



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 8th September 2023

**SPANISH PHRASE** of the week  
Bien venidos a la escuela.... Welcome to school...

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

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our existing families and a big **Welcome to LEAP** to our new children and families. For the benefit of everyone we thought we'd take a moment to explain what LEAP is....

### What is LEAP?

The LEAP Federation consists of three schools: **Kingsmead**, **Gayhurst** and **Mandeville** as well as the food education hub, **The Hackney School of Food**. The three schools of our federation, Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville are led overall by one Executive Headteacher, **Louise Nichols** and one **Governing Body** made up of parents, community members, business leaders and others with an interest in schools. Our senior leaders, the three headteachers of each school **Evelyn Deeney**, **Karen Pedro** and **Marc Thompson** and **Louise** work closely together to develop the schools.

There are other senior leaders who work across our schools such as **Meret Stokes**, LEAP Associate Deputy for Curriculum and **Lisa Clarke**, LEAP Associate Deputy for Teacher Training and CPD, LEAP's business manager, **Cyrilene Malcolm** and other admin staff also work cross school thereby ensuring joined up and more effective back office working.

Subjects are led by cross school leaders for each of the primary subjects we teach. English, Maths, Science, Design Technology, Art, Music, PE, History, Geography, Computing, Spanish, Religious Education & PHSE. More about how we teach each subject is available [here](#). We developed our own new curriculum and called it the **LEAP Empowerment Curriculum** as it follows the three R's; it is Rich, Representative and Relevant. We are very proud of our curriculum and the fact that other schools purchase it from us, as it provides an excellent grounding across the board for all our children and is not based on a Eurocentric view of the world. More information on this can be found [here](#) where you will see how, for example, we teach Black History all year round and not in Black History month only, as happens elsewhere.

In our two most recent OFSTED inspections separate inspectors have said this of our curriculum:

*"Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum which helps pupils to learn more and to remember more. Leaders have ensured that pupils achieve very well in their writing, reading and mathematics, and also enjoy a rich and broad curriculum. Subject specialists have put*

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*together carefully sequenced curriculum content. This helps pupils to revisit and embed earlier learning regularly, and to make links across subjects. Leaders enrich and enhance the curriculum.*

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And

*"The curriculum is very well put together by subject specialists from across the federation. Leaders have made sure that the content of curriculum subjects is rich, ambitious and reflects pupils' backgrounds. Leaders and staff focus on making sure that pupils recall knowledge over time. In history, for example, pupils confidently recall historical knowledge and develop a strong understanding of chronology. For instance, pupils talked with enthusiasm about their detailed knowledge of the ancient Egyptians and the Anglo-Saxons".*

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Each school in LEAP maintains its own original character but benefits from cross school and team working and from collective professional development and collegial working which benefits all children in our care. We organise cross school events and competitions and share innovation and specialist teachers such as gymnastics, music teachers, dance instructors and art specialists.

The name LEAP came from Learning Education and Arts Partnership which was chosen to represent our visual and performing arts focus and was also a play on the fact that our local river is the River Lea. Please explore the LEAP website as well as the website for your child's school – links below.

**LEAP federation website:** [www.leapfederation.org](http://www.leapfederation.org)

**Kingsmead website:** [www.kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk)

**Gayhurst website:** [www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk)

**Mandeville website:** [www.mandeville.hackney.sch.uk](http://www.mandeville.hackney.sch.uk)

We publish a weekly newsletter which is emailed to every parent who is registered with us. The newsletter you will get will have the news about your own school as well as some news about LEAP generally. Emma de Sausmarez who is LEAP's Communications Officer is responsible for putting together our newsletter each week.

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## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

### FOR ALL!

We are delighted to be able to now offer ALL our families and their children a free school meal, thanks to the Mayor of London's Universal Free School Meal offer, which came into place across all London Primary schools at the start of this academic year in September 2023. We know this will make a big difference to the many families who have not previously qualified for Free School Meals. Children have been thoroughly enjoying the delicious meals on offer across our three schools this week.

Please remember it is still really important to **still register for Free School Meals** if you are on Universal credit as your child could get other benefits such as free after school clubs, subsidised trips and free music lessons.

Every new family who successfully register for FSM will get a **free school sweat shirt** which they can claim by contacting their school office.

Also you should be aware that our Nursery children are getting free school meals paid for by the school as these were not part of the offer from the mayors office.

If you feel that you could afford to donate the money you are saving on Free School Meals back to the school we would be very grateful for this. Many parents have set up standing orders to do this. The money you donate is used to subsidise children who cant afford trips and activities and also to bring in whole school projects and visitors and specialists to enhance the curriculum. You can donate as little or as much as you like to support the school and we guarantee that it will help to support your child's school. The school bank account details are here for you to arrange a direct debit or one off payment – please put payment reference of your child's name (to ensure it is used for the right school) and the word **donation**.

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## FREE LOCAL DANCE CLASSES

Below is information about free afterschool hip hop/ street dance classes that will be running for children from age 5 upwards. The classes are run by Creative Kids.

**Where:** Nye Bevan Community Hall,  
Lower Clapton, Hackney E5 0AH

**When:** Wednesdays (from Sept 20th onwards)

**Times:** 4– 5pm for ages 5 - 10  
5 – 6pm for ages 10+

There is some flexibility with ages so if you're not sure please email us. Wear comfy clothes and bring water

This is a relaxed and welcoming class so please come join! Beginners very welcome.



## LEAP SUMMER CAMPS

For 16 days from the very start of the school summer holidays, all three LEAP schools offered amazing Summer Camps (Kingsmead and Mandeville's camp ran at Kingsmead school and Gayhurst's camp ran at Gayhurst school), where children could come and take part in a range of fun activities from 10am to 2pm every day. Delicious hot meals were offered to all attending, thanks to our wonderful Summer camp Kitchen Teams (Shernette, Helen & Jackie in the Kingsmead kitchen and Margaret & Toyin in the Gayhurst kitchen). The range of activities and sports running across both camps was fantastic and included: archery (at Gayhurst only), dodgeball, basketball, cricket, football, table tennis, athletics, street dance, art and crafts, gardening, imaginative play and more.

This year we were also able to include trips as part of the summer camp offer, to the Hackney Picture House cinema, local parks and the Adventure Playground in the Olympic park, Ice Skating at Lea Valley as well as whole day trips to the Hackney School of Food where children made incredible dishes from all around the world. A huge thank you to all the staff that worked at the Summer Camps and helped to make this possibly our best year of Summer Camps ever!

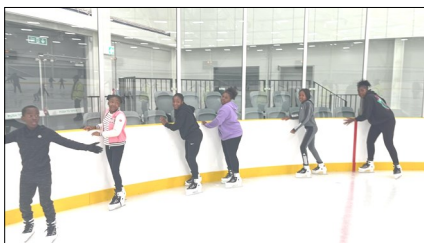


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## LEAP SUMMER CAMPS CONTINUED.....







## AUTUMN TERM 2023

1st half of term: **04.09.23 - 20.10.23**  
 Half term: **23 - 27 Oct 2023**  
 2nd half of term: **30.10.23 - 19.12.23**  
 INSET days: Fri 1 Sept 23  
 Wed 20 Dec 23

GREEN TOKEN	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	RLC	30
Year 3 & 4	3/4M	45
Year 5 & 6	6C	15



## GOLDEN AWARDS

NH am - **FABIAN**  
 NH pm - **NEVEAH**  
 RLC - **XAVIER**  
 RK - **GRAYSON**

1G - **COCO**  
 1V - **STERLING**  
 2S - **JAZIAH**  
 2P - **EKOW**  
 2L - **LUKA**

3C - **GAEL**  
 3E - **AHPRA**  
 3/4M - **BETTY**  
 4D - **LANDER**  
 4E - **DAFNE**

5R - **RUBY**  
 5S - **KIERON**  
 5/6W - **REDIET**  
 6J - **SUNDAY**  
 6C - **SENUK**

## NEW HISTORY MURAL

We have created our very own timeline on the school stairs – charting the history of the world from prehistoric times until the current day. We started from the point of our Empowerment Curriculum (explained in the LEAP news section of this newsletter).

The timeline helps children to place world events through history and features important developments in the art, language, religion, music, science and much more.

It was developed with input from all LEAP staff and is unique to our schools.

**Frida** 3/4M "I love it! When you go past and forget something you can just have a look. On the first day, Marsha let us go all the way up to have a look at it all"

**Tyana** 3C "I like how big it is and its fun to see when England won the world cup and when the Mona Lisa was painted"

**Kit** 3/4M "I love how it is one massive timeline that also shows important buildings and paintings".

**Cody** 3C "You can learn so many new facts and get to see when everything started".



## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

This year we have welcomed some new staff to Gayhurst. **Clare** worked at Gayhurst last year and is now teaching in Year 3, in class 3C as part of our teaching team. **Fatou** has joined class 2P with Phoebe and **Holly** has joined Cheryl in class 6C.



Clare



Fatou



Holly



We also have a new member of the Senior Leadership Team, **Fran Slot**, who is our new Deputy Headteacher and lead for Inclusion. As part of her role, Fran will lead the Inclusion Team and will be join Lorraine as SENDCo.

Finally **Michelle Miller**, who has worked at Kingsmead for many years, is expanding her role to supporting attendance across all three schools as LEAP's Education Welfare Officer, supporting our children & families.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Karen, Gayhurst's Headteacher, will not be in school next week due to having minor surgery.

## KEY DATES THIS TERM

**Wed 13 Sept** Specialist clubs go on sale  
**w/c 18 Sept** Specialist clubs commence  
**Thurs 21 Sept** 6C Class assembly 3pm  
**Wed 27 Sept** 3.45—4.15pm Meet the Teacher  
**Mon 16 Oct** School photographer in for individual photos  
**Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct** Half term break  
**Thurs 2 Nov** 6J Class assembly 3pm  
**Thurs 9 Nov** 1G Class assembly 3pm  
**Thurs 16 Nov** 3C Class assembly 3pm  
**Thurs 23 Nov** 5R Class assembly 3pm  
**Wed 6 Dec** Parent & Carer Evening – **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**  
**Tues 12 Dec** End of term Gymnastics performances for 1.30pm for 4D, 2S, & 3/4M 3pm for 5/6W & 2L  
**Fri 15 Dec** End of term Drumming & Dance performances 1.30pm for 4E & 1K 2.30pm for 2P, 3E, & 5S  
**Tues 19 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term - **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**

## BUILDING WORK

You will have seen that our building work is continuing with further scaffolding being put up now and over the coming weeks. **This is not linked** to the recent DFE announcement about school buildings with Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) that has been featured in the news. As part of planned building work, the façade work is now complete and we are having a new roof. There may be minor disruptions to school routines but nothing that is planned to disrupt our school being open each day.