LEAP NEWS

Friday 6th November 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar con mis amigos….. *I like to play with my friends….*

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

LEAP STAFF GET PUMPKIN CARVING

On Thursday after school, LEAP staff from across all four schools met at Mandeville and got creative - at a special pumpkin carving session. The Hackney School of Food's Autumn Trail takes place today (Friday 6th November) and LEAP staff provide carved pumpkins for the trail, which families visiting the event are able to vote for their favourite pumpkin. A winner and runner up for each school is selected with a prize for each school's winning design. Look out in next week's newsletter for photos and a news story on the Hackney School of Food's Autumn Trail event and announcements on the winning pumpkins!

























KAMPALA BUZZLINE & KINGSMEAD'S SUPPORT

Kingsmead Primary School's Year 6 class recently created felt bag gifts and a supportive video message for children in Uganda, participating in the Kampala Buzzline project, as they were holding a community Bee Run and Greenest School competition. Kingsmead is twinned with the New Brain School in Kampala, a relationship that came out of both schools' work supporting pollinating insects through both the Hackney and Kampala Buzzline projects. The gifts were very well received and Gerry, from EcoACTIVE, the sustainable education charity who set up the Hackney Buzzline, shared some lovely photos and film clips from the event in Kampala which he attended. Year 6 were delighted to see the photos and short videos of the children receiving their gifts.

You can read more about this story [in this Hackney Gazette article.]















CHILDREN IN NEED - PJ DAY

Don't forget next **Friday 13th November** is Children in Need day and we are encouraging all LEAP children and staff to **come to school in pyjamas** and bring some coin donations to school, to help raise funds for Children in Need.

BBC Children in Need

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Follow us on Instagram: @leapfederation @kingsmeade9 @gayhurste8 @mandevillee5 @grasmeren16

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	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	**2L**	164
Year 3 & 4	**3J**	142
Year 5 & 6	**5D**	190

GOLDEN AWARDS

NC - **ZAHRA & HUGO**
RH - **FLEUR**
RS – **SUKI**

1A - **CAIRO**
1G– **MARLO**
2L – **LEORR**
2S –**LEO**

3J - **UMI**
3K - **MARIE**
4E– **EREN**
4R–**NYSSA**

5D - **DEXTER**
5L – **PHILIP**
5/6R– **ANOUK**
6J – **VENICE**
6C – **MICKEY**

SUITCASE STORIES WORKSHOP

Year 2 discovered how Hackney has changed through the stories and suitcases of people who have travelled to Hackney from all over the world and throughout history. The children became detectives, searching through suitcases to find clues about their owners. Through object handling, role play & using photographs, toys, clothes, passports, diaries and letters they discovered who owned the suitcase, where in the world they moved from and what Hackney was like when they moved here. It was an excellent opportunity for the children to learn about the many contributions that people of all races and religions gave to Hackney to make it the place it is today.






LOST PROPERTY UPDATE

We need your help! Lost property has been on our radar more and more across the school, with large amounts of clothing, water bottles, bags and other personal items being left around the building and playground each day. Unfortunately, most of these items are not labelled, making it very difficult to return them to their owners.

Please ensure that all items of clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. Labels can fade or wash off over time, so we recommend checking them regularly and rewriting names using a permanent marker where necessary.

To help manage lost property more effectively, we are introducing the following procedures:

- All clothing and personal items will be sent home with children each Friday.
- PE kits for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be stored in classroom PE boxes.

LOST PROPERTY UPDATE CONTINUED.....

- No other items will be kept in school over the weekend.
- As part of the Gayhurst School Green Team, our Lost Property Monitors check shared spaces and playgrounds daily, returning named items to their owners whenever possible.
- Any remaining unlabelled items, including coats, bags and water bottles, will be sorted and placed in the lost property cage at the end of the day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- If it is raining, lost property will be placed under the shelter in the Reception playground.
- Please note that any items not collected by the end of each week will be recycled or disposed of.

Named items can be quickly returned to their owner, helping us to reduce the amount of lost property across the school and ensuring belongings make their way back home where they belong.

Label it. Find it. Keep it!



KEY DATES THIS TERM

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 Fair12—4pm
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

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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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LUNCHTIME BUDDIES

We are proud of our new Lunchtime Buddies, who are helping to make lunchtimes and playtimes enjoyable for everyone. They support staff by filling water jugs, checking tables are clean and tidy, and helping the lunch hall run smoothly. They also spend time with younger children in the playground, playing games and helping everyone feel included and happy.

Thank you to our Lunchtime Buddies for showing such responsibility, kindness and teamwork. We are very proud of the positive difference they make to our school community.



'We ask the children about their food and we put the cups out, then we play with the younger children in the playground' – lunchtime buddy (yr 5)







HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Hackney School of Food, where we developed our cooking skills and learned about food preparation and safety. We practised our knife skills using the bridge and claw grips to chop vegetables safely and confidently. We also learned about how different cultures use ingredients and recipes to create unique dishes, exploring how meatballs can be found in many cuisines around the world, from the Middle East to Europe. The highlight of the day was making delicious lamb meatballs from scratch, using the ingredients we had prepared ourselves. It was a fun, hands-on experience that helped us learn more about cooking, nutrition, cultural diversity and kitchen safety. Well done, Year 5!





"I loved making the lamb meatballs and learning how to chop vegetables safely." – **Ekow**, 5D

"It was fun to learn that people in different cultures make their own kinds of meatballs." – **Azra**, 5D

COGS NEWS

WINTER FAIR RAFFLE - To buy your raffle tickets click on this link

Gayhurst Raffle

Your chance to WIN one of an ever-growing list of amazing prizes generously donated by parents, friends & local businesses.

ALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE: our kids at Gayhurst!

Please scan the QR code below to see what amazing prizes you can win and to purchase your tickets (£1 each)!!

Share with your family and friends!

Please contact gayhurstcogs@gmail.com if you have any (gratefully received) donations you would like to offer to our prize list.

Ticket Sales are Open now

Ticket Sales Close: 28th November at 4pm with the Raffle drawn automatically on 28th November at 6pm.

You will be alerted by email if you have won and how to collect.

Charity number 1139038











