LEAP NEWS

Friday 9th October 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

El otoño es muy bonito….. *Autumn is very pretty….*

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

HELLO YELLOW AT LEAP

LEAP turned yellow today, to highlight World Mental Health Day, which takes place tomorrow Saturday 10th October. The aims of World Mental Health Day are to raise global awareness, reduce social stigma, and ensure people feel understood, supported, and less alone when facing mental health challenges.














HELLO YELLOW AT LEAP CONTINUED…..
















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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AT SCHOOL

We know how exciting birthdays are for our children, and we love seeing them enjoy these special moments with their friends at school. We want every child to be able to take part in birthday celebrations while also making sure that we are doing everything we can to keep children with allergies safe.

In line with the Department for Education's new Allergy Safety in Schools guidance, we would like to remind families of our arrangements for bringing in birthday food. We ask that any food, cakes or treats brought in for a child's birthday **must be brought to school by parents at the end of the school day and shared by parents**. Please do not leave any birthday food or cakes at the school reception for staff to share.

Please make sure **all allergy information** is available for all food items brought in, so that parents can check for any allergies. We know that these arrangements may be slightly different from what families have done in the past, but they are an important step in making sure we have an allergy-aware and safe environment for everyone. Our aim is to make sure children can still enjoy celebrating their birthdays with their friends while making sure we are clear on our food allergies systems.

Thank you.

AUTUMN PUMPKIN TRAIL AT SCHOOL OF FOOD

Friday 6 November 2026, 4.30–7pm

The School of Food's much-loved annual Autumn Pumpkin Trail is back! Tickets sell out fast, so book early to join us for an evening of glowing pumpkins, firelight and good food in our kitchen and garden.



Follow the pumpkin trail after dark, vote for your favourite carving, settle in for storytelling by the fire and get creative with nature crafts. There'll be sparklers, freshly made pizza, cakes, mulled wine and cider, plus HSoF honey and preserves to take home.

A warming bowl of pumpkin soup and fresh bread is included with every ticket.

Whether you're a regular visitor or have never been through our kitchen door before, bring your family, friends or neighbours and come and explore Hackney School of Food.

Tickets are £8.50 for adults and £4 for children. We also have 100 pay-what-you-can/free tickets so that more local families can join us.

Money raised from the evening supports our cooking and growing activities for children and families across Hackney.

You can book your ticket using the QR code on the poster or on this link.

THREE FREE FAMILY COOK-A-LONG SESSIONS



If you are in receipt of means-tested support you can book to join the three FREE family cook a long sessions being run at the School of Food, in October, November and December—see dates and times on the poster.

Scan thee QR code or email hello@hackneyschooloffood.com to express interest in joining.



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	**2L**	124
Year 3 & 4	**3J**	135
Year 5 & 6	**6J**	188



GOLDEN AWARDS

NC - **BRODIE & SIENNA**
RH - **ART**
RS – **JUDE**

1A - **LIGAYA**
1G– **FELIX**
2L – **ELLIOT**
2S –**MOHAMED**

3J - **IVY K**
3K - **ACEN**
4E– **ORAN**
4R–**TASKEEEN**

5D - **JESSIE**
5L – **FRIDAY**
5/6R – **ROVAUGHNI**
6J – **MALAKAI**
6C – **PRIMROSE**

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Our International Evening was exceptionally well attended by families, children and staff from across our school community. It was a fantastic opportunity to come together, celebrate our diverse backgrounds and enjoy an evening filled with culture, food, music and fun.

A huge thank you to **all the staff and families** who generously donated food. The incredible variety of dishes on offer reflected the rich diversity of our community. More than anything, the evening was characterised by a warm and welcoming atmosphere as families, children and staff came together to celebrate, share experiences and enjoy each other's company. We would also like to thank **COGS** for organising the school uniform recycling rail, which was very well received, and **Joshua and Georgie** for running the ever-popular popcorn stall.

Throughout the evening, we were treated to a series of fantastic performances that showcased the many talents of our children. Their confidence, enthusiasm and hard work shone through, delighting the audience from start to finish. The celebrations ended in style with a brilliant steel band performance, whose lively set had people on their feet dancing and enjoying the music.

The school was filled with colour and excitement, with many children and adults wearing traditional and vibrant clothing. Face painting, henna designs and temporary tattoos proved especially popular and added to the festive atmosphere.

Outside, families enjoyed refreshments while taking part in a lively Latino dance workshop. It was great to see so many people joining in and having fun together.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive community, and it was a pleasure to come together to celebrate everything that makes it so special. Thank you to everyone who attended, performed, volunteered and









INTERNATIONAL EVENING CONTTINUED…

contributed to making the event such a memorable occasion. We look forward to doing it all again next year!













5D'S ANGLO SAXONS & VIKINGS EXPLORATIONS

Over the past four weeks, Year 5 have been exploring the fascinating world of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We investigated who these groups were, why they came to Britain and how they shaped life in the British Isles. Through studying artefacts, maps and historical sources, the children discovered what daily life was like, compared Anglo-Saxon and Viking beliefs, and learned about significant events such as Viking raids and settlements. We were impressed by the children's curiosity, thoughtful discussions and growing understanding of how historians use evidence to learn about the past.



"I liked the way we started with the arrival of Anglo-Saxons and journeyed through time to the invasion of the Vikings" – **Miya 5D**



" I like learning about the Sutton Hoo burial grounds, it taught is so much about Anglo-Saxons" – **Elias 5D**



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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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4E's CLASS ASSEMBLY

4E kicked off International Evening with an excellent class assembly celebrating the cultures that make up our classroom. Our aliens were shown around planet earth in their rocket ship by 4E, some particular highlights being snakes in Australia, dancing the Macarena in Spain and learning the myth of Persephone in Greece. The children showed confidence and pride in their cultures which was fabulous to see. A big well done!



'It was so much fun' - **Freddie**

'We performed well' - **Remi**











NUT FREE ZONE

A reminder to all parents that our school is a nut-free zone

We have children in our school with severe nut allergies and even very small amounts of nuts or nut-containing products can cause a serious allergic reaction.

Please do not send children to school with nuts or foods containing nuts, including items such as:

- Peanut butter or other nut butters
- Products containing peanuts, almonds, hazelnuts, cashews or other nuts
- Cereal bars or snacks containing nuts
- Cakes, biscuits or other homemade treats containing nuts

We kindly ask that you check food labels carefully before placing snacks, treats in your child's bag.

We appreciate that accidents can happen, so please speak to your child about the importance of not sharing food with others at school.

Thank you for helping us keep all our children safe, happy and included. Your support is very much appreciated.

NSPCC SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE

This week we had visits from the NSPCC and Buddy. This followed an assembly a couple of weeks ago which introduced the campaign to the children. The special workshops this week were for Year 2, 5 and 6. The workshops were all about teaching children the importance of keeping safe. The children were taught what harm is and how to recognise signs of harm. The message was that harm is never a child's fault and that everyone has the right to be safe. Within the workshops, the children discussed the importance of speaking to safe adults in school and out of school. They also learnt about Childline and when and how to contact Childline.





KEY DATES THIS TERM

Thurs 15 Oct **3J** class assembly at 3pm
Tues 20 Oct Yr 6 Residential meeting for parents 5pm
Wed 21 Oct **2S** class assembly at 3pm
Mon 26—Fri 30 Oct Half term break
Sat 31 Oct Deadline for Secondary School admissions
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 1.30pm 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 1.30pm for all children
No clubs or Extended Day