



LEAP NEWS

Friday 12 January 2024

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Hace mucho frio.... *It is very cold.....*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS EXTENDED

The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, has announced this week that his funding investment in a universal free school meals offer for ALL primary aged pupils in London's state funded schools **will be extended from September onwards into the 24/25 academic year.**

This is fantastic news for families, saving them up to £1,000 over the two years per child, in the midst of the current cost-of-living crisis.

Sadiq Khan said: *"Delivering free school meals has been one of my proudest moment as Mayor as I have seen the difference it has made to the children receiving them and to their families. I am thrilled to announce my intention to extend this lifeline for families for yet another year."*

Naomi Duncan, Chief Executive of the charity Chefs in Schools, with whom we work closely said: *"We're delighted to hear that the Mayor, Sadiq Khan, is extending Universal Primary Free School Meals. We've seen first-hand the huge benefits this policy has had since its introduction. By extending the programme, the Mayor is ensuring that hundreds of thousands of children in London continue to receive the benefits of a hot, nutritious meal every school lunchtime. The initiative was a landmark moment in the fight for greater access to vital nutrition for young children, never more important than now in the context of rapidly increasing malnutrition and food poverty. A meal in school provides that nutritional safety net, but also fuel for learning and a vital opportunity for education about food."*

NEED FOR FAMILIES TO STILL KEEP REGISTERING FOR FSM

Please remember that it is still vitally important for us that LEAP families still register for Free School Meals if they are in receipt of state benefits, as this is how a school's funding is calculated by the Government. If you need any help registering for Free School Meals or are unsure if you are eligible speak to someone in your school's office and they will help you.

THE BIG AMBITION SURVEY



The Children's Commissioner for Children, Dame Rachel de Souza's national campaign 'The Big Ambition' aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's

THE BIG AMBITION SURVEY CONTINUED.....

Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

So far her survey has received more than 300,000 responses from children, young people & parents and carers, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind. If you have not yet completed the survey but would like to share your views with policy makers, you still have time and can find it on the link below. The survey will be closing on **Friday 19th January**. Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

LEAP PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a parent governor for the LEAP federation which we need to fill as soon as possible.

Parent governors are elected by and from the parents of children currently attending any of our three schools. They serve a four-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the governing board.

You might like to look at the information on the role of governors: <https://www.governorsforschools.org.uk/app/uploads/2018/10/The-role-of-a-school-governor.pdf>

Further information on the role are on the LEAP Governing Body page in the About Us section of the school websites or on the National Governors website.

The governing board has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. This is achieved by ensuring that governors have the necessary skills and commitment to contribute to the effective governance and success of the three schools. The particular skills that governing boards need will vary and will include personal qualities and capabilities, such as the capacity and willingness to learn and work as part of a team. It is expected that governors will make use of the various training opportunities available to them and play a full part in the work of the governing board.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, contact the school office with your nomination (self nomination is acceptable), which will need to be with the school by 12.00 noon on Friday 19th January. If there is more than one candidate an election will then take place and we will ask each candidate to prepare a short statement as to why they would like to be a governor and what qualities they could bring to the role.



1st half of term: **08.01.24 - 09.01.24**

Half term: **12 - 16 Feb 2024**

2nd half of term: **19.02.24 - 28.03.24**

	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	RLC	50
Year 3 & 4	3/4M	55
Year 5 & 6	6C	35



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH am - **AMY**
NH pm - **MAIA**
RLC - **EMMA**
RK - **ROCCO**

1G - **LUNA**
1V - **THOMAS**
2S - **AYZA**
2P - **SASHA**
2L - **MILLIE**

3C - **TYANA**
3E - **JOSHUA**
3/4M - **JAMES**
4D - **MARIAM**
4E - **TAMMY**

5R - **ABBIE**
5S - **MARLEY**
5/6W - **LOLA**
6J - **TIL**
6C - **JULIA**

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all our families. We are delighted to see all the children back in school ready for learning. We had great excitement in the playground on our first day back with snowfall!

COLD WEATHER/WARM COAT

Please remember with this recent cold weather to make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat, and hats and gloves if possible.

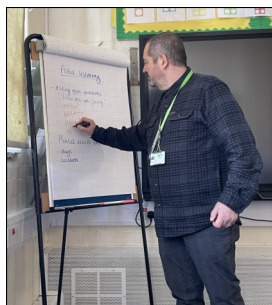
WELLBEING CHAMPIONS TRAINING

This week, our Wellbeing Champions received training with Jon our school counsellor and Toki who is our school's pastoral manager. During this training, Jon explained the importance of active listening and what this looks like. He shared the **SARAH model** with them:

S - Stop talking
A - Active Listening
R - Repeat back
A - Accept
H - Help them help themselves



Wellbeing Champions had the opportunity to ask questions about their role which led to them role playing situations and how best they would be able to support.



PARENT READING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We would love to have some parent reading volunteers who could commit to coming into school to support reading

from 1:15 - 1:50 in our Year 1 and 2 classes. If your child is in either Year 1 or 2, you would not be assigned to their class. If you would be able to volunteer, please email admin FAO Jacqueline and we will be in touch. Your support will be really helpful.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY PARENT WORKSHOP



Next week on **Tuesday 16th January** from 09:10 - 10am, Jacqueline and Jon will be running a parent workshop on how to understand and support children with anxiety. Please spread the word and do come along. All welcome!

PLAYGROUND BUDDY APPLICATIONS

The deadline for children to apply to be a playground buddy this term is **Tuesday 16th January**. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 can apply, if your child was a playground buddy in Autumn Term, they can't apply again this term. All applications need to be given to Toki, if your child would like an application form, please ask them to speak to their class teacher.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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
- w/c 5 Feb** LEAP Creativity Week
- Thurs 8 Feb** 1V Class Assembly at 3pm
- w/c 12 Feb** Half term break