the class teachers for next academic year.

Teacher	Class
Cheryl	**6C**
Jack	**6J**
Rachel & Jonathan	**5/6R**
Lorraine K	**5L**
David	**5D**
Ruwayda	**4R**
Ellie & Chris	**4E**
Katie	**3K**
Jeremy	**3J**
Sonya	**2S**
Lorraine C	**2L**
George	**1G**
Annie	**1A**
Huw	**RH**
Sophie	**RS**
Chloe	**Nursery NC**

FREE FOOD SHOP OPEN DURING THE HOLIDAY



We are delighted to let you know that the Free Food Shop will be running for **the first three weeks of the Summer Holiday,** when the Holiday camp will be running at Gayhurst site.

On **Monday 20th July, Monday 27th July and Monday 3rd August,** families will receive a text to let them know when the shop is ready for them to come and collect food.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Gayhurst staff would like to wish all our children and their families a very happy summer break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school for their first day of Autumn Term on **Thursday 3rd September.**