

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta el otoño..... I like Autumn....

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

HACKNEY CALENDAR COMPETITION SUCCESS!

Last April, children from across the federation had the opportunity to enter the annual Hackney Religious Education (RE) Calendar Competition. This borough-wide competition includes entries from both primary and secondary schools. Every year, the LEAP federation schools have had winning entries, and this year is no exception.

Congratulations to **Angela**, a former Year 6 pupil at **Kingsmead**; **Harleen**, a former Year 6 pupil at **Grasmere**; and **Kate** (Year 6) and **Daya** (Year 4) from **Grasmere**, who have all been successful in this year's Hackney RE Calendar Competition.

The theme of this year's competition was "Sacred Stories" and children were invited to create artwork inspired by stories that are important to different faiths. All four pupils produced thoughtful and creative designs, showcasing both their artistic talents and their understanding of the theme.

We are especially proud that Angela's artwork was selected for both the front and back covers of the calendar, which is an outstanding achievement.

Well done to Angela, Harleen, Kate, and Daya on this fantastic success. We are incredibly proud of their



Harleen's design



Daya's design



Kate's design

CALENDAR COMPETITION CONTINUED....

creativity, hard work & achievement. What a wonderful way to celebrate and share their talents with the wider community!

We look forward to entering next year's RE Calendar Competition and hope that even more pupils from across our federation will be inspired to take part and showcase their creativity.

"I was really surprised and happy when I found out that I had won the RE Calendar Competition. I enjoyed taking part because I got to be creative and use what I had learnt in RE. I tried my best with my design and spent time making sure I was happy with it. I didn't expect to win, so when I found out, I felt really proud and excited. It was a great experience and I'm really glad I took part."

Kate



Angela's design

HACKNEY BOROUGH YOUTH CHOIR

Free taster session on **Wednesday 23 September**, for children in Years 4, 5 & 6 who might be interested in joining the Hackney Youth Choir.

For more details please contact **02030761535** or email **xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk**

Do you love to sing?

We are recruiting young singers to join the Hackney Borough Youth Choir (Yr4-6) & Senior Vocal Ensemble (Yr7-9)

HBVC 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 23 September 2026. Ongoing fully funded places in the choir available for eligible families.

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



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	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	2S	104
Year 3 & 4	4E	220
Year 5 & 6	5D	154



GOLDEN AWARDS

NC - **AYZEL & ANAND-RAI**
RH - **AUTUMN RAIN**
RS - **LEONTINE**

1A - **ZEBEDEE**
1G - **SID**
2L - **NADIM**
2S - **ELA**

3J - **ROSA**
3K - **VIGGO**
4E - **JARREL**
4R - **KHADIJAH**

5D - **VIKTOR**
5L - **D'NAEYAH**
5/6R - **SASHA**
6J - **BETTY**
6C - **ANNIETH**

INTERNATIONAL EVENING: Save the date!

We are really looking forward to our International Evening on **Thursday 8th October** from 4.30-6.30pm. Please support us by donating a dish using the link.
[Gayhurst International Evening Food – Fill in form](#)

SAVE THE DATE

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Each ticket includes entry to the event and one plate of food. Additional plates of food can be purchased for **£3 each** on the night

If you provide a dish or perform, receive a half-price ticket!

Come together to celebrate the many cultures and heritages that make up our Gayhurst Community. Dress up in traditional clothes, sample different foods, watch a range of performances and socialise.

There will be food available to sample different cuisines from around the world, but it is not guaranteed. We rely on the generosity of families to contribute to the dishes. When the food runs out, it is gone, so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

4:30PM - 6:30PM

Adults: £8 Children £4
 Concessions - Adults: £2 Children free

HOME READING BOOKS

Every Monday, the children will receive a new phonics Home Reader book from their phonics teacher. Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school so they have somewhere safe to keep their new book.

Your child will keep their phonics book for one week, including the weekend, and should return it to their phonics teacher the following Monday. Please note that if a book is not returned in the book bag on Monday, we may not be able to issue a new book that week.

HOME READING BOOKS CONTINUED.....

Children who stay after school for clubs enjoy a quiet reading time between 3:30pm and 3:45pm, so it is really helpful for them to have their reading book with them each day.

Please continue to send your child's book bag into school every day, as class teachers may also send home additional Home Reader books throughout the week alongside phonics books.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop a love of reading!

YEAR 5 VISIT THE BRITISH MUSEUM

This week 5L became historians for the day, enjoying a trip to the British museum to support our understanding of our current history topic, the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. The building itself sparked our interest with Emmanuel and Edison having a discussion about the columns at the entrance.

As soon as we walked in and saw the exhibition, we were excited by seeing the actual artefacts that we had been learning about in our history lessons. *'That's the helmet!'* enthused **Nesrin**. We carefully examined the exhibits to find evidence about trades, design and decoration to question and find answers to our questions about Viking and Anglo Saxon life.

'I wish I could wear the hammer charm!' - **Rufus**

'It was interesting to see the things in the museum compared to modern life' - **Arianna**



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UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS AT GAYHURST

At Gayhurst, we are proud of our school community and believe that our uniform plays an important role in creating a sense of belonging, equality and pride. We would like to thank families for their continued support in ensuring that children come to school dressed appropriately and ready to learn each day.

Our school uniform consists of:

- A light grey Gayhurst logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- A white or jade green Gayhurst logo polo shirt
- Black school trousers, black leggings, black jogging bottoms, black shorts, a black skirt or a black pinafore dress
- Black, grey or white socks or tights
- Sensible shoes or trainers
- An optional green gingham summer dress
- A Gayhurst fleece
- An optional Gayhurst book bag

For PE lessons and after-school sports clubs, all children from Reception to Year 6 should wear:

- ◇ A white Gayhurst logo PE T-shirt
- ◇ Black PE shorts, black cycling shorts, black tracksuit bottoms or black leggings
- ◇ Plimsolls or trainers
- ◇ An optional Gayhurst PE bag

A gentle reminder that all clothing and personal belongings should be clearly labelled with your child's name. As many uniform items look identical, labelling helps us quickly return misplaced items to their owners. While the school cannot accept responsibility for lost belongings, we will always do our best to reunite labelled items with their owner.



COGS NEWS



The CoGS organising committee is starting to plan this year's Winter Fair, which will take place on **Saturday 28 November**. The Winter Fair is a brilliant community event that raises significant funds to support extra-curricular arts and sports enrichment for all children at Gayhurst.

We're aiming to raise a further £10,000 to reach our target of £20,000 by the end of the calendar year, so we're looking for as many ideas and volunteers as possible to help make this year's event a success.

There will be an open, in-person planning meeting on **Wednesday 21 October**, from 6–8pm. Newcomers are very welcome to come along, find out more about CoGS and hear how you can get involved.

If you would like to attend the meeting or have any questions, please contact Sarah, CoGS Co-Chair, on 07816 880082 or email Gayhurstcogs@gmail.com.

You can also complete the online volunteer form to let us know how you would like to help at the winter fair or in another way: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/BAkrUXzYvF>

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Mon 21 Sept	Specialist Clubs begin
Wed 7 Oct	4E class assembly at 3pm
Thurs 8 Oct	International Evening 4.30 - 6.30pm
Fri 9 Oct	World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow - option to wear something yellow to school
Thurs 15 Oct	3J class assembly at 3pm
Wed 21 Oct	2S class assembly at 3pm
Mon 26—Fri 30 Oct	Half term break
Thurs 12 Nov	6C class assembly at 3pm
Fri 13 Nov	Children in need day—option to wear PJs
Mon 16 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week starts—option to wear odd socks to celebrate difference
Thurs 19 Nov	5L class assembly at 3pm
Thurs 26 Nov	Parent & Carer Consultation 1.50 - 7pm
School closed at 1.3p for all children No clubs or Extended Day	
Sat 28 Nov	CoGS Winter Fair
Thurs 10 Dec	5/6R class assembly at 3pm
Fri 11 Dec	Drumming & Dance performances 1.45pm for 1G & 2L , 2.45pm for 3J & 3K
Tues 15 Dec	Gymnastics performances: 2.30pm for 2S & 1A , 3pm for 4R & 4E
Fri 18 Dec	Last day of term
School closed at 1.3p for all children No clubs or Extended Day	