

# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 1 December 2023

**SPANISH PHRASE** of the week  
Navidad es en diciembre.... Christmas is in December....

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

### YEAR 5 & 6 SCHOOL COUNCILLORS VISIT TOWN HALL

The last of the LEAP school council visits to Hackney Town Hall took place this week. It was the turn of the children in Year 5 and 6 school councillors from **Gayhurst**, **Mandeville** and **Kingsmead**. The children were given an extended tour by **Ian Rathbone** who was a previously elected councillor and the very first tour guide at the town hall. *'I loved meeting the new speaker and going into the basement where they used to store money.'* **Elouise 5S**. The children walked along a speakers corridor, and passed the photos of past speakers.



*'I really enjoyed looking at the art deco architecture'* **Isaac 6J**. They also visited the Council Chamber, Committee Rooms, Assembly Hall and Speakers Parlour. *"I liked the museum underground and I learned about the statue of the*

*Windrush."* - **Esther**, yr 5. *"All the facts were really interesting!"* - **Phoebe**, yr 6. *"The timeline of the MP's were cool because you could see how they changed throughout the years."* - **Michael**, yr 6.

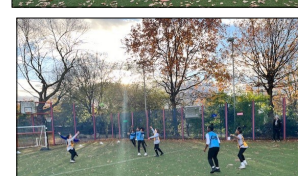
*"I really enjoyed today as it was my first time at the Town and saw the history of the Hackney Empire"* - **Robera** Yr 6. *"It was really good and the building was very nice"* - **Leyla K** yr 6. *"I liked the decor of the building and the ceilings and I liked sitting on the chairs in the chambers of the town hall"* - **Rio**, yr 5 *"It was fun and exciting and I loved learning about the history of the town hall"* - **Solene**, yr 5.



### LEAP NETBALL TOURNAMENT

This week we held a LEAP Netball Tournament with teams from Gayhurst, Mandeville and Kingsmead competing against each other in the Multi Use Games area at Kingsmead School. This Bee netball event, led by the LEAP PE team, saw all the Year 4 & 5 girls in each school's netball team, use the stinger netball rules to compete. The teams showed great spirit and teamwork.

**Freddy**, Sports teacher said *"What I saw during the Leap Netball competition was how highly skilled the children are across the LEAP federation. They demonstrated tremendous netball techniques and skills throughout the tournament. Well done to Gayhurst who were the overall winners. Great team effort by Mandeville & Kingsmead."* Thanks also to Sanchez & TGI team.



### HACKNEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

**Sunday 3 Dec, 4—5.30pm, Hackney Town Hall Square**

Why not come along and join residents at the annual switching on of the borough's Christmas lights this Sunday? This free, family-friendly event features stars from Hackney Empire's Aladdin & Hoxton Hall's Little Mermaid pantos & includes lots of great live music from local choirs and the Pantonic Steel Pan Orchestra. **A parade of handmade lanterns by pupils from Mandeville Primary School will also make an appearance, helping to get Hackney into the Christmas spirit.**



## 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	55
Year 3 & 4	3/4M	55
Year 5 & 6	6C	44



## GOLDEN AWARDS

NH am - **JONAH**  
 NH pm - **EVA**  
 RLC- **KAYLA**  
 RK- **NOA**

1G - **SIENNA**  
 1V - **EZRA**  
 2S- **VIVI**  
 2P - **OSCAR**  
 2L - **NESRIN**

3C- **SABIHA-NAZ**  
 3E - **LUCIA**  
 3/4M - **MATTI**  
 4D - **MAYA**  
 4E - **MATILDA**

5R - **SEREN**  
 5S - **SOPHIE**  
 5/6W- **REX**  
 6J- **ALEX**  
 6C - **OSCAR**

## NEW GAYHURST OVEN TARGET MET!

We have been blown away by the generosity of the whole community to our New Rationale Oven appeal and now have the funds to proceed. This was done in record time and we are immensely grateful. The next steps are that Sergio is meeting with the company to make sure he gets the best model for the Gayhurst kitchen and the best deal. We hope to have our new oven installed as soon as possible so the children will benefit. Many thanks again from Sergio & the Gayhurst kitchen team.



## 2L TRIP CONTINUED....



## 2L VISIT HACKNEY MUSEUM

This term Year 2 have been studying the topic 'Hackney in the past' in their History lessons. We have looked at Hackney in the late Victorian period and thought about what has stayed the same and what has changed in terms of transport, fashion, architecture and jobs. We also found out about two memorable figures from Hackney's past: the nurse **Edith Cavell** and the footballer-turned-officer **Walter Tull**, both of whom died in World War 1. This week it was 2L's turn to visit Hackney Museum to bring our learning to life. We had so much fun exploring this interactive gallery that spans the ages. We travelled back over 1000 years ago to row an Anglo-Saxon boat, we dressed up as Victorian children, we served up some delicious dinner at the Eel Pie shop (!), got our hair done at the barbers and, of course, boarded the 38! We also looked at a photography exhibition which featured an amazing shot by Neil Martinson of Gayhurst's very own **Sharen Woodward**! 2L loved the art installation of the block of flats, featuring miniature families and homes to peek into. We thoroughly recommend a visit to Hackney Museum – it is open from Tuesdays to Saturdays and entrance is free!



## COGS WINTER FAIR



**More hands needed for the Gayhurst Winter Fair!** If you can give one or more hours of support on **Saturday 9th Dec**, to help at the CoGs Winter Fair, please email [gayhurstcogs@gmail.com](mailto:gayhurstcogs@gmail.com). No experience needed, just a willingness to maybe serve festive food and drink; help with one of the pre-organised stalls or activities (the grotto, games, clothes and face-paint are all looking for helpers); or clear-up at the end.

Not available on the 9th? Come help 'deck the halls' in preparation on **Friday 8th December**. Get involved and feel that warm winter glow supporting your school community!

## A COUPLE OF DATES....

### NEW DATE FOR 5R CLASS ASSEMBLY

Class 5R's assembly will now be taking place on Thursday 7th December at 3pm.

### YR 1 SING CHRISTMAS SONGS TO PARENTS

On Thurs 14th December at 3pm Year 1 will be performing their Christmas songs to parents & carers in the bottom hall

## KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Wed 6 Dec** Parent & Carer Evening – **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**
- Thurs 7 Dec** 5R class assembly 3pm
- Sat 9 Dec** CoGS Winter Fair 12–4pm
- Tues 12 Dec** End of term Gymnastics performances for 1.30pm for **4D, 2S & 3/4M** 3pm for **5/6W & 2L**
- Wed 13 Dec** **Nativity performances:**  
 9.30am for parents of class **2S**  
 11am for parents of class **2L**  
 2pm for parents of class **2P**
- Thurs 14 Dec** Yr 1 perform Christmas songs for parents & carers at 3pm in bottom hall
- Fri 15 Dec** End of term Drumming & Dance performances  
 1.30pm for **4E & 1K** 2.30pm for **2P, 3E & 5S** +  
 Wear Festive Jumpers to school for Christmas lunch
- Tues 19 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term - **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**