

LEAP NEWS

Friday 26 April 2024

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Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

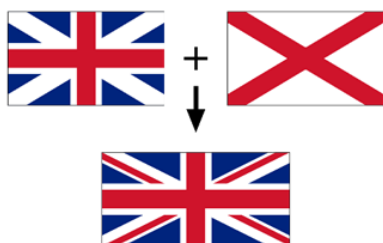
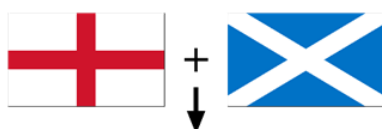
SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

At LEAP, our community is rich in diversity. Our families come from a variety of places and have a wide range of faiths and beliefs. Our diverse cultures and heritages are something we celebrate at LEAP and days such as International Evening are a wonderful way to share our differences. However, one thing we all have in common is where we live, England. This week we decided to look at the patron saint of England, St George as Tuesday 23rd April was St George's day.



We thought that a way to learn about the United Kingdom, is each year we look at a different UK patron saint and that way children will learn about each country once every 4 years, traditions, language, national flower and history or England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland for general knowledge.

This week there was an assembly learning about how the story of St George evolved. We were surprised to find out that he was not actually born in England, but came



from Turkey. We looked at the flag of England and explored how it is combined with the flag of Scotland and Northern Ireland to make the Union Jack. We questioned where the Welsh flag was and discovered that at the time the Union flag was designed, the Principality of Wales was actually united with England. We debated whether the flag should now be updated and some of us had a go at designing our own flags! This got us interested in learning more about the patron saints of the other countries in the United Kingdom.

Watch this space, as we will be finding out more about St David, St Patrick and St Andrew in the near future.

LEAP'S FREE FOOD SHOPS

Since the first Covid lockdown in Spring 2020 all three schools have been running a weekly Free Food Shop for any of our families who need this support. This was initially to help families through the very difficult lockdown periods but has continued, with the cost of living crisis, which we know continues to impact many in our communities. Our Free Food shops are open to anyone who needs to make use of them and are not means tested to avoid unnecessary administration and to avoid waste.

LEAP's Free Food Shops are possible thanks to our close partnership with the food redistribution charity The Felix Project. The Felix Project work across London fighting food waste and hunger. They rescue good, surplus food from the food industry that cannot be sold and would otherwise go to waste. This is high-quality and nutritious, including a high proportion of fresh fruit and vegetables, baked goods, salads, meat and fish. They collect or receive food from over 539 suppliers, including supermarkets, wholesalers, farms, restaurants and delis. They then sort and deliver this food to almost 1000 front-line charities, primary schools and holiday programmes in London, including our three LEAP schools.

We have recently been able to include some toiletry items at our Free Food Shops, which have been well received by families.

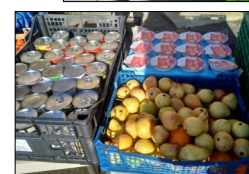
The Free Food Shops run every week on:

Monday mornings at **Kingsmead** and **Mandeville** schools (texts are sent out to families when the Free Food Shops are ready for you to visit) and on **Monday afternoons** from 3 – 3.30pm at **Gayhurst** school.

We ask that all attending the Free Food Shops are mindful that the food needs to be shared amongst many and to not take more than their share.

You can find out more about the Felix Project [here](#) and if you would like to volunteer with the Felix project at one of their depots, you can find more information [here](#).

More information about Cost of Living Crisis support that is available to Hackney residents can be found at <https://hackney.gov.uk/hackney-money-help>





SUMMER TERM 2024

1st half of term: 15.04.24 - 24.05.24

Half term: 27 - 31 May 2024

2nd half of term: 03.06.24 - 19.07.24

INSET days: Mon 22, Tues 23 &
Wed 24 July 2024

GREEN TOKEN

GREEN TOKEN	Class	Tokens
Rec, Year 1 & 2	2S	56
Year 3 & 4	3/4E	45
Year 5 & 6	6C	88



GOLDEN AWARDS

NH - AMY
RLC- NYLAH
RK- NELL

1G - LUCA
1V - SAFTYA
2S - WINNIE
2P - EDITH
2L - LUCA

3C- MILLIE
3E- CONNOR H
3/4E - MARTHA
4D - POPPY
4E - GABRIEL

5R - ELSA
5S - NIKITA P
5/6W - AMINAH
6J- FOX
6C - GEORGIA

DRUMMING & DANCE

Last Friday we had some brilliant drumming and dance performances by 3.4E, 6J, 3C, 6C and 2L. Parents and carers were treated to fantastic dance routines, synchronized drumming and even some fabulous singing! Well done to all the classes who performed and for the parents who also took part!



GUITAR & KEYBOARD TUITION

We have spaces available for guitar and keyboard tuition with Mensah this term! These sessions will take place during the school day and be taught by our very own music specialist, Mensah. If you would like to book tuition, log on to magic booking to get a session. Sessions cost £10.



SUMMER FAIR PLANNING



The CoGS Summer Fair will take place on **Saturday 6 July, 12noon - 4pm** in the school grounds. If you'd like to help out in any way, please get in touch via one of the year group WhatsApps or email gayhurstcogs@gmail.com. There will be an online meeting at **8 pm on Wednesday 1 May**, open anyone who wants to find out more.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Mon 29 April	Parents Evening for class 5R 1:30 - 4:30pm
Tues 30 April	Parents Evening for class 5R 1:30 - 4:30pm
Wed 1 May	COGS online meeting re Summer Fair 8pm
Thurs 9 May	5S class assembly 3pm + Parents Evening for class 3E 1.30 - 4.30pm
Fri 10 May	Parents Evening for class 3E 1.30 - 4.30pm
Thurs 23 May	RK class assembly 3pm
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May	Half term break
w/c Mon 3 June	Year 6 residential trip all week
Thurs 6 June	Rec, Yr 1 & Yr 2 #TAG exhibition opening
Sat 6 July	COGS Gayhurst Summer Fair 12 - 4pm
Mon 10 June	Gayhurst parent & carer cooking session at Hackney School of Food 10am - 12noon
Friday 19 July	Last day of Summer Term- school closes early for children at 1.30pm

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SPECIALIST CLUBS

Summer term specialist clubs have started this week. Children have had fun learning a range of new skills in drama, sports and creative clubs.



We are excited to announce a new specialist club for children in Year 1 and Year 2. On Monday the children joined in during assembly to learn about the fencing position 'En Garde' which fencers assume when preparing to fence. Little Musketeers is an exciting club inspired by the Olympic sport of fencing. Sessions are designed by Olympian and 4-time British Champion James Beevers.



SPECIALIST CLUBS CONTINUED.....

The club will run on **Tuesdays from 3:45– 4:45pm**. The first session will begin on **Tuesday 30th April**.



There are still a few spaces available in the following clubs:

- gymnastics
- netball
- choir
- photography

To book a place please click on the link below:

<https://gayhurst.magicbooking.co.uk/>

A reminder that children can bring a bottle of water and a piece of fruit for a snack before each club. No crisps, chocolate, juice or fizzy drinks to be brought in. We are a nut safe school.

ROUNDERS FESTIVAL - YEARS 3 & 4

On Wednesday, some Year 3 and 4 children took part in a rounders festival on Mabley Green, Hackney E9.

They practiced their fielding, catching, throwing and batting in lots of different fun games. To end the festival, schools played against each other to showcase their skills learnt.

