

LEAP NEWS

Friday 26 January 2024

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Está muy oscuro.... It is very dark....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership



KINGSMEAD IS OUTSTANDING!

We are delighted to be able to write to you about the amazing outcome for Kingsmead in its recent OFSTED inspection. Kingsmead was first judged to be outstanding in 2011 some 13 years ago now, but OFSTED has changed a good deal in the meantime and it has become much harder to achieve an outstanding grade.

Kingsmead didn't stand still after its 2011 inspection but went on to be designated as National Teaching School and Louise Nichols, as the then headteacher of Kingsmead, became a National Leader of Education. In 2012 Louise became Executive Headteacher of Gayhurst as well. In 2014 we formed the LEAP Federation so that we could work together with other schools collaboratively and in 2015 Mandeville joined us to complete the group of schools that LEAP is today. The unique focus of LEAP schools has always been the Arts (the A in LEAP) and delivering our curriculum through visual and performing arts where possible, for example Kingsmead is a Platinum Artsmark school, the highest accolade a school can be awarded by the Arts Council. In 2019 we started our complete rework of the curriculum to produce what is now known as the 'Empowerment curriculum' which is Rich, Representative and Relevant and a bespoke curriculum delivered only in our schools. Three separate OFSTED teams in the last two years have now recognised that our curriculum is exemplary and that each of our schools is child centred and aims to develop the whole child and care about the wellbeing of every child and member of staff.

It is always difficult to maintain an 'exemplary in all areas' OFSTED judgement and with all credit to the Kingsmead team, that is exactly what they did. A few highlights from the report that can be read [here](#) are:

'This is a school where everyone is treated fairly and equally. Pupils' best interests are at the heart of all the school's work.' 'Pupils are exceptionally well behaved and show kindness and respect for their fellow pupils and school staff. The school provides many engaging activities to spark pupils' interests and nurture their talents.'

A huge congratulations to Evelyn, Kingsmead's headteacher, and the whole school team including our hard working LEAP governors for this amazing result. We are sure you will join everyone at Kingsmead and in the federation, in celebrating this amazing outcome.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION GOES LIVE

Today every parent who is registered as the primary carer for their family at a LEAP school should have received an email inviting them to vote in the election.

In cases where there are two or more parents registered, we have also sent votes. As we said last week if you are a parent/carer of a child at one of our schools you are entitled to vote so if you have not received a vote please email your school admin office

Gayhurst – admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk

Kingsmead – admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

Mandeville – mdvoffice@mandeville.hackney.sch.uk

We have two parent governor posts to fill so each parent needs to choose the TWO candidates they would like to see as Parent Governors and vote for them, regardless of the number of children you have in the school.

If you are not able to vote electronically you can ask the office to print you a copy and vote on paper but where possible we ask parents to vote electronically, if at all possible, as it keeps the process simple, fair and transparent. The voting system counts the votes and lets us know the outcome on the final day. Paper votes will be counted by the headteacher in each school and added to the electronic votes.

The voting starts today, Friday 26th January and finishes at **5pm on Monday 19th February**. There are 8 candidates across the three schools and again, as we said last week, please choose candidates on their statements not on whether they are a parent at your child's school.

The two candidates with the most votes will be elected to the LEAP governing body.

We really want to thank the candidates for putting themselves forward for this very important role and are happy to answer any queries by any parent on the process.

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HALF TERM COOKERY CLUB AT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Little Chefs Holiday Club

12, 13 & 14 February (half-term)

Over 3 days this February half-term, the Hackney School of Food in Oswald Street, Lower Clapton is running a range of cooking classes for children to learn recipes from across the globe, from Mexican street-food to celebrating Shrove Tuesday with Japanese pancakes. Little chefs will be taught by a trained chef and will gain kitchen confidence and try new foods, while making new local friends. There's also an opportunity to spend time in the garden and see the chickens. Classes run Monday-Wednesday mornings or afternoons and you can book individual classes or sign up for all 3 days. These are paid for sessions for children age 7+ . Places are limited so book [here](#) to ensure your place.



LEAP CHICKS ARE GROWING UP!



The LEAP federation chickens are 15 weeks old today! Happy 15th weeks birthday to them...

Their mum Cinnamon, pictured here with them as chicks tucked into her feathers, proved herself to be a brilliant mum and was looking after them really well over the cold autumn and winter times, teaching them everything they needed to know to survive.



LEAP CHICKS ARE GROWING UP CONTINUED....

Lidka, our wonderful school gardener, said she particularly loved watching her scratching and finding the worms for them. Cinnamon decided she completed her motherhood duties when the chicks were 10 weeks old. They have been fully independent since then! And look how much they have changed and how grown up they now appear!

They love being outside and munching on whatever greens they can find in the garden. Their favourite though are sorrel, chard and beetroot leaves.



**Gayhurst's
chicken
Chickpea**

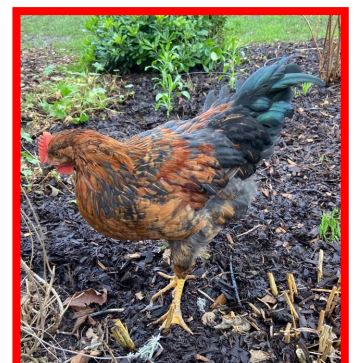


**Kingsmead's
chicken
Sunflower**



**Mandeville's
chicken
Pumpkin**

**School of Food's
chicken Poppy**





SPRING TERM 2024

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

GREEN TOKEN RESULTS

Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	RK 46
Year 3 & 4	3/4M 55
Year 5 & 6	6C 45



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH am - LILE

NH pm - NOVA

RLC- PEPPY

RK- ETTA

1G - OTTO

1V - KAEDON

2S- OLIVIA

2P - ELIAS

2L - D'NAEYAH-MAE

3C- NINA

3E - FRANCES

3/4M - GENE

4D - BILLY

4E - STANLEY

5R - HOCKKNEY

5S - POSEY

5/6W- ERROL

6J- ASA

6C - ISLA

SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT PARLIAMENT

On Wednesday, our school council visited the Houses of Parliament. They had a tour of the building and took part in a laws and debating workshop. In this workshop our school councillors learnt about how laws are made by following the journey of a bill through the House of Commons and the House of Lords, before it becomes a law. They saw the House of Lords, and some of the current bills that will be debated in the House of Commons – laws concerning data protection and automated cars. They saw where the King sits whenever he visits the House of Lords, it is also known as the 'Sovereign's Throne' and this is where the King's Speech takes place. They also saw where the opposition sits and where the Lord speaker sits when there is a debate. They learnt about the importance of the Magna Carta, a document that states that the King and its government are not above the law.

Georgia 6C said: "It was so much fun, I learnt a lot of new things and loved the tour!"



SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT PARLIAMENT CONTINUED.....



"It was cool seeing where the King sits" **Hassan, 1V.**

"I liked the tour and looking at the throne" **Annieth, 3/4M.**

"It was a busy day, we had a tour and a workshop!" **Teo, 2L.**

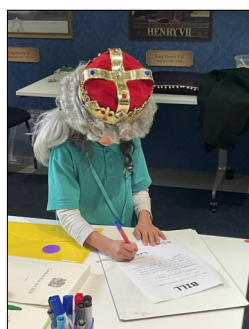
MUSIC TUITION



We still have spaces for our music tuition during school hours. Book your child a space on magic booking! Tuition in guitar, keyboard, flute or recorder.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

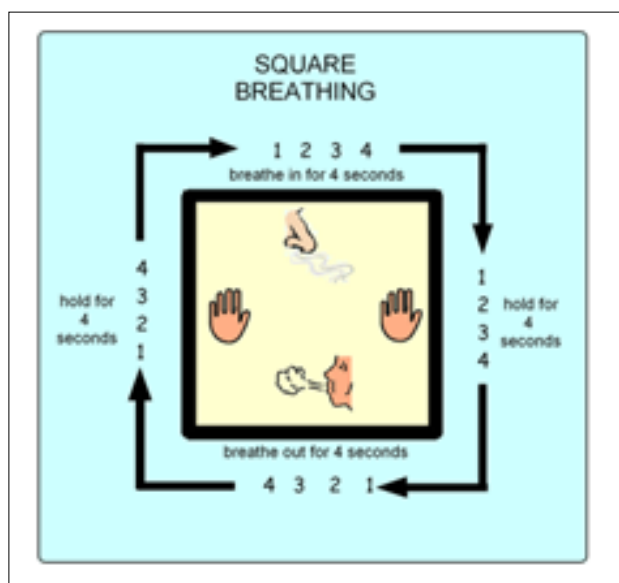
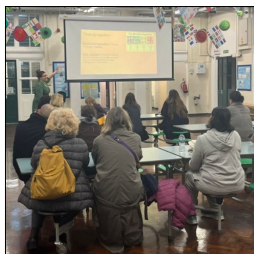
- Thurs 1 Feb** 2S Class Assembly at 3pm
- w/c 5 Feb** LEAP Creativity Week
- Wed 7 Feb** Residential meeting Year 6 parents 5.30pm
- Thurs 8 Feb** 1V Class Assembly at 3pm
- w/c 12 Feb** Half term break
- Thurs 22 Feb** 4D class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 29 Feb** 4E class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 7 March** World Book Day
- Thurs 14 March** RLC class assembly 3pm
- Fri 15 March** Red Nose Day – wear red!
- Thurs 21 March** Parent/carer evening
school finishes early at 1:30pm
- Fri 22 March** Drumming and dance performances
(class order TBC)
- Tues 26 March** Gymnastics performances
1:30pm – 3E, 1G, 5S. 3pm – 2P, 5R.
- Thurs 28 March** Last day of term
school finishes early at 1:30pm











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PARENT WORKSHOP ON ZONES OF REGULATION

This week we had a great turn out at our 'Zones of Regulation' parent/carer workshop. We talked about how we use the Zones at school to support children to talk about their emotions and develop self-regulation strategies. We also shared some tips on how this can be used at home too. Here are a couple of the breath work examples:



PARENT WORKSHOP ZONES OF REGULATION CONTINUED....

The ZONES of Regulation			
			
			
Blue Zone Sad Bored Tired Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Proud	Yellow Zone Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	Red Zone overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

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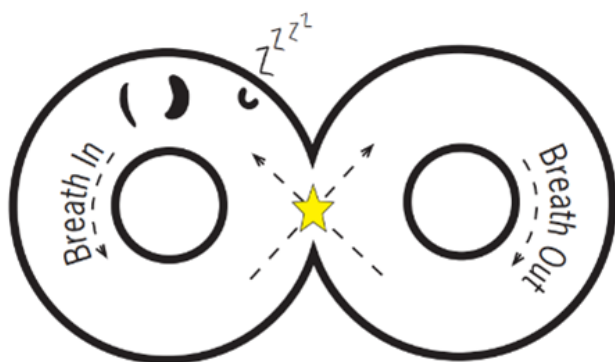
3E'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

Fabulous flamenco

3E's class assembly focused on Spanish heritage and traditional flamenco. The children wowed us all in their outfits and even taught some flamenco elements. They ended with a brilliant dance to Volare by the Gipsy Kings. ¡Lo pasamos muy bien!



Lazy 8 Breathing



Trace the Lazy 8 with your finger starting at the star & taking a deep breath in.

As you cross over to the other side of the Lazy 8, slowly let your breath out.

Continue breathing around the Lazy 8 until you have a calm body and mind