



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 14th November 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Está lloviendo mucho..... *It is raining a lot.....*

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

ANTI BULLYING WEEK @ LEAP

Children at LEAP started Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks on Monday to celebrate everyone's uniqueness. Throughout the week, they explored this year's Anti Bullying week theme, 'Power for Good', during their PSHE lessons, thinking about how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

To end the week, on this very grey and wet day children and staff across LEAP got cosy, spending the day at school in PJs to help raise funds for the charity Children in Need.

At Grasmere children created colourful odd-sock posters to show how they can use their voices and actions to help others.

"Being kind makes everyone happy." - **Liam** (Year 1).

"We all have the power to help someone if they're feeling sad." - **Janessa** (Year 5)

"We have powers like super-heroes and we can help people." - **JJ** (Reception)



ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

At Gayhurst, during assemblies and PSHE lessons we talked about the definition of bullying and what we mean by power and kind actions. The Anti-Bullying Alliance's definition of bullying is - *The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face to face or online.*

We spent time discussing different scenarios and thought about how we could help and what we could do if we needed help ourselves. Some of our Mental Health Champions spoke in assembly and let us know how they would be using their power for good. Each child then thought of one way they want to use their power for good and created posters to show their ideas. The Mental Health Champions and School Councillors are going to use these to help create a kindness display.

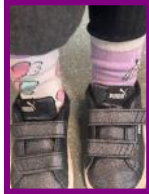


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ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

At Kingsmead younger year groups read the lovely book **One** by Kathryn Otoshi, a moving story about friendship and standing up for yourself and others, that is very accessible for young age groups. We looked at the book **'Kindness is my Superpower'** by Alicia Ortego and discussed how it's never too late to be kind to others, how to make amends, the importance of making the right choices and how being kind can make you and others feel. Evelyn delivered a whole school assembly on The Power of Good and how we can all make a difference. This is a week to stand together against bullying, a chance to celebrate kindness, courage and respect. It's important to speak up and speak out if you are worried and how bystanders can become upstanders.

Imani Campbell, a children's author who read with some children at Kingsmead this week, shared her book **My Classroom Bill Of Rights** with some of the older children. It's an uplifting story of how one girl stood up for herself against someone who was unkind to her, with positive outcomes for both of them.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

Mandeville launched an odd sock poster competition. Posters will be judged by our Mental Health ambassadors and the winners will be announced in Fridays achievement assembly.



A NIGHT OF AUTUMN MAGIC AT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Wow! Our Autumn Trail last Friday night was a HUGE success, with families from the local area stopping by, thank you to the nearly 500 of you who joined us for a truly magical evening.

As the darkness descended, the gardens were transformed! We lit the fire pits and the beautifully carved pumpkins glowed, creating a wonderful, warm atmosphere. Guests settled in with spiced pumpkin soup, sparklers and steaming hearty drinks. Our crafting activities in the Garden Room were abuzz with creativity as we made bird feeder pine cones.

We were treated to the most engaging and enthralling story telling with the fantastic Rich & Adam from Tongues in Trees; they captivated everyone young and old alike!

And of course we couldn't do this without the mega support from LEAP SLT team, and staff & PTA at Mandeville as well as our wonderful collection of volunteers.

We were also hugely thankful for the generosity of our suppliers too - the brilliant Shuanie from Natures Choice donated produce for the event and Tesco helped us out with other ingredients

The team at Dalston Curve Garden were amazing in dropping over 100 pumpkins for us to carve and light the gardens with.



A NIGHT OF AUTUMN MAGIC CONTINUED....



Staff members across LEAP contributed carved pumpkins for the Autumn trail, in a competition to see whose would be voted best design by all visitors attending the Autumn Trail. The results are out and congratulations to each school's winning pumpkin design

Mandeville - Jodie



Gayhurst - Ella



Grasmere - Barley



Kingsmead - Omi





GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Anaiah** Yr 3: **Felix**
 Rec: **Elliot** Yr 4: **Jesse**
 Yr 1: **Theodore** Yr 5: **Sonny A**
 Yr 2: **Johan** Yr 6: **Kendra**

AUTUMN TERM 2025

1st half of term: **02.09.25 - 24.10.25**
 Half term: **27 — 31 Oct 2025**
 2nd half of term: **03.11.25 - 17.12.25**
INSET days: Mon 1 Sept 2025,
 Thurs 18 & Fri 19 Dec 2025

YEAR 1 CLASS GARDEN TRIP

Year 1 had an amazing trip to the Hackney School of Food sensory garden!

We explored the sorrel plants and talked about their properties, made our own herbal tea and described its health benefits, and even investigated worms and their features. We had a fun scavenger hunt around the garden. We finished the day off with a great book in the garden's story time section.

Bailey: "I loved all the activities!"

Devran: "The sorrel was yummy!"



INTRODUCTION TO MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP REMINDER

We are hosting an introduction to Mental Health workshop with our Education Mental Health Practitioner, **Renissa**, on **Friday 21st November at 9:10am**

This session will provide helpful tips and strategies to support your child's emotional wellbeing, as well as information on how we promote positive mental health in school.

We look forward to seeing you there!

GIRLS FOOTBALL NEWS

Last week, Grasmere girls won their football matches and they came top of their group on goal difference, beating several other

Hackney teams! We were blown away by the girls' attitude, determination and teamwork in each game. Massive congratulations to our Grasmere girls who took part- we are all so proud of you!



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 20 Nov** Yr 3 class assembly 3pm
- Fri 21 Nov** Coffee Morning: Introduction to Mental Health 9.10-10am + Yr 4 cake sale
- Thurs 27 Nov** International Evening & FROGS 40th Anniversary Event 4.30—6.30pm - **please note no clubs or hoppers running on this date**
- Wed 3 Dec** Parent & Carer consultation evening **school closes early at 1.30pm for children** (Hoppers still available)
- Fri 5 Dec** Yr 1 Nativity performance 9.30am + FROGS Winter Fair
- Fri 12 Dec** Coffee Morning: Supporting Emotional Regulation 9.10-10am + Christmas lunch and Festive jumper day
- Mon 15 Dec** Drumming and Dance Performances Year 1 and 4 at 9.30am Year 2, 5 and 6 at 10:30am
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**

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Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Grasmere school councillors have been very busy recently supporting Jacqueline and Bianca on running parent tours. **Malachi**, one of our Year 6 school councillors visited a secondary school recently and spoke about how the school council helped during the parent tours. We thought this was a brilliant idea and definitely something Grasmere should do. For the last two weeks, Year 5 and 6 school councillors spoke to prospective parents during our tours, sharing what is unique about Grasmere and what they enjoy most about their school. We were very proud of how confident and supportive of each other they were during the tours – well done School Council!

Lara, Year 6, *“I was a little bit nervous but once I started speaking I felt more confident”*

Gabriel, Year 5, *“I loved talking about all our amazing Art and extra activities we do!”*



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE CONTINUED.....



EXCHANGING ITEMS IN SCHOOL

Reminder that children are not allowed to bring in items, for example, books to exchange with other children for money. Please can parents speak with their children about this at home.

FROGS NEWS

MEETING

All Grasmere parents and families are welcome at the half termly Frogs meeting next Wednesday, **19th November**. We're meeting at the Shakespeare pub on Allen Road at 8pm. Everyone's welcome, hope to see you there.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT
FROGS MEETING
WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

THE SHAKESPEARE **8 PM** EVERYONE WELCOME

PARENT POWER VISIT FRIENDSOFGRASMERE.COM/PASTPROJECTS TO SEE WHAT DIFFERENCE FROGS HAS MADE TO YOUR KID'S SCHOOL IN THE PAST FEW YEARS

GET TO KNOW US! ATTENDING FROGS MEETINGS AND VOLUNTEERING AT EVENTS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW OTHER PARENTS. YOU WILL ALSO GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON FUNDRAISING AND SPENDING PLANS

VOLUNTEER WITH FROGS DO AS LITTLE OR AS MUCH AS YOU WANT, EVERY LITTLE HELPS! A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO USE YOUR TALENTS, OR LEARN NEW SKILLS

DONATE TO FROGS ONE-OFF OR MONTHLY DONATIONS VIA PAYPAL, KINDLINK OR WORKPLACE MATCHED GIVING. SEE FRIENDSOFGRASMERE.COM/DONATE

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CAKE SALE REMINDER

Reminder of next week's Year 4 Cake Sale, **Friday 21st November**. This will be the first in a new location (TBC!) and is sure to be as delicious and popular as ever.