

LEAP NEWS

Friday 29th September 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
No me gusta el viento.... *I don't like the wind...*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

CONGRATULATIONS FROM DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

We are very pleased and proud to share with you that all three schools in LEAP federation have achieved excellent results in national tests at the end of Year 6. The Director of Education recently wrote to each of our headteachers congratulating them on achieving well above the National and Hackney averages, saying the following:

Letter from Hackney's Director of Education

I am writing to congratulate you on the very strong outcomes achieved by your Key Stage 2 pupils in the recent 2023 National Curriculum Assessments. These reflect the commitment from you and your staff to ensuring the best possible quality of education for pupils so that they possess the skills and confidence to succeed. It is notable that your outcomes were very significantly above national attainment. This also indicates your commitment to excellence, but also the care and support you provide for your pupils, even during these challenging times.

The outcomes demonstrate that all pupils can achieve when given really strong teaching, care and support. They serve as something to be celebrated with your school community.

On behalf of Hackney Education thank you for your continuing leadership, your aspiration for our pupils and dedication to their quality of education. I wish you, your staff team, your governors and all your children every success for the coming year. Please pass on my thanks and appreciation to your staff.

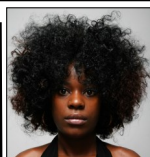
You can find a PDF copy of the letters on each school's website on the links below:

Kingsmead's letter - click [here](#)

Gayhurst's letter - click [here](#)

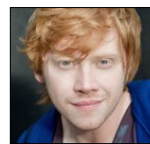
Mandeville's letter - click [here](#)

These results are a culmination of the work of all the school staff and the children throughout their time at our schools. Although excellent academic attainment is not the only measure of success in a school, we are very proud of last year's Year 6 children in all of our school and what they achieved in their statutory tests and are confident they have gone up to secondary school with all the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills they need to succeed.



WORLD HAIR DAY

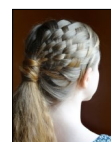
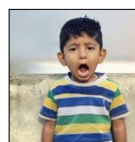
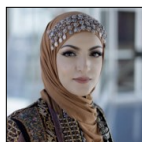
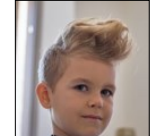
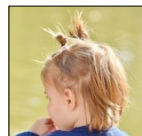
On Monday 2nd October, we are inviting, staff, children and families to come into school with



their hair done in a special way to celebrate all different types of hair.

If you have afro hair wear it big, if you have short hair wear it spiky, if you have red hair tie it up or down, if you have long hair plait it or do anything you choose. It is your day to get creative with your hairstyling.

We all have different hair, and we want to celebrate difference and beauty and self confidence all in one special event. There is no need to spend any money or go to the hairdresser! Let your hair down!



FREE SCHOOL JUMPER OFFER FOR ALL WHO NEWLY REGISTER FOR FSM

In the first newsletter of this term we featured a piece on the new Universal Free School Meal offer that London Primary School families are receiving this year.

However it is still **REALLY IMPORTANT** to 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.

The amount of funding the school receives from the Government is also affected by the number of children who are registered for Free School Meals.

For these reasons all three of our schools are offering every new family who successfully registers for FSM a free school sweatshirt which they can claim by contacting their school office.

You can register for Free School Meals [here](#).

If you are unclear about anything please contact your school's office who will be happy to help you.



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	89
Year 3 & 4	3/4M	25
Year 5 & 6	5R	45



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH am - **MAIRA**
 NH pm - **INES**
 RLC- **ROSA TJ**
 RK- **KAIYA**

1G - **PERSEPHONE**
 1V - **KYLUN**
 2S- **REINE**
 2P - **LILI**
 2L - **YVES**

3C- **JAMES**
 3E - **JASPER**
 3/4M - **SOFIA**
 4D - **SETH**
 4E - **AXEL**

5R - **CHARDONNAY**
 5S - **KEIRA**
 5/6W- **ANI**
 6J- **ETHAN**
 6C - **AISHA**

LUNCHTIME BUDDIES

This week, our new lunchtime buddies started their role. They had training on Wednesday where they were all given a day on duty both helping support children in the lunch hall and outside in the playground. During their training, they learnt the importance of getting children's opinions on the lunch, encouraging children to try new foods and giving out Captains Table tokens. They also learnt about how they can support outside, reading stories to children, making sure no one is on their own and playing games with the younger children. Have a look at them in action!



YEAR 2 TRIP CONTINUED.....

also saw the famous ravens, guards and even the crown jewels! What an adventure for Year 2 historians!



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 2 Oct** World Hair Day
- Tues 3 Oct** Class 5R Meet the Teacher 3.45 - 4.15pm
- Wed 4 Oct** Parent & Carer workshop: Phonics & Early Reading for Yr 1 & 2 9.10 - 9.45am
- Fri 6 Oct** Coffee Morning to discuss & share ideas for International Evening 9.30am
- Mon 9 Oct** Secondary Transfer meeting Yr 6 parents 5.30pm
- 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**

YEAR 2 VISIT TOWER OF LONDON

Last week Year 2 brought their learning to life by visiting the incredible Tower of London! A time-travelling candle-maker and maid from 1666 showed us around the tower and told us lots of facts about the Great Fire of London. We saw a portrait of Samuel Pepys and we acted out the fire starting in Thomas Farriner's bakery and spreading through the narrow streets of wooden houses. We saw some real wooden buildings that existed in 1666 but were not burnt. We



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BRITISH MUSEUM TRIPS

Years 3 & 4 had an amazing day out last week when they went to visit the British Museum as part of their learning about Ancient Egypt. Children were fascinated and enthralled to see the actual mummies and real hieroglyphs that were scribed by ancient Egyptians. The sizes of the statues were impressive and many children were surprised as they hadn't realised this when looking at pictures.

Kit 3/4M said, 'It was quite nice and inspiring to see all of the Egyptian artwork'.

Tyana 3C said, 'It was really good and I loved seeing the massive statues because I was so shocked because they were so big like huge!'.

The trip was a real success and thank you to the parents who came along and supported the children.



EXTENDED DAY PROVISION

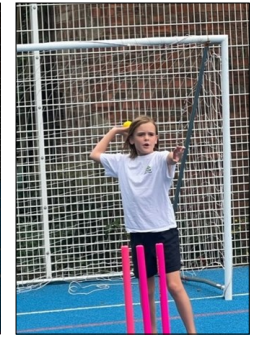
At Gayhurst, we offer an extended day provision to support families who may be unable to collect at 3:30pm. This provision is run by members of staff who work until 5:45 to deliver this service, this is an optional service that school provides to help support our community and families. It is important that parents/carers collect their children on time from extended day to allow for our staff members to leave work on time and continue with their own commitments and childcare arrangements. We will now be charging parents **£1 a minute for late collections** after 4:45pm, if your child is booked into short extended day and for long extended day after 5:45pm. Please ensure you collect your children on time. We do understand that exceptional circumstances will occasionally occur and in this instance, please contact us as soon as possible.

CRICKET FESTIVAL

This week some of our children took part in a Cricket Festival at Eastway. The festival was a fun taster session which focuses on developing pupils' cricket skills and developing them into a structured game. The children really enjoyed it!

Amaya, 6J said "It was a really fun experience to learn how to play cricket, I have never played it before".

Moon 6J said "It was really nice to meet other children from the other schools, I liked that."



BEREAVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

We have created a page on our school website to provide links to supporting children with bereavement. You can find it by clicking [here](#).

The resources are provided by Samaritans and Winston's Wish and are well worth looking at and discussing with your children if you would like. We hope you will find them supportive.

We also have a book of condolences for the member of our school community who is already very missed. If you would like to sign it please go to the school office or email a message to admin.

FLU IMMUNISATION AT GAYHURST

Every year children in schools are offered a painless nasal flu vaccination. You can find out more information about what is being offered [here](#).

The Flu immunisation will take place on the following dates.

1st Date: **Monday 13th November 2023** at 9am

2nd Date: **Friday 15th December 2023** at 9am.

Please click the link below to complete an online consent form

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/cityandhackney>