

LEAP NEWS

Friday 23 February 2024

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Las flores están saliendo.... *The flowers are coming out....*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION RESULTS

We are delighted to announce that you, the parents and carers of LEAP federation, have elected two new Parent Governors following our recent election. We are immensely grateful to all 8 of the candidates who put themselves forward to stand and were willing to support the schools by joining our governing board. We especially want to thank each and every one of you that took the time to vote.

The two new parent governors are **Lizzie Thorne** and **Candice Gow-Smith** and they will be attending meetings and joining our committees very soon.



Lizzie Thorne



Candice Gow-Smith

LEAP & THE DECUS ENSEMBLE

Last week, some year 4 and 5 children from across the LEAP federation came to Gayhurst school to enjoy a session with The Decus Ensemble. The Decus Ensemble are a diverse group of professional classical musicians who promote the works of less well-known composers throughout classical music history. The workshop focused on the performance of classical music composed by musicians of African and Caribbean descent.



LEAP & THE DECUS ENSEMBLE CONTINUED....

Nahla Rose, Year 4 at Gayhurst said: *"It was really cool when we got to join in".*

Amirah, Year 4 at Mandeville said: *"I really enjoyed listening to the double bass and flute".*

Marquez, Year 5 at Kingsmead said *"It was really fun, we had to listen to music and guess who was playing it. It was classical music and they even played the Star Wars song. Some children in my class got up and performed, they held a hose and they could hear the music vibrating through it."*



MANDEVILLE OFSTED



Mandeville had a graded OFSTED inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. This was the follow up inspection after OFSTED said in September 2022 that *'there is enough evidence of improved performance to suggest that the school could be judged outstanding'*

Four inspectors were with the school for two full days and looked into all aspects of school life from nursery to year 6, visiting lessons, playtimes, support for SEND, lunch provision and extended day. They looked at children's learning in great detail including a selection of children's work books and analysed our curriculum in great detail to look for exemplary practice in all areas. They met with parents in the playground, the local authority school improvement partner and our governors. Very importantly they held several meetings with children of all ages to ask them about their school.

They then decided grades for each of those areas. At present the outcome is confidential, as the inspectors judgements now have to go through a quality control process. The full report and outcome will be published in around 4 – 6 weeks.

A huge thank you to the amazing effort by Mandeville staff children, parents, the Gayhurst & Kingsmead staff, our community and all our school governors.

We are pleased about how it went and look forward to sharing the outcome with you as soon as we are allowed to.



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	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	RLC	145
Year 3 & 4	3E	154
Year 5 & 6	5/6W	180



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH am - **DUKE**
NH pm - **BRIGID**
RLC - **ROSA C**
RK - **FELIX**

1G - **ALEYA**
1V - **TEDDY**
2S - **SORAYA**
2P - **VIVIEN**
2L - **JESSICA**

3C - **ARAYA**
3E - **ROVAUGHNI**
3/4M - **SYLVIA**
4D - **WHOLE CLASS**
4E - **EVIE**

5R - **RASHAN**
5S - **ROWAN**
5/6W - **MAARIYA**
6J - **EMMA**
6C - **RENAE**

YEAR 2 TRIP TO SOUTHBANK

On the Tuesday before the half term break, Year 2 travelled to the Southbank Centre to enjoy the immersive performance of Far, Far Away by the Aurora Orchestra! We journeyed down on the Overground and the tube and then we walked over the Golden Jubilee Bridge. Transport turned out to be the theme of the production, which used music and storytelling to take us in a race car, a hot air balloon, a tandem bicycle, a train, a rocket and a boat! The Aurora Orchestra was made up of a bassoon, clarinet, piano and a singer. These primary music specialists played new chamber arrangements of Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel's music in an inventive and playful introduction to classical music. Year 2 became musicians themselves, joining in with claps, drumbeats and our voices. At the end we were all given our own origami boats to join in the final song, which we could then take home as a memento. Year 2 loved the performance and being part of the musical magic!



Romilly: "It was brilliant. I liked when they gave out the boats!"

Sam: "It was fantastic because we saw people riding a bike and we ate a cookie."

Azra: "I really liked it because it was really cool and I loved all the instruments."

D'Naeyah-Mae: "It was amazing! I really liked the show and the music."

PARENT COOKING SESSION AT SCHOOL OF FOOD



We have a limited number of spaces available for a fun FREE cooking session just for Gayhurst parents & carers at the Hackney School of Food on **Monday 4th March from 10am to 12noon**. The cooking session will focus on **preparing delicious low cost family meals and reducing food waste in the kitchen**.

If you are interested in registering for a place please let Jacqueline know or email admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk and mark your email **FAO Jacqueline** saying you would like to register for a place on the free Gayhurst Parent Cooking session. A further session will be offered in the June.

The Hackney School of Food is in Oswald Street, Lower Clapton, London E5 0BT.

COGS AGM NEW DATE



Join CoGS (Community of Gayhurst School) at the rescheduled Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Monday 25 March from 4 pm to 6 pm** for some light refreshments and to learn about plans for the year ahead. Meet other parents and carers and hear from Gayhurst's Headteacher Karen Pedro. Please complete [this form](#) to register for the event.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 29 Feb** Family Coach Taster session 9 - 10am + 4E class assembly 3pm
- Mon 4 March** Parent cooking session HSoF 10am -12noon
Registration needed...see piece above
- Wed 6 March** E--Safety parent workshop at 9.10am
- 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)
- Mon 25 March** COGs Annual General meeting 4 - 6pm
- 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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FAMILY COACH TASTER SESSION

Don't forget to come along on **Thursday 29th February** at **9am** to the Family Coach Taster session at Gayhurst. The focus will be **understanding anxiety**. The session will be covering the following:

The link between thoughts, feelings and actions

Changing unhelpful thoughts

5 ways of wellbeing

Finding your calm space



THURSDAY 29TH OF FEBRUARY 9 - 10AM
FAMILY COACH ANXIETY TASTER SESSION
For Families with children that attend a Hackney school and have an additional need. No formal diagnosis or EHCP required.

What to expect from the Anxiety Taster Session

Would you like to feel more confident managing your and/or your child's anxiety? If yes, come along to the Anxiety Taster Session! We will be covering the following:

- The link between thoughts, feelings and actions.
- Changing unhelpful thoughts.
- 5 ways of wellbeing
- Finding your calm space

WHO ARE WE?

Hello!
We are **Emily And Rachel**
The Family Coach Service

- 20+ years experience working with children and families.
- Committed to empowering families and reaching their potential.

WHAT SERVICES DO WE OFFER?

Parent empowerment groups
For parents of a SEN child that attend a Hackney school or lives in Hackney.

- A space for you to work towards goals
- Support of a wider community
- Celebrate successes and problem solve together.

1:1 Family Coaching
For parents of a SEN child that lives in Hackney.

- Identify a change you'd like to make
- 6 sessions
- Feel empowered to work towards achieving self directed goal

CONTACT US

If you have any questions please send us an email

familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

We look forward to working with you soon!

4D'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week 4D performed their class assembly to friends and family. Their assembly was based on their recent learning about rainforests. In their wonderful outfits, they astounded and amazed the audience as they regaled facts about the Amazon rainforest, recited lines from memory and delivered some expertly timed 'howlers'. All of this was capped off with a beautiful rendition of 'Bare Necessities' (with an encore of course!).

'Well done to all of 4D - I was so proud and truly impressed with your bravery and dedication in delivering your class assembly' **David**, Class Teacher.



YEAR 1 TRIP TO AQUARIUM

Just before the half term break, Year 1 visited the SEALIFE London Aquarium to put their learning about the topic '**Animals Including Humans**' into a real life context. During their visit the children were able to see and learn about a vast range of sea creatures, from sharks to penguins. The children even got the chance to hold a shark egg. There were many different seascapes throughout the aquarium and the children loved exploring the inhabitants of coral reefs where they spotted clown fish (like Nemo!). Classes IV and 1G really enjoyed visiting the aquarium and expanding their knowledge of 'Animals Including Humans'.

