LEAP NEWS

Friday 28th November 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Navidad es en diciembre……. *Christmas is in December……..*

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

SPANISH AMBASSADORS TRIP

"¿Roméo, Roméo dónde estás?" were some of the lines our year 5 and 6 Spanish Ambassadors recognised whilst watching a play entirely in Spanish! The play was called "**Un Ensayo Desastroso**" held at All Saints Catholic High School. It was performed by two actors who needed the help of the audience during a chaotic audition for the play Romeo and Juliette. The children had to use their listening skills to look out for familiar vocabulary and cognates to help them understand the fast-paced plot. It was an excellent opportunity for them to encounter native Spanish speaking accents and put their learning into context.

Melike, Mandeville: "*I was surprised by how much I understood! It's helped me feel more confident understanding Spanish!"*

Arin, Grasmere: "*It was really funny."*

Saeeda, Kingsmead: *"We enjoyed spending the afternoon watching the play. It was interesting to see the secondary school too. It had its own theatre!"*

Romi, Gayhurst: "*I recognised phrases that I have learnt in class like ¿Cómo te llamas?"*

PINES & NEEDLES CHRISTMAS TREE DISCOUNT

We're excited to share that Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville schools have kindly been donated a beautiful Christmas tree by Pines and Needles.

As part of their gift, they are also offering LEAP parents 10% off Christmas trees from their London pop-up stores and online shop.

Discount Code: **SCHOOL10**

Follow @pinesandneedles for festive activities at local stores, and visit www.pinesandneedles.com for full details and all store locations across London.

They have stores across Hackney at sites in Lee Valley (Waterworks), Victoria Park, Clissold Park and Hoxton.

Grasmere school has it's own special Christmas Tree arrangements and offer to families that are organised by FROGS.

SCHOOL OF FOOD'S FESTIVE RAFFLE & AUCTION

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:

- Enter the Raffle: Tickets are just £10 each. A winner is selected at random for every prize.
- Bid in the Auction: The highest bid per item wins.

Both close on **Sunday 28 December**, so don't miss out!

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GRASMERE NEWS

GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Rozalin**
Rec: **Alexander**
Yr 1: **Elsie**
Yr 2: **Angelina**
Yr 3: **Ensi**
Yr 4: **Avisa**
Yr 5: **Kate**
Yr 6: **Eni**

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

GRASMERE INTERNATIONAL EVENING 2025

Yesterday, we hosted what we hope to be our annual International Evening, and what an incredible success it was. The event was a wonderful celebration of the families, cultures and traditions that make our school community so special. Our families showed remarkable generosity, providing a spectacular feast of international dishes for everyone to enjoy, thank you to all who contributed. Many children and families also arrived in traditional dress, bringing vibrant colour and joyful energy to the evening.

We were treated to a range of fantastic performances. Our **Year 4 class** impressed the audience with their lively drumming and dance performance. **Hugo**, one of our talented teachers, provided a beautiful piano performance. To close the night, a brilliant **Cuban band** filled the hall with music, getting feet tapping & smiles all around.

This year also marked a special milestone: the FROG's 40th anniversary. A huge thank you to FROGs for being such an important part of the evening, your continued dedication to fundraising for the school is greatly appreciated! We would like to thank to everyone who helped plan, organise and support the event, and to all the families who contributed food, songs, time and enthusiasm. You helped make International Evening and FROGS 40th anniversary unforgettable.

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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.

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INTERNATIONAL EVENING CONTINUED....

YEAR 2 COMPUTING

This week, Year 2 have been diving into the world of online safety during their Computing lessons. Using the interactive platform Purple Mash, they engaged in exciting activities designed to teach them about staying safe while navigating the internet.

They learned valuable skills such as recognising safe websites, understanding privacy, and the importance of keeping personal information secure. By incorporating fun games and quizzes, Purple Mash made learning about online safety enjoyable and memorable.

We are proud of Year 2 for taking these important steps towards becoming responsible digital citizens!

HOLIDAY SCIENCE CAMPS

Oober Kids Republic are running Winter Holiday Science Camps in 2 locations this year for ages 5-10 yrs:

Friday 19th Dec at 71-73 Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0AS

Mon/Tues 22nd & 23rd Dec in St John's Highbury Vale School, N51DL

Interested? They have Early Bird Rates available until Fri 5th Dec. Click here to book your child's spot.

As always they accept a range of childcare vouchers, follow this link to see the list of payment options. For any questions, please email **cecilia@oober-k.com**

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Wed 3 Dec Parent & Carer consultation evening *
school closes early at 1.30pm for children
(Hoppers still available)

* Yr 5 rescheduled parents' evening Thurs 4 & Tues 9 Dec 3:45-6pm. Please book appointments via Arbor.

Fri 5 Dec Yr 1 Nativity performance 9.30am +
FROGS Winter Fair 3.30pm

Fri 12 Dec Coffee Morning: Supporting Emotional Regulation 9.10-10am +
EYFS Music Performance at 3pm +
Christmas lunch and Festive jumper day

Mon15 Dec Drumming and Dance Performances
Year 1 &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

YEAR 6 NEWS

On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils took part in the Hackney Junior Citizenship Workshop, a programme designed to help children develop the skills they need as they move towards adolescence. During the workshop, students took part in a range of hands-on activities led by different local agencies, learning about important topics such as road safety, health and wellbeing, knife crime, and mental health to name a few. They also gained practical life skills, including how to travel safely on public transport, and what to do in an emergency. The workshop is aimed to encourage them to become responsible citizens and build confidence as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.

'We had a lot of fun and learnt lots of things associated with hygiene'.—**Harleen**

FROGS WINTER FAIR

The countdown is on for our Winter Fair, which takes place straight after school next **Friday 5th December**. It will be a great opportunity for the whole school community to get into the festive spirit, with lots of exciting things on offer for the whole family. There will be carol singing, tasty food, hot chocolate and mulled wine, our usual bonfire, and lots of fun activities for the children. In particular, our Year 6 class is excited to bring you **"Santa's House of Socks"**! The children will be able to meet Santa and his friendly elf and receive a little gift. You can buy your ticket via the Frogs shop or on the day.

As well as being a fun event, the Winter Fair is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, and all profits will benefit the children at Grasmere. Upcoming projects include new "forest style" climbing equipment for the garden area, which wouldn't be possible without funds raised at events like this.

FROGS WINTER FAIR CONTINUED……

HELP NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

We still need lots of help from parents and carers to make the fair happen, so please do **volunteer your time** if you can! As well as setting up and running stalls on the day, we also need **donations of soft toys for the teddy tombola, bottles (of anything!) for the bottle tombola, little prizes for the lucky dip, and homemade treats and crafts to sell in the Christmas shop.** Please leave all donations with Burcu in the office.

RAFFLE

Finally, the Winter Fair team has been working very hard behind the scenes to bring you another excellent raffle. We have lots of amazing prizes, including vouchers, tickets, hampers, and goodie bags. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the fair only, but we will be selling stamp cards and grotto tickets on the morning of the 5th Dec if you want to skip the queue. The office will also hand out stamp cards and grotto tickets to those who need them as usual. Thank you!