LEAP NEWS

Friday 16th October 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

las hojas caen de los árboles….. *The leaves fall from the trees….*

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

CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING RESULTS ACROSS OUR LEAP SCHOOLS!

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about how well our children across the four LEAP schools performed in last summer's Year 6 SATs tests. The results show that all four of our schools are among the highest-performing primary schools in Hackney, with achievements well above both borough and national averages.

Across LEAP, an impressive 88% of children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, compared with 73% across Hackney and 63% nationally. That means almost nine out of every ten children across our federation reached the expected standard in all three subjects!

There were some particularly fantastic achievements:

Grasmere achieved 90% in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, placing it joint top in Hackney.

Gayhurst achieved 89%, placing it joint second in the borough, with an exceptional 96% of children reaching the expected standard in Maths.

Mandeville achieved 86%, including an outstanding 96% of children reaching the expected standard in Reading.

Kingsmead achieved 83%, with 90% of children reaching the expected standard in Maths.

We are particularly proud that all four schools performed so strongly, reflecting the benefits of working together as a federation, sharing expertise and maintaining high expectations for every child.

Helping Every Child Achieve Their Best

It isn't just the number of children reaching the expected standard that makes these results so impressive. We also have exceptionally high numbers of children achieving the higher standards in their tests and assessments, showing that we are successfully challenging and stretching children to achieve their very best.

At Kingsmead, an extraordinary 76% of children achieved the higher standard in Reading — the highest percentage of any Hackney primary school! Grasmere also achieved outstanding results, with 63% reaching the higher standard in Reading and 50% in Maths. At Mandeville, 29% achieved the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, while Gayhurst achieved an impressive 42% at Greater Depth in Writing.

Across all four schools, the proportion of children achieving the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined was above the Hackney average.

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Success for All Our Children

One of the things we are especially proud of across LEAP is our commitment to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed, whatever their individual needs or starting point.

Our results show that children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) are achieving exceptionally well, with outcomes significantly above those of similar pupils nationally. At Kingsmead, children from disadvantaged backgrounds consistently achieve in line with, and sometimes better than, their classmates. At Mandeville, an impressive 86% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, with almost a third also achieving the higher standard.

We are equally committed to ensuring that children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) receive the support and challenge they need to flourish. At Gayhurst, for example, outcomes for children with SEND compare favourably with those of children with similar needs across Hackney.

These achievements reflect something we believe very strongly across LEAP: inclusion and high academic expectations go hand in hand. We want every child to feel valued, supported and challenged, and to experience the pride and confidence that comes from achieving their best.

Strong Foundations from the Very Beginning

Success in Year 6 doesn't happen overnight. It is built on the learning, encouragement and support children receive throughout their primary school years.

Our youngest learners are also doing brilliantly. In the Year 1 phonics assessments, which check children's early reading skills, all four LEAP schools achieved results above both Hackney and national averages, with between 86% and 93% of children reaching the expected standard.

These strong foundations help children develop the confidence and skills they need as they move through school.

So Much More Than Test Results!

Of course, we know that a great primary education is about much more than SATs results. We want our children to be happy, curious, creative and confident, to enjoy learning, develop friendships and discover new

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interests and talents.

We believe that high academic standards and a rich, exciting and inclusive education go hand in hand. Our children benefit from interesting, creative and challenging teaching throughout their time with us, and these results are one important reflection of that work.

Behind every percentage is a child who has worked hard, overcome challenges, made progress and grown in confidence. These achievements are also a real credit to our wonderful staff, whose dedication, expertise and teamwork make such a difference every day.

A huge congratulations to all our children and staff across Gayhurst, Grasmere, Kingsmead and Mandeville. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved together!

And a big thank you to our families for the encouragement and support you give your children throughout their learning journey.

THE FAMILY COACH SERVICE WELLBEING WALKS

These walks are for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities. No need for a formal diagnosis or EHCP to joing the group. If you'd like to take part email **familycoach@hackney.gov.uk**



HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD AUTUMN TRAIL

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.



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	**1A**	117
Year 3 & 4	**3K**	143
Year 5 & 6	**6C**	181

GOLDEN AWARDS

NC - **NEVE & FRANCIS**
RH - **MALAIYAH**
RS – **MARCOS**

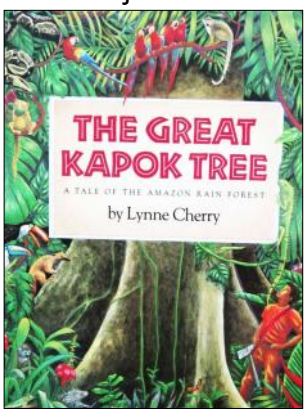
1A - **ENZO**
1G– **OTIS**
2L – **STEVIE D**
2S –**DUKE**

3J - **WHOLE CLASS**
3K - **ACEN**
4E– **ORAN**
4R–**ALENA**

5D - **ELIAS**
5L – **EDITH**
5/6R- **AYAZ**
6J – **CALLIOPE**
6C – **MARTHA**

3J CLASS ASSEMBLY

3J performed their class assembly based on the story The Great Kapok Tree, which we have been studying in English. Through their acting, speaking and singing, the children shared the important message of protecting rainforests and caring for our environment. They performed with confidence, enthusiasm and excellent expression, showcasing all of their hard work.
Well done 3J!









FOOTBALL NEWS

Last week, our boys' and girls' football teams represented the school brilliantly demonstrating determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship throughout the football tournament.

Both teams made a fantastic start to the competition, progressing successfully through their group stages and securing places in the quarter-finals. They faced a strong Riverside side in their knockout matches, with both games proving to be closely contested encounters.

The boys were unfortunate to lose 1–0 in a hard-fought match, while the girls took their quarter-final all the way to a penalty shootout after an excellent performance. A special mention goes to **Angel,** who made a fantastic penalty save to keep her team in contention. *'I love being in the team, we get to work together'* **Mae** 5L

Well done to all of our players for their positive attitude and commitment. We are very proud of you!









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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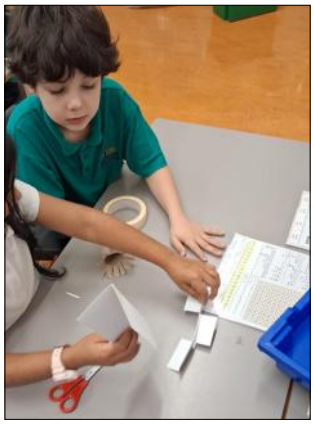
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YEAR 2's DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

This term, Year 2 have stepped into the roles of structural engineers. In Design and Technology, we have been exploring the fascinating world of freestanding structures. Our challenge: To design and build a secure, stable freestanding enclosure for an animal.

To start the project, the children investigated existing structures in our local environment. We analysed how they were supported and balanced. We then practiced joining techniques.

In design teams, we combined our ideas and then brought our visions to life by selecting appropriate materials and using our joining skills to manufacture our final products. We are incredibly proud of our problem-solving skills, creativity, and teamwork!











COGS NEWS

WINTER FAIR

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

Tues 20 Oct Yr 6 Residential meeting for parents 5pm

Wed 21 Oct **2S** class assembly at 3pm + CoGS planning meeting 6—8pm

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