

LEAP NEWS

Monday 18 December 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Veó a mi familia en Navidad.... I see my family at Christmas.....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

MAYOR OF LONDON VISITS MANDEVILLE!

On Tuesday last week Mandeville Primary School had a great visit from **Sadiq Khan the Mayor of London**. He came to meet **Ishall**, the year 5 pupil at Mandeville, who was the winner of a London-wide City Hall 'Love your Lunch' competition. As reported in last week's newsletter, Ishall's entry was a fantastic poem that caught the judges' eye and won. The prize was a meal for her class cooked by the celebrity chefs from BOSH!, which Ishall and some of her friends helped to prepare in the Hackney School of Food's teaching kitchen, and a visit from the Mayor to congratulate her!

During his visit Sadiq saw the children cooking & joined them for lunch and then met and thanked Margaret Blairy, Mandeville's wonderful Head chef who has been cooking school lunches there for 35 years.

Hackney's **Deputy Mayor Bramble** joined Mandeville Headteacher **Marc Thompson** and Executive Head **Louise Nichols**, to discuss school food and the impact of Free School Meals for all in Hackney schools. Lots of photographers and reporters were present and the London Mayor told the gathered media that Mandeville was demonstrating the best practice by teaching children about the journey of food from seed to spoon, using the extensive and productive gardens and ensuring children learn about sustainable and seasonal food. Eating Margaret's wonderful food together with their teachers ensured the lunch hall experience was one of the best parts of the children's day. He thanked Marc Thompson, headteacher, for the work of the whole staff at



MAYOR OF LONDON'S VISIT CONTINUED.....



Mandeville and commended Ishall on the confident way she spoke to the media on the day, commenting that she would be after his job next!

Sadiq Khan said *"The fantastic poem written by Ishall at Mandeville Primary School truly sums up the importance of these meals and I'm delighted that her class has today enjoyed a special meal that they have helped to prepare too. I will continue to do all I can to support families and build a better London for all."*



COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION OFFER

Struggling Hackney residents will get a reduction of up to 90% on their next council tax bill after the Council approved new investment to support those hit hardest by the cost of living crisis. In Hackney, it's estimated that around 1400 households are receiving Universal Credit and are entitled to Council Tax Reduction, but not receiving it.

Please share the following links with anyone that you know who may be interested:

- To find out more about financial support with paying council tax, visit: hackney.gov.uk/council-tax-reduction-claim
- To find out if you're getting the financial help you're entitled to, contact the Council's Money Hub at bit.ly/MoneyHubHackney



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



GOLDEN AWARDS

(for last week)

NH am - **THOMAS**
 NH pm - **NOVA**
 RLC - **ULY**
 RK - **NAMIKO**

1G - **MORTY**
 1V - **ROBERTA**
 2S - **BENJAMIN**
 2P - **MUSTAFA**
 2L - **EMILIA**

3C - **AYANNA**
 3E - **SEBASTIEN**
 3/4M - **AAMIRA**
 4D - **THEA**
 4E - **HAFIDH**

5R - **YIGIT**
 5S - **BAXTER**
 5/6W - **WHOLE CLASS**
 6J - **NATTY**
 6C - **WALTER**

DRUMMING & DANCE

This term, **4E, 1V, 2P, 3E and 5S** have been working hard perfecting their drumming and dance routines. On Friday last week, they performed to a huge audience with the help of Miss Harley and Aaron. Well done to everyone and thank you to all who came along to see the performances.



GYMNASTICS PERFORMANCES

Classes **4D, 2S, 3/4M, 5/6W** and **2L** have worked incredibly hard this term, in preparation for their Gymnastics performance. Each class showcased a great routine, including some very tricky balances.



GYMNASTICS CONTINUED.....

Well done to all the children and a special thanks to Autumn, our Gymnastics teacher for all her hard work.



PANTO COMES TO GAYHURST

(Oh no it doesn't, Oh yes it does!)

Last Monday the children were treated to a packed pantomime performed of Cinderella by Chaplins. 'I loved it when the pumpkin flew' **Billie RK and Mae 2P**. The middle hall was filled with laughter at the antics of Buttons and boos when the wicked stepsister appeared. The children loved cheering when Prince Charming the hero came on stage. There was also a twist to the tale with a guest appearance by an unusual fox and when Prince Charming discovered who really owned the glass slipper, there was lots of commotion.



'I loved it all!'
Virginia 2S

KEY DATES FOR NEXT TERM

- Mon 8 Jan** Children return to school 9am +
 Extended Day and Breakfast Club starts +
 Applications for new Playground Buddies opens
- Wed 10 Jan** Girls football trials 3.45-4.45 London Fields
- Thurs 11 Jan** Boys football trials 3.45-4.45 London Fields
- Mon 15 Jan** Specialist clubs start
- Tues 16 Jan** Parent workshop for all parents:
 Supporting children with anxiety 09:10-10am
- Tues 23 Jan** School Council trip to the houses of
 Parliament 8:45 - 3:30
- Thurs 25 Jan** Parent workshop all parents: Zones of
 Regulation 09:10-10am +
3E Class Assembly at 3pm.
- Fri 26 Jan** Bikers Breakfast today
- Thurs 1 Feb** **2S Class Assembly at 3pm.**
- Thurs 8 Feb** **1V Class Assembly at 3pm.**

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NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

2L, 2P and 2S blew everyone away with their amazing Nativity performances. They all remembered their lines brilliantly and supported each other so well throughout. Parents and carers were treated to some wonderful acting, singing and performing. Thanks to all who came to watch, it was wonderful to see so many of you there.



NATIVITY CONTINUED.....



FESTIVE JUMPER DAY & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Friday last week, children wore their festive jumpers for our very special Christmas lunch. Thank you to Sergio and the kitchen team who served up an amazing feast—there were smiles all round.





COGS WINTER FAIR

A big thank you to everyone that came along to, donated towards, and helped at the CoGS Winter Fair! Together we raised **£6,100** profit which will go towards ensuring all Gayhurst's children have access to enriching and enjoyable initiatives.

But it's not just about fund-raising. The Winter Fair is community-building too, and the many smiling faces captured in these images testify to that. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves on the day.

If you won a prize in the raffle, please be sure to collect it from reception before the end of term.

We're always looking for more hands to help at these big events so if you'd like to get involved, email gayhurstcogs@gmail.com

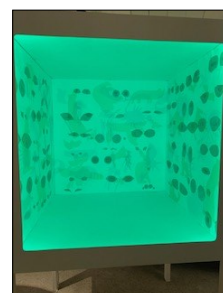


TAG EXHIBITION OPENING

The opening night of #TAG took place on Thursday last week. Inspiration for the children's work came from artists that work with light. 5R looked at **Rana Begum's** art, 5S - **Alexander Calder**, 5/6W - **Jeff Koons**, 6C - **Carnovsky**, 'RGB' and 6J looked at the work of **Damien Hirst**. Thank you to all of the Year 5 and 6 team for your hard work and effort. A special thanks to **Claire** from Art Hoppers for the ideas and all of the children who volunteered, serving food, taking quotes and provided guided tours on the evening.

'I like TAG as you get to make the art and show it.' **Dontai 5S**

'I liked the art gallery because it has lots of illusions.' **Moon 6J**



Don't forget tomorrow is the last day of term and **school will finish early at 1.30pm** for children.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Gayhurst staff wish all our children and their families a relaxing break and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing the children back at school at **9am on Monday 8th January 2024** for the start of Spring Term.