



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 13th March 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Feliz Día de San Patricio!..... *Happy St Patrick's Day!.....*

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

DEPUTY MAYOR OF LONDON VISITS GRASMERE SCHOOL

On Tuesday this week, Grasmere hosted a visit from some important VIPs, including the deputy mayor of London, Joanne McCartney. She was visiting the school to see the impact of Universal Free School meals on schools and also because she had had a recommendation to try the Grasmere lunches and find out about how the children contribute to the menu design by meeting with the chefs and giving feedback.

She was joined by the mayor and deputy mayor of Hackney, Caroline Woodley and Anntoinette Bramble. They who all met with the Grasmere school council and ate lunch with the children in the hall, and also had the opportunity of meeting LEAP Federation's Executive Chef, Sergio, to talk with him about the impact of Free School meal funding on school kitchens.

Jacqueline and Bianca discussed the work across all LEAP schools on food policy and ensuring we use local produce to prepare and serve seasonal dishes all year round. Our children play a big part in our menu selection; they meet with our head chef to review menus and give direct feedback on what dishes children love and what they want more of on the menus. Food education is a big part of the work of our federation and we educate children and families through parent workshops and visits to the Hackney School of Food, giving opportunities to develop new cooking skills and create a love for cooking as a family.



DEPUTY MAYOR VISIT CONTINUED....



🍀 HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY 🍀

On **Monday 17th March** it is St Patrick's Day. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, whose symbol is the shamrock. St. Patrick's Day celebrations often involve parades, with lots of people wearing green and good luck charms.

COMIC RELIEF REMINDER

Next **Friday, 20th March**, it's Red Nose Day and we are encouraging children and staff across all four LEAP schools to come to school **wearing something red** and bringing coins to donate to Comic Relief.

Since its launch in 1985, Comic Relief has supported more than 35,000 projects, enabling over 1,000 community organisations to tackle poverty and social injustice in the UK and around the world by giving people access to food, shelter and safety.

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 has shared information about the camps and how to register your child. If you have any queries or are having problems registering please contact your school's office, who will be happy to help you.



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GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Arlo** Yr 3: **Daya**
 Rec: **Cecilia** Yr 4: **Whole class**
 Yr 1: **Enes** Yr 5: **Gisele**
 Yr 2: **Rae** Yr 6: **Benjamin**

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**

CREATIVITY WEEK DISPLAYS

Children across the school have been proudly turning their Creativity Week artwork into beautiful class displays for everyone to enjoy. Inspired by 'A Muse (Calliope?)' by Cosimo Tura and 'Eleventh' by Lina Iris Victor, each class has created a display that celebrates their ideas, creativity and hard work.

The children used lots of different materials including paint, recycled objects and fabric, as well as techniques such as printing, sculpture and mixed media. Every display reflects the children's imagination and the unique way each class responded to the artworks.

The corridors have truly been transformed into a colourful gallery, and we are incredibly proud of the creativity and effort the children have shown. We hope you enjoy looking at the displays as much as the children enjoyed creating them!

CREATIVITY WEEK DISPLAYS CONTINUED.....



Year 2 display



Year 3 display



Nursery display



Year 4 display



Reception display



Year 5 display



Year 1 display



Year 6 display

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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 1 UPDATE

This week, Year 1 had a lesson about understanding protests. We have been learning about Rosa Parks as part of our history unit, Women of the Past. This helped the children begin to understand the concept of protesting and standing up for what is right. The children then took part in their own small protest around the school to practise using their voices and sharing messages about fairness.

"We want more golden time" - **Bailey**

"We protested to make something change." - **Zac**

"This lesson was so much fun" - **Nina**



YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 4 marked World Book Day with a brilliant assembly based on **Varjak Paw** by S. F. Said. The children acted out key moments from Varjak's adventure, showing his journey from a sheltered house cat to a brave explorer.

The children performed with great confidence and enthusiasm, bringing the characters and story to life for the audience. It was a lovely way to celebrate reading and share one of their favourite books.

Well done, Year 4, for a fantastic performance!

Emir: 'The performance was spec-catular'

Xanthe: 'I really enjoyed playing the Elder Paw'

Lily: 'I absolutely loved the song we performed'



FROGS NEWS

FROGS JUMBLE SALE

Many opportunities for volunteering are still open for our **Jumble Sale on Saturday 21st March 10—12.30.**

Please take a look and think about whether you can support with an hour or two. Sign up sheet : <https://volunteersignup.org/RE8KP>

Don't forget to bring in your jumble! Drop off details are on the poster.

JUMBLE SALE INFORMATION

Please bring your clothes, toys, books and bric-à-brac etc to the school on Friday 20 March. **Nothing broken or dirty please!**

If dropping off your donations at 9am, leave them by the office. If dropping off your donations at 3.30pm, leave them by the main hall

There is lots of ways you can help, from sorting out the clothes to manning a stall, preparing a soup or baking a cake! Please sign up if you can. Any questions please get in touch on chair@friendsofgrasmere.com

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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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT

FROGS MEETING

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

THE EDINBURGH 8PM 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 MAY ALSO GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON FUNDRAISING AND SPENDING PLANS

VOLUNTEER WITH FROGS

DOES LITTLE OR IS 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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CONTACT US ON chair@friendsofgrasmere.com

GRASMERE EASTER EGG HUNT

Advance warning of our Grasmere Easter Egg hunt (in school time on Thursday 27th March). Frogs will be collecting donations of lots and lots of small chocolate eggs for our children to find in the garden!

Eggs Wanted!

We're collecting chocolate eggs for our annual school time egg hunt on Thursday 26 March. Please leave your donations at reception. Final opportunity for donations will be drop off on Wednesday 25 March.

Please note:
No NUTS!
No large eggs.
Eggs should be standard egg size or smaller.
Individually wrapped eggs only.

Thank you!

RECEPTION VISIT CITY FARM

This week, Reception have been enjoying the story Farmer Duck and were very curious to find out, "How goes the work?" The children took an exciting trip to Hackney City Farm, where they had the chance to see a variety of animals, including adorable baby piglets and goats.

We were lucky to have such lovely weather, which made the day even more special. After exploring the farm, the children enjoyed a picnic together in Haggerston Park before having lots of fun playing in the playground.

'I liked the baby piglets because they were so small'
- **Cecilia**

'I liked the baby goat because we stroked them'
- **Vincent**

'I liked my packed lunch - it was really tasty and yummy'
- **Louie**



PARENT' EVENING REMINDER

Reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 19th March**, from **2:00pm to 7:00pm**. Hoppers will run from 2-6pm but there will be no clubs. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements. If you haven't yet booked your appointment, please do so as soon as possible via Arbor. School closes to children at 1:30pm.

EYFS EQUIPMENT

Thank you to FROGS who have funded some new EYFS resources and equipment.



MESSAGE & MANAGING STRESS WORKSHOP

Join the Hackney SEND Parent Carer Forum (HSPCF) for a morning dedicated to your well-being on **Friday 20th March from 9.15- 10.45am** at Grasmere. This session is open to families of children with SEN (or suspected SEN) at Grasmere Primary. You can sign up [here](#).

What's in store?

- Practical Stress Management: Learn effective techniques to handle daily pressures.
- Relaxing Massage: Enjoy a calming head, shoulder, and hand massage.
- Community Support: Connect with the Hackney SEND Parent Carer Forum.
- Free Goodie Bags: A little something extra to take home!

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Wed 18 March** FROGS meeting 8pm at Edinburgh Pub
- Thurs 19 March** Parent's 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
2pm for Years 1, 3 & 5 2:45pm for Years 2, 4 & 6
- 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
- Mon 30 March—Thurs 2 April** - Gayhurst & Grasmere Spring Holiday camp at Gayhurst school 10 - 2pm daily