



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 21st November 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Me puede ayudar con esto? Can you help me with this?.....

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

LEAP R.E. AMBASSADORS TRIP

Our LEAP Religious Education Ambassadors recently had the opportunity of visiting the stunning BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden. The trip provided an inspiring opportunity to deepen their understanding of Hindu faith, culture and traditions.

The visit began in the Arti Hall, where pupils observed an intricate arti session led by highly skilled Pandits. They were able to watch Pandits chanting holy prayers around "Murti's" of various Hindu Gods.

The ambassadors then explored the informative temple exhibition, which brought key aspects of Hindu history and belief to life. A particular highlight was learning about the story of Rama and Sita, a central narrative of courage, devotion and the triumph of good over evil. The visit was a reflective and enriching experience for all involved, and our ambassadors returned with a deeper appreciation of the spiritual heritage celebrated within the Mandir.

Louie from Mandeville said, *"This was the best trip I have been to! My favourite part was the exhibition centre where we got to see different instruments."*

Maryam from Kingsmead said, *"The Gods looked beautiful with all of their elaborate clothes and jewellery."*



LEAP RE AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED....



Edith from Grasmere said *"I really liked learning about how all of the individual pieces were carved in India and then transported over to England to be put together. There were also lots of tiny statues that were beautiful."*

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CALLING MASTER BAKERS...

Have YOU got what it takes to be the next Star Baker? Love Productions are looking for a new batch of bakers for the next series of The Great British Bake Off and they want to hear from you!

If you or someone you know is a talented home baker, then apply now at www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk or email us on

applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk or call 0117 456 8530 for an application form.

Closing date for applications is 1pm on **Monday 15th December 2025**.



ARCHITECT OR SURVEYOR?

A callout to our LEAP parent body for anyone who could help us with layout drawings for a possible premises development capital grant application at one of the school's within the LEAP Federation. If you are able to help please email admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

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JUSTIN THOMPSON PROJECT— INTRODUCING MY STORY

Celebrating Identity, Building Belonging

We're excited to share that we are moving onto the next phase of the Justin Thompson Project - My Story, a celebration of the stories that shape who we are and connect us to one another.



Rooted in the belief that personal storytelling can transform children, families, and whole communities, we will be exploring how sharing lived experiences builds emotional resilience, strengthens family bonds, deepens cultural identity, and nurtures wellbeing & belonging.

All four schools will be engaged in a variety of activities and projects around this central theme. The activities and ideas are designed to help children and families tell their stories with confidence, creativity, and joy. From Story Circles and Memory Maps to spoken-word poetry, digital storytelling, and intergenerational projects, My Story offers accessible ways for everyone, children, parents, carers, and staff, to take part.

At its heart, My Story reminds us that every voice matters, every experience has value, and every family has a story worth telling. Together, we can build classrooms and communities where belonging grows through the simple, human act of sharing who we are.



The Justin Thompson Project @ LEAP

Celebrating the Power of Story to build Connections, Empower parents and communities and change lives.

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#We are LEAP

My Story: Celebrating
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SCHOOL OF FOOD'S FESTIVE RAFFLE & AUCTION

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

NOW LIVE!

FESTIVE RAFFLE & AUCTION

Win Incredible Prizes while supporting Hackney School of Food this festive period

RAFFLE: Tickets are just £10 each and a winner is selected at random for every prize.
AUCTION: Place your bid! The highest bid per item wins.

Both close at 8pm on Sunday 28 December, so don't miss out!

Win brilliant prizes while supporting the Hackney School of Food to deliver food education for local families and young people next year. Our first-ever Festive Raffle and Auction is now live and we'd love you to take part. All funds raised will help us bring the joy of cooking and growing to even more children and families in 2026.

How it works

Head over to [our prize platform](#) to:

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We have LOADS of incredible prizes on offer...

7-course tasting menu at **Apricity** (Chef Chantelle Nicholson)

2 x **Guest Area Passes to All Points East 2026**

2 x Tickets to **Cooking Workshop** with Star Chef Ixta Belfrage

£150 feast at Hawksmoor

Signed **Loyle Carner** merch

Meal for two + drinks at Dalton's Dalla Restaurant

Italian feast at Noci (up to £150)

Meal for two at Shake Shack

£100 Wahaca dining voucher

Two tickets to any gig at Earth Hackney

£120 Belazu luxury food hamper

Month of gut-health goodies from Agua de

Madre worth £185

Membership to Castle Cinema, Dalton

£100 PlantHood voucher

A brilliant bundle of brilliant cookbooks

Book Vouchers from Pages of Hackney

...and lots more generously donated by our community.



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Sienna** Yr 3: **Ivar**
 Rec: **Max** Yr 4: **Essa**
 Yr 1: **Thea** Yr 5: **Isabella**
 Yr 2: **Lottie** Yr 6: **Emmanuel**

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

RABBI VISITS YEAR 6

Yesterday Year 6 enjoyed a special visit from Rabbi Roni to support their learning in Religious Education, where they have been exploring the topic of Judaism. The session was informative, engaging, and wonderfully hands-on. Pupils had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Jewish beliefs, traditions, and daily life. Rabbi Roni shared fascinating insights into Jewish culture and practices, helping to bring the topic to life in a meaningful and memorable way. It was a valuable learning experience, and Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed expanding their knowledge of the Jewish faith.

'Rabbi Roni taught us words in Hebrew such as tefillin, kippah and Torah' - Rita

'I loved that we learned all about praying and what you have to wear for it. Found out lots of Hebrew words that I didn't already know.' -Lara

'Having a workshop with Rabbi Roni was very fun. I enjoyed leaning words like tallit' - Harleen

'I loved looking at the beautiful objects' - Teddy



YEAR 3 VISIT SADLERS WELLS EAST IN STRATFORD

Year 3 had the most fantastic trip to Sadler's Well East for an immersive Spanish workshop. The children were split into two groups. One group had a tour round the new building which is only nine months old. The second group worked with a Spanish flamenco dancer. She showed them how to make particular flamenco moves with their hands and then fans. The children had a wonderful experience and really enjoyed learning specific Spanish words connected to the theatre.

"I love using the fans to dance" Daya

"I know the Spanish word for music we use it at home" Eleni

"I like the building but there are a lot of stairs but I like what you can see at the top" Eadn



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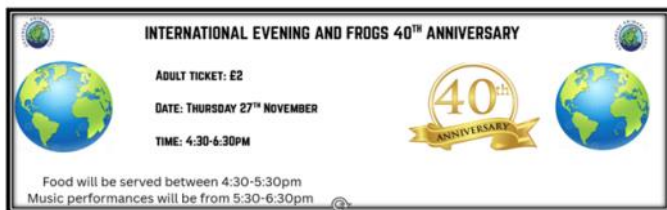


INTERNATIONAL EVENING REMINDER

Reminder about our International Evening and 40th Frogs Birthday event on **Thursday 27th 4:30 - 6:30pm**. We will be selling tickets by Albion gate entrance every day at end of day collection from now until the event.

Tickets are: **£2 for an adult** and **£1 for a child**.

A letter with all the details for the event has been emailed out today. We look forward to seeing you all there. Also, please if you haven't already, can you complete the form detailing what food you will be contributing on the night, any contributions will be greatly welcome.



FROGS DISCO REPORT

Students at Grasmere enjoyed the annual FROGS Fall Disco last week. Whether they were inside dancing their hearts out, having their faces painted, or outside making s'mores around the fire pit, everyone had a great time sharing in the fun and raising funds for the school.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the evening such a success!



PARENT & CARER EVENING

This week we sent out a letter with details on how to set up an Arbor account which will allow you to book online for parents' evening on

**Wednesday 3rd
December 2pm-7pm.**

Booking goes live at 7pm tonight. **Reminder to all parents that school will**

close at 1:30pm, there will be no clubs running but Hoppers will still be running.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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 + EYFS Music Performance at 3pm + 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 + Year 4 Music Performance at 3pm
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**