

LEAP NEWS

Friday 8 March 2024

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Necesito mi chaqueta.... I need my jacket.....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

GREAT BIG DANCE OFF 2024



Huge congratulations to **Mandeville's Dance squad** who were, for the second year in a row, crowned champions at the Great Big Dance Off, South East Regional Primary dance finals on Monday this week. They will compete in the Grand National Finals in June for the title of National Champion. Thank you to Marie-Reine (aka Ms B), their Dance Principal from Storm the Stage and Freddy, our PE teacher, for supporting the children with their amazing achievement. Special thanks also to the parents who supported the squad in getting across London to the Beck Theatre.

"I can't believe we came first again! We are the best!"-

Catherina, Yr 5

"Teamwork makes the dream work." - **Fatima, Yr 6**

"It was a very long day but it was worth it because we won and we are champions again." - **Farrah, Yr 3**



GREAT BIG DANCE OFF 2024 CONTINUED.....

"I am so proud of everyone because I was the captain with Gifty and we came first. Ms B made us practise hard!"-
Harry, Yr 6

SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

All three LEAP schools are offering Spring Holiday camps from **Tuesday 2 April to Friday 5 April** from **10am to 2pm**, with lots of sports and physical activities on offer as well as art sessions and cooking at the School of Food.

Gayhurst's camp will be at Gayhurst school and the Kingsmead and Mandeville camp will be at Kingsmead school. The camps are open to children in Reception class through to Year 6.

All parents of children in these year groups should have received registration forms to sign their children up for the camp. Please complete the registration form and return to your child's school if you'd like your child to attend.



RED NOSE DAY FRIDAY 15 MARCH



A reminder that all three LEAP schools will be raising money for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day next Friday 15 March. Children and staff are encouraged to come to school **wearing something red** and with some coins to donate to Comic Relief. Comic Relief supports incredible projects and organisations that are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world.



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

57

Year 3 & 4

3/4M

48

Year 5 & 6

5R

78



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - **RAY**
RLC- **MISTY**
RK- **YUSUF**

1G - **OTO**
1V - **SANTIAGO**
2S- **EMMANUEL**
2P - **MAE**
2L - **IBRAHIM**

3C- **LEON**
3E - **AYAZ**
3/4M - **KIT**
4D - **VIOLET**
4E - **WHOLE CLASS**

5R - **VERETTE**
5S - **MUSTAFA**
5/6W-**KEON**
6J- **ANUK**
6C - **LEONARDO**

RECEPTION VISIT CITY FARM

The current Early Years Foundation Stage topic is 'Animals' and one of the stories the children have been reading has been Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell. To support their learning the children visited Hackney City Farm and met the animals.

"I liked the chickens clucking because they are funny" - **Nariah RK.**



"I loved it when I saw all the animals" - **Felix RK.**



The children really enjoyed the trips last week and were keen to talk about their experience and what they have learned.

"I saw Farmer Duck and all his friends" - **Kuzey RLC.**

"Baby goats are called kids!" - **Felix RLC.**



FOOTBALL NEWS

Last Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 Girls football won the **Hackney primary football tournament**. After a tough match, it came down to penalties where Nina (6J) scored the winning penalty kick. The girls didn't stop there! On Thursday night, they won the **Queensbridge 5 a-side football tournament**. They played four different games and managed to win the overall league!

Sanchez, P.E coach said: "I'm really proud of the group effort. It's brilliant to see hard work paying off from all the extra training sessions. Well done girls, this really is deserved".

Matteo, P.E coach said: "I'm very proud of the girls, they have done themselves and Gayhurst proud!".



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 14 March RLC class assembly 3pm

Fri 15 March Red Nose Day – wear red!

Thurs 21 March Parent/carers evening

school finishes early at 1:30pm

Fri 22 March Drumming and dance performances

1:30pm - 3/4M, 6J 2:30pm - 3C, 6C, 2L

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

PARENT E SAFETY WORKSHOP

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the E-Safety workshop on Wednesday. It was great to share our computing online safety curriculum and to support parents to keep their children safe online. Information from this workshop and other parent workshops we have held, is on our school website [Parent Workshop page](#), in the Parents & Carers section of the school website. If you scan the QR code below, you will be able to access lots of materials around E-Safety.



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WORLD BOOK DAY

This year we celebrated World Book Day by inviting author **Louie Stowell**, to come in and run assemblies for children from Year 1-6. During the assembly, children were able to draw their own illustrations, take part in acting out parts of the story and also have a Q&A with the author.



You can see what fun children and staff had dressing up as favourite characters from books and comics on World Book Day from these photos!



PARENT COOKING SESSION

On Monday, some of our Gayhurst parents took part in a cooking session at the Hackney School of Food. The session was around making a delicious, nutritious meal, within a budget, ensuring we make the best use of any leftovers. They made lovely egg fried rice with vegetables, a healthy slaw and smashed cucumber salad.

Teri, parent of Year 1 child said *"It was a really lovely morning, and so nice to enjoy the food after"*. Keep an eye out for the next Gayhurst parent session at the School of Food!



GAYHURST'S NEW OVEN

Thank you Gayhurst families!

We are delighted to share with you that the new Gayhurst oven that so many of you contributed to is finally installed and in action. Sergio and the kitchen team are very happy with it. As you know we bake all our bread fresh daily and the joy of this oven is that you can cook at different temperatures on the different shelves. The other great thing about the crowd funder was that many of you took the opportunity to thank the chefs for the daily meals and the new and innovative menus. We know that it can be a struggle to get your child to try new foods and we hope to support you with that during their time at Gayhurst. Our inclusive dining halls are testament to that with the majority of staff eating school lunches with the children.

This week Gayhurst hosted a visit from **Will Beckett** who is the founder Hawksmoor restaurant chain. He had this to say after his visit

"Amazing lunch today in Gayhurst Primary school in Hackney, Sergio the head chef and his team cook the best school food I've ever seen. chicken thigh in Romesco sauce, 3 different vegetables and to finish a lemon drizzle cake accompanied by poppy seed bread which Sergio comes in daily at 5.30am to bake for 600 hungry children each day. Eating with them was a highlight of my month! Absolute game changer for schools & children."

