

LEAP NEWS

Friday 22nd September 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Me gusta el otoño.... *I like the Autumn...*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

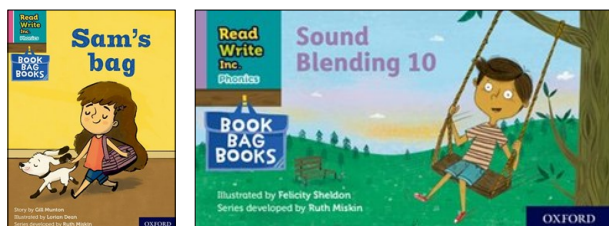
READING AT LEAP

Reading is at the heart of your child's learning at school. Becoming an independent learner depends strongly on a child becoming a skilful reader, so we have daily reading lessons and it is built into all areas of the LEAP curriculum.

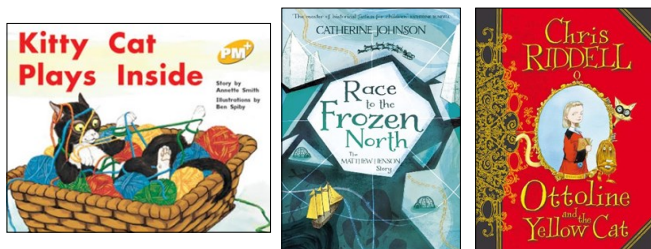
Lessons at school are built in the early years around working on fluency. In **phonics**, children learn which sounds (phonemes) are linked to which letters (graphemes) and how these build to make words. Phonics is a vital first step in reading and spelling. Your child learns and practises phonics daily, often in small groups and the teaching is planned to match their skills.

Children in **Reception and Year 1** will bring home a 'phonically decodable' book (like those shown below) to practise the sounds they have been taught at school.

Please encourage your child to point at the words and blend known sounds to read the words.



Alongside systematic phonics practice, we think it is important that children also read natural language books. These books support an enjoyment of reading and give opportunities for discussion e.g. making links to what they have experienced or know.



From **Year 2-Year 6** children continue to have daily reading lessons planned around refining fluency and practising different strategies to understand a text. During these lessons children also practise written reading comprehension skills, which will be vital when they move on to secondary school. Every week, children in Year 2 - 6 are given a book to practise reading at home, aligned to your child's reading fluency. Please listen to your child read and talk with them about the book.

READING AT LEAP CONTINUED.....

READING AT HOME

Making reading an enjoyable part of the daily routine will support your child enormously in their learning. Aim to have books visible where children can reach them during play and relaxation as well as study time.

Your child will benefit if you read with them, read to them and listen to them read whatever age they are. All LEAP children have daily reading lessons at school. It is by reading at home with an adult that a child will apply those skills additionally and quickly make them part of their own repertoire.

Please take care of the reading books your child brings home from school. We have a very limited budget and cannot always replace lost books. The cost of a single book is about £5. We hope you will enjoy and take care of the precious books and return them to school.

If your child needs more to read, please visit the local libraries. Joining the library is free and easy - find out how to [here](#). The libraries in Hackney have a fantastic range of up-to-date books and children can borrow as many as 8 books to enjoy at home— **at no cost**. If there is a particular author or topic in which your child is interested, the librarian will order books for them. It is a brilliant resource that we are lucky to have in Hackney!

MULTI-SPORT EVENT

On Wednesday this week, some children in Year 1 & 2 from Gayhurst and Kingsmead took part in a sports festival at Eastway. They learnt how to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination. After this, they got the opportunity to apply these to a range of team games. They had great fun, as you can see from the photos.





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 RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	RLC	65
Year 3 & 4	3/4M	50
Year 5 & 6	5R	66



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH am - **ABE**
 NH pm - **ALEXANDER**
 RLC- **ANIKA**
 RK- **HEAT**

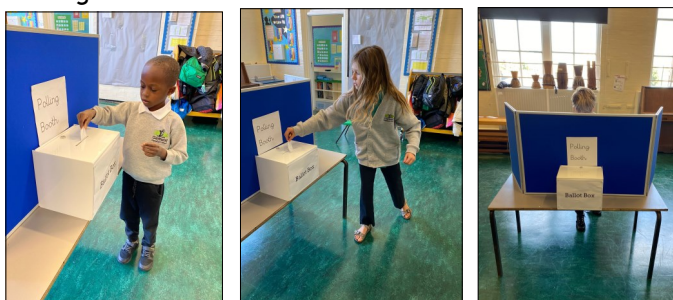
1G - **LOUIS**
 1V - **JAY**
 2S- **SOLOMON**
 2P - **EDITH**
 2L - **CORAL-SKYE**

3C- **JOHN**
 3E - **REUBEN**
 3/4M - **FRIDA**
 4D - **EMMELINE**
 4E - **JUNO**

5R - **TAYE**
 5S - **LUCA**
 5/6W - **XAVIER**
 6J- **CALLUM**
 6C - **JYNIOR**

GAYHURST'S SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week was a very busy week in school as children from Year 1 through to Year 6 were delivering speeches to their classes, to be considered as nominees for the School Council election. After all children were invited to apply and many gave brilliant speeches, two boys and two girls from each class were put forward as names on the ballot papers, in the school council vote. On Thursday, all classes had the opportunity to go to our Polling Station to cast their vote in the ballot box.



We are delighted to announce our new School Councillors for 2023/24 below:

1G Louis & Lorelei	3C Cody & Lara	5R Taye & Mira
1V Hassan & Zara	3E Lucia & Rovaughni	5S Elouise & Tyler
2S Ayaz & Cian	3/4M Annieth & Sukhveer	5/6W Seweryn & Torie-Rose
2P River & Bo	4D Jacques & Kayleighana	6J Safiyya & Isaac
2L Teo & Nesrin	4E Rafe & Evie	6C Omar & Georgia



RECEPTION PARENT WORKSHOP



There will be a parent workshop for all Reception parents and carers focusing on Phonics and Early Reading on **Wednesday 27th September**

at **09:10—9:45 am** in the bottom hall. This is a brilliant opportunity for you to come in and hear about our schools' approach to reading, the schemes we follow and how you can support and encourage a real love of reading at home. See you there!

MEET THE TEACHER

All classes will have a Meet the Teacher session on **Wednesday 27th Sept from 3.45—4.15pm**, except for **class 5R** who will hold their Meet the Teacher session on **Tuesday 3rd October at 3:45pm**.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Wed 27 Sept** Parent & Carer workshop: Phonics & Early Reading for Rec 9.10 - 9.45am + Meet the Teacher 3.45 - 4.15pm
- Wed 4 Sept** Parent & Carer workshop: Phonics & Early Reading for Yr 1 & 2 9.10 - 9.45am
- Tues 3 Oct** Class 5R Meet the Teacher 3.45 - 4.15pm
- Wed 11 Oct** Parent & Carer workshop: Mental Health focus on Anxiety 9.10 - 10am + Year 6 parent residential trip meeting 5pm
- Mon 16 Oct** School photographer in for individual photos
- Wed 18 Oct** Parent & Carer workshop: Maths for Rec 9.10 - 9.45am
- Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct** Half term break
- Wed 1 Nov** Parent & Carer workshop: Maths for Yr 1 & 2 9.10 - 9.45am
- Thurs 2 Nov** 6J Class assembly 3pm
- Wed 8 Nov** Parent & Carer workshop: Colourful Semantics for Rec to Year 3 9.10 - 10am
- Thurs 9 Nov** 1G Class assembly 3pm + COGS AGM 5pm
- 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**

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SPECIALIST CLUBS

Children have continued learning and having fun after school, as specialist clubs started this week. There are a wide range of fun, creative and active sessions on offer across the week, such as **choir**, **dodgeball**, **football**, **pottery** and **sewing** to name a few.

'I love learning new skills in pottery' Mia 4D. The children in **embroidery club** traced patterns onto material before adding thread and yarn. They will learn lots of embroidery stitches, from straight, back, running and chain, as well as the challenging French knot. The **netball** teams were eager to improve their skills and the **table tennis** club made use of the new equipment. Children have been learning about framing photos in **photography**. They will build up a portfolio across the term. *'Photography is fun and interesting and there are so many ways to do Photography.'* Ariella 4E

We have added an extra club and places go on sale for KS1 (years 1 & 2) **Lego Club at 7pm on Friday 22nd September**.

In **school music tuition places for guitar and keyboard** will also go on sale at 7pm. These music sessions take place during the school day.

<https://gayhurst.magicbooking.co.uk/>



SPECIALIST CLUBS CONTINUED.....



COGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Community of Gayhurst School (CoGS) are inviting parents and carers to join this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on

Thursday 9 November, from 5pm.

This is a great opportunity to find out more about CoGS and share suggestions to enhance the school's community and raise funds. If you would like to attend, please register your interest [here](#) so we can ensure safety in numbers by **Friday 13th October**.