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LEAP NEWS

Friday 6th March 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Los pájaros cantan en la primavera..... *Birds Sing in the Spring.....*

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

LEAP TRIP TO CINEMA

As part of Spanish week, children in years 3-6 from all four LEAP schools had the exciting opportunity to take part in a special cultural trip to the Rio Cinema in Dalston.

The visit brought our school communities together for a shared cinematic experience, as the children enjoyed a Spanish-language film on the big screen. The event supported their language learning outside the classroom. The children represented their schools brilliantly, showing enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout.

'The environment was enjoyable and exciting. It was nice of the Rio to allow just our schools to watch a movie together.' **Vivian** - Yr 6 Kingsmead

'I really liked that I could use my Spanish' **Isabella** - Grasmere

'I loved the movie so much, it made me realise you can be yourself and never give up.' **Sienna** - Grasmere

'It was absolutely brilliant movie in Spanish' **Lulu & Taylor** - Mandeville

'I loved going to the cinema for Spanish Week!' **Jarrell** Gayhurst.

The trip was a fantastic highlight of Spanish Week to support the learning of new languages and cultures. ¡Qué experiencia fantástica!



LEAP TRIP TO CINEMA CONTINUED.....



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HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

The Hackney School of Food has two new community groups starting up which might be of interest to friends and relatives in the local area:

Gardening for Wellbeing Club



Who it's for:

Adults aged 18+ in Hackney experiencing mental or physical health challenges or social isolation. No previous gardening experience is required—just enthusiasm and a willingness to get stuck in.

What it offers:

10 therapeutic gardening sessions led by an expert garden

facilitator, involving food growing, garden maintenance, and skill-building.

When & where: Our productive garden at Hackney School of Food, Oswald Street, **third Wednesday of every month**, (first session Wed 18th of March) 10am–12.30pm.

Cost: Free for participants, with an expectation to attend at least the first 5 sessions. Only last few places available now.

To express interest, please ask interested participants to fill out [this form](#).

Mornings in Motion

Gentle, low-impact movement sessions aimed at older adults and people who have fewer opportunities to be active, paired with healthy breakfasts, aimed at improving physical wellbeing and social connection.

These will take place on **Saturday mornings once a month, over ten months.**

Find out more [here](#) and please ask interested participants to express interest [here](#).



POETRY @ LEAP CONTINUES...



LondonVerse

Our recent poet visits have really captured our love for poetry. LondonVerse is a city-wide celebration of poetry spanning all 33 London boroughs.

Marking the National Year of Reading 2026 - why not share your voice, tell your story, and be part of something extraordinary?

You can take part in LondonVerse by following the instructions below:

How It Works

1. Write Your Poem

Create an original poem inspired by London, your community, or any theme that moves you.

2. Submit Online

Use our simple submission form. Select your age category and borough.

3. Review & Selection

Library staff review all submissions. Selected poems are featured on our website.

4. Celebrate

Featured poets may be invited to special events throughout 2026.

Find out more [here](#).

One budding Gayhurst Poet has made it onto the features page with a poem about Gayhurst. You can find his poem here: [LondonVerse – Poetry Across London](#)

LEAP SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS



A four day Spring Holiday camp will be running at **Gayhurst**, for **Gayhurst** and **Grasmere** children and at **Kingsmead** for **Kingsmead** and **Mandeville** children on **Monday 30th March through to Thursday 2nd April**. The camps

will run from 10– 2pm and will be staffed by school staff running a range of fun activities including sports and games, art activities, gardening sessions and more. The holiday camps will be for children from Reception class to Year 6.

Each school will be sharing further information about the camps and how to register your child today or Monday next week.



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Sienna** Yr 3: **Adam**
 Rec: **Ariadne** Yr 4: **Zariyan**
 Yr 1: **Harry** Yr 5: **Nehir**
 Yr 2: **Teo** Yr 6: **Oscar**

SPRING TERM 2026

1st half of term: **05.01.26 - 13.02.26**
 Half term: **16 - 20 Feb 2026**
 2nd half of term: **23.02.26 - 27.03.26**

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day at Grasmere, with a day full of stories, imagination and a shared love of reading.

The morning began with a special visit from the author Agnieszka Migew, she spoke her books, where her ideas come from and what it is like to be a writer. The children enjoyed listening to the talk and learning more about how stories are created.

In the afternoon, teachers took part in a fun class swap, visiting different classes to share the stories behind the book characters they had chosen to dress up as. From magical characters to brave adventurers, the school was filled with familiar faces from well-loved books.

Thank you to our visiting author and to FROGS for funding this special visit. It was a brilliant day celebrating the joy of reading.



WORLD BOOK DAY CONTINUED.....

"It was amazing to hear how an author gets their ideas. It made me want to write my own story!" – **Adam** (Year 3)

"It was wonderful to see the children so excited about books and storytelling." – **Winnie** (Year 6 teacher)

"My friends and I were all characters from the Wizard of Oz." – **Kate** (Year 5)

READING AT GRASMERE

We are excited to announce the re-launch of our School Food and Book Bank. The top of the shelf will be dedicated to dried foods that parents can drop off/take. The rest of the shelves will be our Book Bank, this will work as a simple borrowing and swapping system. Children will be able to choose a book to take home, enjoy, and return when they're finished.

This project aims to:

- Encourage a love of reading across the school
- Ensure all children have access to high-quality books
- Build a culture of sharing, responsibility, and community
- Support reading for pleasure at home



We do not need any donations of books as we have an excess of books currently in the school. Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture a community of enthusiastic, confident readers!

CHESS TOURNAMENT

This week, some children took part in a Hackney wide chess tournament! Well done to all the Grasmere children who took part and for showing great sportsmanship throughout the event. Congratulations to Benjamin in Year 6 who received a medal for his fantastic chess playing.



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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.

YEAR 5 WORKSHOP

Year 5 took part in a workshop last Friday called **Tree of Life**. Renissa, from Hackney's mental health support team, joined us and told us we'd be working with her every Friday for four weeks until Easter. In this session, we mapped out our heritage, likes, dislikes and what makes us unique. Our heritage was drawn as the roots of our tree, our life right now as the ground and our likes and dislikes as the trunk. All of us really enjoyed focusing on what makes our tree special and are looking forward to Friday's even more than usual now!



Isabella - "I liked the drawing and being able to talk about it with my friends."

Magnus - "It was fun to talk about things I am good at!"

Leo - "I liked hearing stories about other people."

DONATIONS

We are currently looking for donations of lids/small plastic items at Grasmere. This is part of a sustainability project, to develop a display outside made purely from recycled items. In the walkway there is a donations box where all items can be donated – thank you for your support!



FROGS NEWS

FROGS JUMBLE SALE

Volunteer opportunities are now open for our Jumble Sale on **Saturday 21st March from 10–12.30**. To sign up as a volunteer please go to: <https://volunteersignup.org/RE8KP>



Every hour of help counts! Thank you for sharing your time and contributing to one of our biggest fundraisers.

NEXT COGS MEETING

The next Frogs meeting is on **Wednesday 18th March, 8pm** at The Edinburgh pub, 125 Newington Green Road, N1.

Everyone's welcome - all parents & carers, Frogs committee members and school staff.



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 12 March** Year 4 class assembly 3pm
- Fri 13 March** FROGS Yr 2 cake sale
- Wed 18 March** FROGS meeting 8pm at Edinburgh Pub
- Thurs 19 March** Parent & Carer consultation evening
school closes early at 1.30pm for children
- Fri 20 March** Last day of specialist clubs + SEND Wellbeing Parent Workshop 9:15-10:45am
- Sat 21 March** FROGS Jumble Sale
- Wed 25 March** Gymnastics performances
- Thurs 26 March** Year 2 class assembly 3pm + FROGS Easter Egg Hunt
- Fri 27 March** Last day of Spring term -
school closes early at 1.30pm for children