



LEAP NEWS

Friday 17th January 2025

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

Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere Primary Schools working in partnership

CELEBRATING OUR PREMISES TEAM ACROSS LEAP

Sometimes, the invaluable work done by school staff behind the scenes doesn't receive the recognition it deserves. This week, we want to shine a spotlight on our resourceful and dedicated **Premises Team**, who work tirelessly to keep our schools running smoothly. Our site team starts their day early—some as early as **5 a.m.** They are the first to arrive, unlocking the school for the cleaners and ensuring they have the necessary equipment to carry out their jobs effectively. When it snows or the pathways are icy, they are out gritting and clearing to make sure everyone stays safe.

Each morning, they handle fresh food deliveries and milk, often cleaning up any mess left overnight by foxes in the playground. They check that the boilers are functioning properly so the building is warm for staff and students, and the kitchen has access to hot water. They also manage and distribute deliveries throughout the building. If something breaks or needs attention, the Premises Team is the first to respond and fix the problem promptly.

Their responsibilities extend far beyond daily tasks — they play a crucial role in ensuring our schools are safe and compliant. From conducting health and safety checks to managing statutory requirements like fire regulations and termly fire drills, their work underpins the safety and smooth operation of our schools.

At LEAP, we're fortunate to have **Colin**, who oversees the sites at Mandeville, Kingsmead, and Grasmere, and **Darren**, who manages Gayhurst. Both bring a wealth of experience and are highly skilled builders. For example, Darren creatively adapted a playground shed to create the #TAG ART Gallery at Gayhurst, and Colin built the impressive 'Fallen Forest' play structure at Mandeville. They also collaborate with external contractors to ensure every aspect of our buildings is expertly maintained.



Fallen Forest at Mandeville



#TAG Art Gallery at Gayhurst

CELEBRATING OUR PREMISES TEAM CONTINUED.....

Our dedicated site assistants this term include **Rashid** at Kingsmead, **Kayode** at Mandeville, **Ebenezer** at Grasmere and **Nick** at Gayhurst. You'll find them taking on various tasks, from keeping the premises clean, safe, and tidy to supporting the day-to-day needs of the school community. The site teams also support each other across the schools. We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Premises Team for being the first to arrive and the last to leave every day, and for their unwavering commitment to keeping our schools ready for staff and students. Their hard work does not go unnoticed, and we deeply appreciate everything they do to support LEAP.



Ebenezer



Colin



Rashid



Kayode



Darren



Nick

SCHOOL INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS

Grasmere school has recently created a school Instagram account, joining our three other schools, Kingsmead, Gayhurst & Mandeville, who all have a school Instagram accounts where school life, events and achievements are celebrated.

The LEAP Federation also has its own Instagram account where broader updates and notable achievements across all our schools are shared.

We thought it would be helpful to share all these accounts so you can explore how this works at other schools and stay connected. Feel free to follow these accounts if you are not already doing so:

Grasmere Instagram: [@grasmeren16](https://www.instagram.com/grasmeren16)

Gayhurst Instagram: [@gayhurste8](https://www.instagram.com/gayhurste8)

Kingsmead Instagram: [@kingsmeade9](https://www.instagram.com/kingsmeade9)

Mandeville Instagram: [@mandevillee5](https://www.instagram.com/mandevillee5)

LEAP Federation Instagram: [@leapfederation](https://www.instagram.com/leapfederation)



1st half of term: 06.01.25 - 14.02.25
 Half term: 17 Feb — 21 Feb 2025
 2nd half of term: 24.02.25 - 04.04.25

GREEN TOKEN RESULTS	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	2J	50
Year 3 & 4	4E	85
Year 5 & 6	6C	54



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - SUKI
 RC- STEVIE
 RK- FELIX

1PG - UMI
 1M - ETTA
 2S - STERLING
 2J - FREDDIE

3L - ELIZA
 3E - OLIVIA
 3/4L - JUAN-PABLO
 4F- GENE
 4E- ANNIETH

5T - MARLOWE
 5D - WHOLE CLASS
 5/6A - SAHAAYA
 6J- MAARIYA
 6C - ANNABEL

CLASS 5/6A VISIT ROYAL OBSERVATORY

5/6A really enjoyed their trip to the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. It felt like a long journey to get there but it was well worth it, even if just for the view over London and the River Thames while eating our snacks!

Once inside we had a fantastic workshop with the Astronomer Sam, who taught us lots about the Sun, Moon and Earth. We got 100% in our quiz about different types of eclipses. After lunch we had a session led by Ally learning about the creation of the universe and we made a comic strip to support our understanding. We saved the best until last when we visited the Planetarium and saw the cosmos in spectacular detail, learning more about our solar system and how big our universe really is. We even visited Venus, Mars and Saturn, looking at real images taken from space exploration all in the context of the wonderful roof of the Planetarium, just like we were looking at the stars for real. Incredible!



"It was a great trip because it helped us refresh our memory about our space learning.

The best part was the planetarium because I really enjoyed seeing the different constellations."
Rafe 5/6A



5D'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, 5D performed their class assembly to friends and family. They astounded and astonished onlookers in their rendition of 'The Solar Systems's Got Talent' Viewers were treated to acting, songs, poems, dances and even raps about everything we have been learning in our most recent science unit, 'Space'.

"Congratulations to every single member of 5D. I was very proud of you and your courage and dedication in learning your lines and performing them so wonderfully. You really were out of this world!"- David (Class Teacher)



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 23 Jan** 2J class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 30 Jan** 4E class assembly at 3pm
- Thurs 6 Feb** 1M class assembly at 3pm
- Wed 12 Feb** COGS Wine tasting fundraiser 7-8.30pm
- Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb** Half term break
- Thurs 27 Feb** Yr 3 & 4 TAG gallery opening 4.30 - 6pm
- Wed 12 March** City & Hackney Talking Therapies information sharing session with Katie Pomeroy, Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner 9.10- 9.45am
- Thurs 20 March** Parents evening - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**
- Fri 4 April** Last day of Spring Term - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**

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RECEPTION CLASS TRIP TO MUSEUM OF HOME

This week, Reception had an exciting opportunity to visit the Museum of Home, bringing to life their learning on 'The Three Little Pigs' and materials.

The children explored homes from past to present, looking at how materials are chosen based on their properties. They enjoyed looking at how our cultures can influence our homes and noticing similarities and differences to their own homes.

We look forward to seeing how this experience will inspire their future projects and investigations!

I liked looking in the gardens - Milo

The old house looked so different to mine - Frieda

The cups in the hold home were made out of bones - Elliott D

It was fun playing the old video game! - Rufus



SPECIALIST CLUBS & SPACES

Specialist clubs for the Spring term started this week. The children have been enjoying keeping active, being creative, learning new skills and having fun in the Forest.

'I love football club; you are really active and I love improving my skills.' Tyler 6C. *'I like sewing a lot. You even get to use the sewing machine.'* August 3L.

Specialist clubs run from **3:45 - 4:45pm**.

There are still a few spaces in the following clubs:

Girls Football for Yrs 4, 5 & 6 on a Monday

Song Writing for Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 on a Monday

Table Tennis for Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 on a Tuesday

Gymnastics for Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 on a Thursday

Drama for Yrs 4, 5 & 6 on a Thursday

Drama for Yrs 1, 2 & 3 on a Friday

Use the link <https://login.arbor.sc> to book.



MUSIC TUITION SPACES



We will be continuing to offer keyboard and guitar tuition this term and there are still spaces available! If you would like to tuition, log on to Arbor and book!

SAVE THE DATE!



CoGS fundraiser - Introduction to Wine Tasting

Weds 12 Feb, 7-8:30pm

CoGS have been

generously donated an introduction to wine tasting workshop, led by a parent at the school.

Start planning your childcare if you'd like to attend as this event is for grown-ups only!

More information and how to buy tickets (£20 each) to follow in next week's newsletter.

