



# LEAP NEWS

**Friday 6th November 2020**

**SPANISH PHRASE** of the week:

**Me gusta aprender .... *I like learning ...***

**Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership**

## WELCOME BACK

We hope all our families had a restful half term break. It was great to see the children back in all our schools on Tuesday, rested and ready to learn.

Following the Government's decision to put in place the Autumn Measures and Restrictions across the country, as you are aware, schools will remain open. We are updating our Risk Assessments and continue to prioritise the safety of all our children and our staff. Please note that as we know that good ventilation helps to limit the spread of Covid, we are keeping windows open in all our classrooms. We have heating in all rooms but as the outside temperature drops **you may want to make sure your child comes dressed in extra layers of clothing** to ensure they keep warm. We are also increasing the amount of physical activity for all children, this will be in addition to the usual 2 hours a week of PE and will not require PE kit.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO EX GAYHURST PUPIL TAO



We were thrilled to learn of ex Gayhurst pupil, Tao Geoghegan Hart's, spectacular win of the Giro d'Italia at the end of October. The Giro d'Italia is an annual multiple-stage bicycle race

primarily held in Italy, and along with the Tour de France, is one of the most prestigious cycling races in the world! Tao has been passionate about cycle racing since he was very young, and used to cycle in the Gayhurst school cycling team!

## DATE FOR THE DIARY: PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS ON FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER

Please note that on **Friday 11th December** all 3 of our **schools will close early at 1:30pm** for children so that this term's Parent/Carer Consultations can take place.

More information on how these meetings will be held will be provided in next week's newsletter

## STAFF PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Staff from across our federation came together for the first LEAP pumpkin carving competition. We had a huge number of entries and each one helped light up the Autumnal Trail at the Hackney School of Food, that was held just before the half term break. We asked the public to decide on their favourite pumpkins and the response was overwhelming. After a tight race, three pumpkins emerged victorious. These were the winners from each school:

**Lauren H**

**Shenaz**

**Jodie**



**Gayhurst**

**Kingsmead**

**Mandeville**

Well done to all of our talented staff and thank you to everyone who voted!

## myON DIGITAL LIBRARY



We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have invested in myON. MyON is a digital library that works in connection with Renaissance Accelerated Reader. It can be accessed from any computer or tablet. With over 1000 books to choose from, myON uses clever

technology to track what children are reading, what their likes and dislikes are, what level they are reading at and is able to recommend books specifically for each individual child. There are also tools which enable the child to be read to, a dictionary function for children to clarify those tricky words and an opportunity for children to write their own reviews for others. Your child's class teacher will have handed out the usernames and passwords this week and taught a short lesson, showing the children how to use the platform. You can download the app at App Store for apple devices or at Amazon for android or access it directly through your web browser at <https://www.myon.co.uk/> If you have any further questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

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# GAYHURST NEWS

## SCHOOL DINNERS

### Autumn Term 2020

#### 1st half of term

02/09/20 — 23/10/20 = £ 70

#### 2nd half of term

03/11/20 — 18/12/20 = £ 61.25

Whole term = £131.25

INSET DAYS: 01/09/20 & 02/11/20

## TOP ATTENDANCE

Every week we feature the classes with the top attendance in this section of the newsletter

Reception: **RH** – 99% Attendance

Yr 1 & 2: **2RJ & 2M**– 100% Attendance

Yr 3 & 4: **4L**– 100% Attendance

Yr 5 & 6: **5/6M**– 98% Attendance



## GOLDEN AWARDS

NM - **FELIX**

NR - **NESRIN**

RJ - **MARTHA**

RR - **LEON**

RH- **JAS-**

1M - **GABRIEL C**

1P - **MIA H**

1/2C - **RASHAN**

2M - **CORBIN**

2RJ - **SEREN**

3L - **CALLUM**

3H - **XAVIER**

3/4A - **ROMAN**

4J - **MAILY**

4L - **ROSA**

5W - **LUNA**

5J - **FAVOUR**

5/6M - **KALVIN**

6T - **CILIAN**

6C - **TEEGAN**

## CLASS 6C NEWS

This term 6C have been enjoying their African Drumming and Dance sessions, led by Ms. Harley and Aaron. Their routine to the song Jerusalema is a fusion of contemporary dance mixed with body percussion which they have demonstrated great skill in just a few weeks. Learning a new drumming routine has also brought much excitement to the class. All lessons begin and end with some relaxing music which creates a sense of ambience and calm, preparing the class mentally for the rest of the day.

*"I am excited about preparing for the performance at the end of the term"* - **Leila**

*"I enjoy this session because it is energetic and gets me moving. I feel energized for the rest of the day"* - **Olly**

*"African drumming and dance is wonderful because it gives me a chance to exercise"* - **Amid**



## SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP

Just before half term Gayhurst children were lucky enough to experience a fantastic trial of a Shakespeare workshop

designed by our Associate governor for Creativity, Michael Judge. 90 children from 6C, 6T and 5/6M were treated to a performance of Hamlet, especially arranged to be

performed in school's for this age group. The performers really brought the text to life for our children and their were live musical performances featuring cello, banjo and guitar. In the absence of being able to take children to live theatre or to music concerts it is great that we can bring the performers to us.

*"I liked the way that it built lots of momentum and you wanted to know what happened next"* - **Ege 6C**



## SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP CONTINUED....

*"I really liked it because normally we don't get to see many plays. I know that some Shakespeare plays are quite dark but they made it funny and they kept the original theme"* - **Krystal 6C**



## MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCE

Thank you to all our families who are managing to try and keep socially distanced when dropping off and picking up their children at the various school gates. In light of new COVID limitation measures put in place by the Government on Thursday this week, it is especially important that we all try and maintain the 2 meters apart guidance to protect ourselves and each other.

## STAR READERS

Well done to this week's Star Reader classes;

**2M** for reading 35,406 words

**4J** for reading 104,323 words

**6C** for reading 1,463,632 words

Congratulations to the following classes who were the Star Readers for the week before half term:

**2M** – who read 336,377 words

**4J** —who read 87,695 words

**5/6M** – who read 202,694 words

## BUY BOOKS FROM SCHOLASTIC

and earn book rewards for our school...

Did you know you can help raise funds to pay for books at school, by purchasing books for your family online at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/spend-your-rewards>.

Scholastic have a huge range of discounted children's books and will contribute 20p of every £1 you spend over £10, to a school of your choice.

You just need to click on the rewards option when buying your books...and select Gayhurst school when prompted to choose the school you want your rewards to go to.