

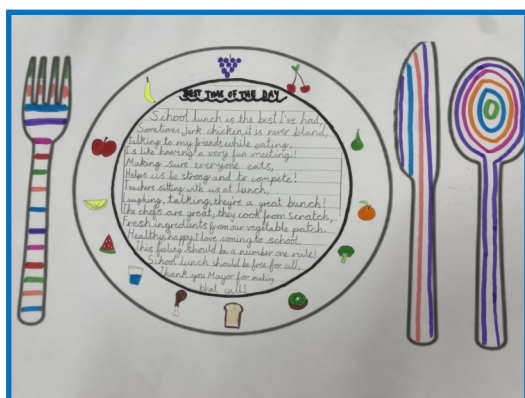
LEAP NEWS

Friday 8 December 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Me gustan los regalos.... I like presents.....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

ISHALL AT MANDEVILLE WINS SCHOOL LUNCH COMPETITION PRIZE!



We are delighted to announce that in a competition open to children in all London schools and organised by the London Mayor, **Ishall Rashid** in Year 5 at Mandeville was the overall winner.

Schoolchildren across the capital were asked to create a piece of

work in any medium along the theme **'The best thing about school lunches is...'** Ishall's prize for winning is to have two chefs from BOSH! come in to Mandeville to cook a meal for her whole class next week which she is very much looking forward to. We think her poem is great and really catches the ethos of our school food across the federation. You can read it below. Well done Ishall!

Best Time of the Day

*School lunch is the best I've had
Sometimes Jerk chicken, it is never bland,
Talking to my friends while eating,
Is like having a very fun meeting!
Making sure everyone eats,
Helps us to be strong and to compete!
Teachers sitting with us at lunch,
Laughing, talking, they're a great bunch!
The chefs are great, they cook from scratch,
Fresh ingredients from our vegetable patch.
Healthy, happy, I love coming to school,
This feeling should be a number one rule!
School lunch should be free for all,
Thank you Mayor, for making that call!*

NOTE ABOUT FINAL NEWSLETTER OF THIS TERM

Please note that the next newsletter, which will be the final newsletter for this term, will be published on **Monday 18th December** (and not Friday 15th December), to give us time to feature all of the end of term performances and activities.

SPRING TERM '24 AFTER SCHOOL COOKING CLUB AT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD



Get your kids feeling confident in the kitchen with the Hackney School of Food after school cooking club!

The Hackney School of Food cooking club will introduce your children to a wide variety of

cooking skills and food flavours. Each week they will learn a new recipe and take a culinary trip around the world. The course will cover knife skills, baking bread and preparing a variety of vegetables and meat. When possible, they will also harvest seasonal produce directly from our gardens. We can't wait to see you in the kitchen!

Where and when:

Every Tuesday between **3.45 – 5.15pm** from **Tuesday 9th January – Tuesday 26th March**. The club will not run during half term (Tuesday 13th February)

Drop off and pick up is at the Hackney School of Food, Oswald Street, London E5 0BT

Key information:

Suitable for children ages 7+ only

Open to all children

The cost is £15 per session, paid per term at £165 per child (11 sessions)

Missed sessions will not be reimbursed

Please tell us about any food allergies and specialist diets in advance

Places are limited – book yours [here](#).

Please [get in touch](#) with any questions.



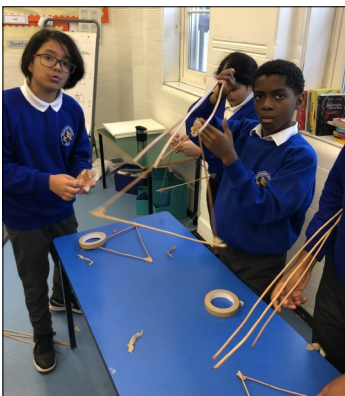
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MANDEVILLE CHILDREN MAKE LANTERNS FOR HACKNEY FESTIVE LIGHTS EVENT

Mandeville's Year 5 & 6 classes recently participated in a special lantern making workshop. One of the classrooms was taken over by visiting artists for the day and transformed into a studio space in which the children were able to construct, cover, and decorate their lanterns.

Using nothing but pieces of willow wood, tissue paper and PVA glue, the children managed to make beautiful working lanterns that could carry a small light. These lanterns made by the children were then featured in Hackney's festive tree lighting ceremony on Sunday 3rd December - an event which all of the children were invited to participate in.

It was messy work - lots of sticky hands! - but both classes had a great time and can be justifiably proud of the work that they produced.

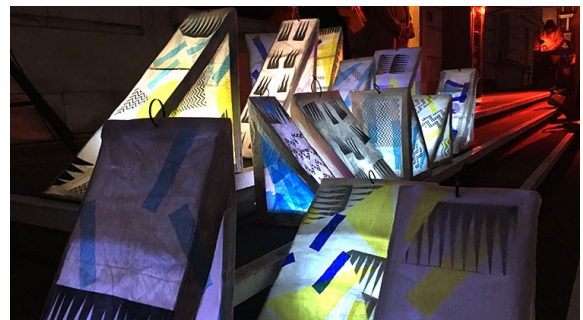
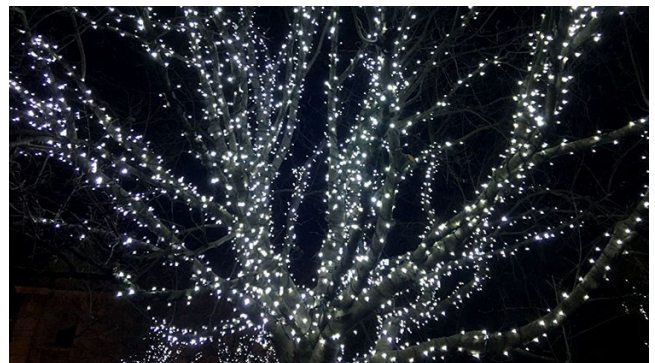
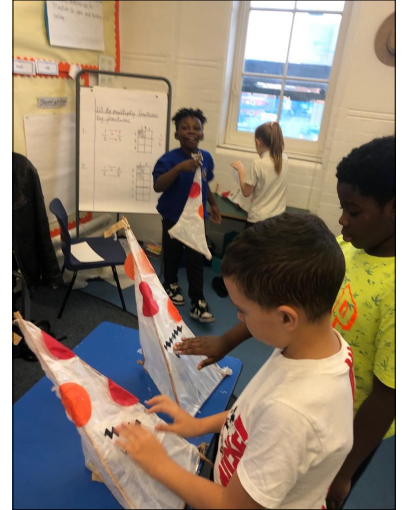


MANDEVILLE CHILDREN MAKE LANTERNS CONTINUED....

"I enjoyed how that we were allowed to work independently but also help each other - it was lots of fun!" **Michael**

"My favourite part was sticking on the designs because it looked very decorative." **Mame**

"I loved seeing the lanterns that we made being used on the night." **Jennifer**





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	RK	42
Year 3 & 4	4D	36
Year 5 & 6	5/6W	53



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH am - **ISAIAH**
 NH pm - **SUFYAN**
 RLC - **OTTILIE**
 RK - **CONRAD**

1G - **ALENA**
 1V - **MIA**
 2S - **AUGUST**
 2P - **ANOUK**
 2L - **DEXTER**

3C - **USMAN**
 3E - **BILAL**
 3/4M - **GEORGIE**
 4D - **CHANELLE**
 4E - **RAFE**

5R - **WHOLE CLASS**
 5S - **ELOUISE**
 5/6W - **GANIA**
 6J - **PIPER**
 6C - **RYAN**

YEAR 5 & 6 HACKNEY MUSEUM SESSION

On Monday the children in years 5 and 6 took part in a virtual workshop lesson offered by Hackney Museum. The session was based on our previous topic The Windrush. During the interactive session the children found out more about Windrush & the Windrush Generation's motivations for moving to Britain. They discussed the discrimination experienced by the Windrush Generation and considered their feelings about moving to a new home. The session ended with the children considering how they would feel about leaving their home and what they would find difficult.



LOCAL CHURCH VISIT

This week all of Year 1 and 2 went to visit St Michael and All Angels' Church in Hackney. The Vicar was called Daniel and he told us about the Church and how Christians celebrate Christmas there. We looked at different murals on the wall, including one of the nativity. We also saw an advent wreath and found out about how the candles are lit throughout the four weeks before Christmas. We acted out the nativity story and even sung some Christmas carols. We enjoyed our visit and finding out more about our topic of Christianity.



REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

COLD WEATHER PE

As the days are colder, please ensure your child brings in the appropriate warm clothes to wear over their PE kit (tracksuit top and bottoms). Thank you.

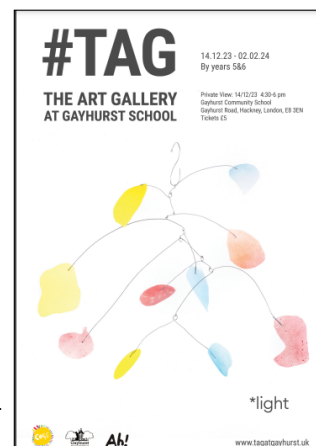


END OF TERM EXTENDED DAY & CLUBS

There will be no extended day or clubs on Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December. Breakfast club will still be open on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th. School closes on Tuesday 19th at 1:30pm.

TAG EXHIBITION OPENING

Year 5 and 6 will have their TAG Gallery Opening on **Thursday 14th December 4:30-6pm**. You can buy tickets at Gayhurst Gate next week at 3:30 or on the night. Join in with their exhibition to discover the surprising effects of light, its properties of colour and its power to illuminate how, what and when we see the world around us. Marvel at the cosmic reflections caused by a pyramid of mirrors. Learn how translucent shapes glow when they align with the spot light. Look forward to seeing you there!



FESTIVE JUMPER DAY

On **Friday 15th December** we are asking children to wear festive jumpers to school as we will also be having our Christmas lunch. Remember, we love to see home-made Christmas jumpers, so please don't feel you have to buy a special jumper.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

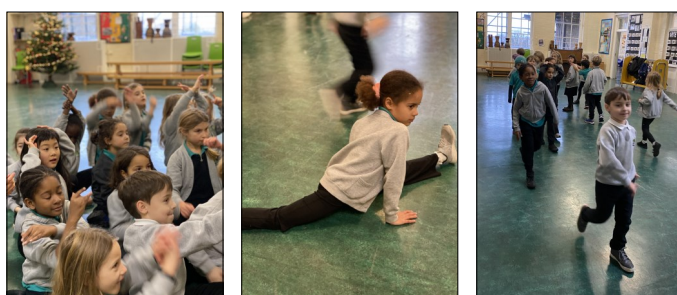
Sat 9 Dec CoGS Winter Fair 12-4pm
Tues 12 Dec End of term Gymnastics performances for 1.30pm for **4D, 2S & 3/4M** 3pm for **5/6W & 2L**
Wed 13 Dec **Nativity performances:**
 9.30am for parents of class **2S**
 11am for parents of class **2L**
 2pm for parents of class **2P**
Thurs 14 Dec Yr 1 perform Christmas songs for parents & carers at 3pm in bottom hall +
 5/6 TAG Gallery Exhibition Opening 4:30-6pm
Fri 15 Dec **Reception** Singing Concert 9:30am +
 End of term Drumming & Dance performances
 1.30pm for **4E & 1V** 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**

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YEAR 2 DIVALI WORKSHOP

On Monday 4th December Year 2 had a very special dance and acting Diwali workshop. First, we recapped the story of Rama and Sita and learnt some actions to match their characters. After that, we put all the actions together to create a dance routine.

We started the session with some movement games. We then learnt a dance, retelling The Ramayana from beginning to end through movement. The workshop focused on the importance of imagination and storytelling.



A VISIT FROM SANTA!

Last Friday, we had a lovely surprise visit from Santa who delivered advent calendars to Gayhurst children. This charitable gesture was organised by Quinn Building company as a special thanks for the school being so accommodating with the building works



A VISIT FROM SANTA! CONTINUED....

currently underway. It was lovely seeing so many happy faces!



COGS WINTER FAIR

Come along to the Gayhurst Winter Fair, this Saturday 9 December, from 12-4!

It's fun for all the family, with Santa's Grotto, raffle and prizes, games to play and craft activities. There will be stalls to peruse: plants, jewellery, plus second hand books and clothes. The Two Bad Dads will bring festive sounds and wonderful food - including vegan and meat BBQ, Japanese rice, tacos - and drink offerings, will be running throughout. Your season of fun starts here!

Entrance is 50p for children and £1 for adults.

If you'd like to get involved this weekend (it's not too late!) or future initiatives, email

gayhurstcogs@gmail.com.

