



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 30th September 2022

SPANISH PHRASE of the week:

Estamos felices con nuestros amigos... — We are happy with our friends...

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

SCHOOL OF FOOD BEE NEWS

The beginning of this term has seen a flurry of activity in the School of Food's apiary, as the bee colony winds down from the busy summer months of gathering nectar and converting it to honey to store inside the hive. As the days get colder and shorter, the colony is beginning to shrink down to a smaller winter size, as there are less flowers to visit, so there are less bees needed to gather food.

As beekeepers we need to make sure that the bees have collected enough honey & pollen to feed themselves throughout the winter - if we think the bees have stored enough then we can then take the extra to be extracted. The Bee Team have been emptying the supers of worker bees using special one-way doors in the roof of the hive called 'bee porters' so the bees will stay warm and clustered in the brood box. We now have 8 frames of capped honeycomb ready for harvesting, which is roughly 5 kilograms!

The next stage of the process is to place the frames in a honey extractor, which spins the frames around very quickly inside a metal tube, so the honey is flung out and drips down the sides to the bottom, where there is a tap so we can fill up jars, and then reuse the now empty frames next year.

Vocabulary

- Apiary** – location of the bee hives in the garden
- Nectar** – sweet, sticky liquid made by plants to attract pollinators. Turned into honey by bees to feed the adults
- Pollen** – powder made by plants to help produce seeds & fruits. Given to baby bees as food
- Frames** – wax filled rectangles, which the bees use to make cells in which they store honey and pollen or lay eggs
- Capping** – the wax top of the cells to protect the honey brood box where the colony lives, and most importantly where the queen lays her eggs.
- Supers** - are extra boxes on top of the brood box, where the queen cannot get to, but where worker bees can store honey. Think of these as like an attic on your house

We were lucky enough over the summer holidays to have world-famous musician **Loyle Carner** visit our gardens, and he was so excited about our bee hive that Chef Tom invited him to put on a bee suit and see inside the hive – he was even allowed to hold a frame of bees!



POEMS FOR THE PLANET

To mark National Poetry Day which is on **Thursday 6th October**, an exciting new competition has been launched by Greenpeace and National Poetry Day! Open to all children aged 7 and above, the competition invites you to put your poetry hat on. They want your lively limericks, heartfelt haikus and polished prose on the theme of **the environment and hope**.

POEMS FOR THE PLANET CONTINUED.....

You can enter **one poem** on the theme of the environment and hope. You can use any form of poetry and your poem can be **up to 400 words**. The deadline for entering your poem is midnight on **1st December 2022**.

To find out more information and how to enter your poem online please click [here](#).

For inspiration and to get you started here's a wonderful poem called Nature Trail by **Benjamin Zephaniah**

Nature Trail

At the bottom of my garden
There's a hedgehog and a frog
And a lot of creepy-crawlies
Living underneath a log,
There's a baby daddy long legs
And an easy-going snail
And a family of woodlice,
All are on my nature trail.



Squirrels come to nick my nuts
And busy bees come buzzing
And when the night time comes
Sometimes some dragonflies come humming,
My garden mice are very shy
And I've seen bats that growl
And in my garden I have seen
A very wise old owl.

There are caterpillars waiting
For their time to come to fly,
There are worms turning the earth over
As ladybirds fly by,
Birds will visit, cats will visit
But they always chose their time
And I've even seen a fox visit
This wild garden of mine.

My garden is a lively place
There's always something happening,
There's this constant search for food
And then there's all that flowering,
When you have a garden
You will never be alone
And I believe we all deserve
A garden of our own.



FREE LOCAL YOGA CLASSES FOR ADULTS

A group called Flip Your Dog for Mental Health are running a series of free yoga classes in the local area, for adults. The classes will run at **Pembury Community Centre, Kingsmead Community Centre and the Pedro Club**. Take a look at the timetable on the poster below.

"Our classes are free to attend (if people would like to make a donation they can pay if forward and support further community classes), open to all levels of experience, yoga mats are provided and our teachers are super friendly."

WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE

- MONDAY:** Chair Based Yoga 11.15am-12.00pm @Pembury Community Centre
- TUESDAY:** Movement & Yoga 11.30-12.30pm @Pembury Community Centre
- WEDNESDAY:** Parent & Baby Yoga 10.00-11.00am @Kingsmead Community Centre
- FRIDAY:** Open Level Yoga 6.30-7.30pm @Kingsmead Community Centre
- SATURDAY:** Open Level Yoga 10.00-11.00am @The Pedro Club

Peabody | www.flipyourdogformentalhealth.com

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Autumn Term 2022

1st half of term: 05/09/22 - 21/10/22
 Half term: 24 - 28 October 2022
 2nd half of term: 31/10/22 - 16/12/22
 1st half term dinner money **£61.25**
 2nd half term dinner money **£61.25**
 Total for the term **£122.50**

TOP ATTENDANCE

Well done to the following classes who achieved the best attendance last week:
 Reception : **RM** 99%
 Year 1 & 2: **1/2S** 99%
 Year 3 & 4: **3/4M** and **4T** 97%
 Year 5 & 6: **5/6S** 97%



GOLDEN AWARDS

NRam—**NELL**
 NRpm—**XAVIER**
 RM—**ASTRID**
 RH—**STELLA**

1G—**MUSTAFA**
 1K—**DEXTER**
 1/2S—**FRANCES**
 2L—**SEHER**
 2P—**MAXWELL**

3V—**KIT WARREN**
 3L—**JESSE**
 3/4M—**MILO**
 4D—**MIRA**
 4T—**ELLIOT**

5W—**ANGEL**
 5E—**MARYAM**
 5/6S—**ANUK**
 6J—**HEIDI**
 6C—**ARTEMIS**

HOME READING

Children who read at home, are more likely to be successful learners at school. At Gayhurst we encourage children, parents and carers to read every day. All children have been given a labelled zip lock bookbag, a home school reading booklet and a book. Every child is expected to bring their bookbag to school every day. This supports routine and ensures that children have daily access to their current reading book. We welcome feedback about your child's reading experiences at home, so please do use the home school reading booklets to communicate with us. As early readers are encouraged to repeat the same book over a number of days to develop fluency and quick recall of sight vocabulary, books are not changed daily.

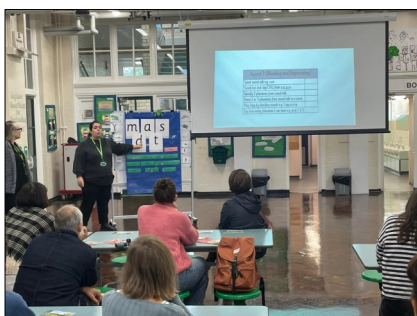
Established readers will also have longer texts that require reading over a period of time.

Daily story time at home is a fantastic opportunity to share conversations about characters, responses, plot, experiences and preferences. It helps children with their vocabulary and literacy sequencing, fostering a lifelong love of reading. Remember that non-fiction books are just as important as fiction. For more tips, click on the link below to the Book Trust Website which has a number of reading guides for parents and carers.

[Tips for reading with your child | BookTrust](#)

PHONICS WORKSHOP

On Wednesday morning, Reception parents were invited into school to hear all about how we teach Phonics and early reading in Reception. As a school, we follow the **Read Write Inc** programme which provides a systematic approach to learning sounds and blending them together. Thanks to all who attended the workshop. We look forward to our next workshop.



YR 6 PARENT/CARER SECONDARY TRANSITION MEETING

Next week there will be a meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 6 to find out information about secondary transition. Within this meeting there will be opportunities to sign up for slots if you need support completing the online secondary admission form.

This secondary transition meeting will take place on **Thursday 6th October at 5pm**

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION EVENING

This year, our Year 6 residential will be a camping trip, based at Phasels Wood Activity Centre, Kings Langley. We are holding a Year 6 residential information meeting on **Thursday 20th October at 5pm**.



At this meeting, we will provide more information about the trip, including the opportunity to hear about all the activities that are planned, more detail about the location and camping experience.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 6th Oct** 6C class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 6th Oct** Secondary transition information evening (Year 6 parents & carers) 5pm
- Thurs 20th Oct** 4T class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 20th Oct** Year 6 Residential Meeting 5pm
- Thurs 10th Nov** 5E class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 17th Nov** 3V class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 24th Nov** RH class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 1st Dec** 6J class assembly at 3pm
- Wed 7th Dec** Parent/Carer consultation evening- school closes at 1:30pm
- Frid 9th Dec** Drumming and Dance performances: 4T, 2P, 3L, 1K and 5W (timings tbc)
- Tues 13th Dec** Gymnastics performances: 4D, 12S, 3/4M, 5/6S and 2L (timings tbc)
- Fri 16th Dec** Last day of term- school closes at 1:30pm.

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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