



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 20th March 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Qué ves en la primavera?..... *What do you see in Spring?.....*

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

POLKA DOT SISTERS 360

Polka theatre company from south London brought their play Sister's 360 to perform at both Mandeville and Kingsmead last week. Grasmere years 4, 5 and 6 and Gayhurst's year 5 attended the performances as well.

The play was inspired by real-life skateboarding sisters Layna, Maysa and Amaya, and their hero Sky Brown. The play was about determination and having a big dream. The actors, Farah Ashraf and Sara Abanur were brilliant as the skateboarding sisters and the whole show and workshop was fantastic.

Teddy (Y6): *'It was great, the whole thing!'*

Saeeda (Y6): *'The acting was amazing.'*

Aisha(Y6): *'It was very entertaining.'*

Orlando: *'It was good because I like skateboarding'*

Swafaa (Y6) *"It was really nice seeing women, wearing hijabs leading the show. It was a lot of fun."*

Shiloh (Y4) *"I enjoyed the show, especially the skating part. I wanted to join in."*

Marnie (Y5) - *"I liked Fatima and Salima's special handshake."*

Sianna (Y5) - *"I liked how creative it was."*

Lily (Y5) - *"I thought the children at Kingsmead were very welcoming."*

POLKA DOT SISTERS CONTINUED.....



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GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: Rozalin	Yr 3: Olivia S
Rec: Remi	Yr 4: Vincent
Yr 1: Elisa	Yr 5: Sianna
Yr 2: Felix O	Yr 6: Dara

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

NURSERY NEWS

Nursery children have loved being in the outdoors for their learning. They have been learning all about animals this half-term and enjoyed messy painting activities, dipping dinosaurs in paint and making dinosaur noises as they moved them across the paper.

“Dinosaur roars” – **Arlo**
 “The have little feet” – **Sienna**
 “Roar, Roar, Roar!” – **Kerod**



In the nursery, children love learning all about food! This week we were learning all about fruits and made our very own fruit skewers! They practiced their cutting skills and working as part of a team to do this. We talked about our favourite fruits and then created different patterns with fruits.

“My pattern has pears and banana” - **Arlo**



YEAR 4'S CHAMBER ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP

Year 4 had a fantastic time visiting Regent Hall as part of a workshop with Apollo Music Projects. The children loved hearing a live orchestra, including pieces by Mozart, Bach, and even music from The Simpsons! They joined in with clapping rhythms and got to ask lots of questions, making it a really fun and interactive experience. It was great to see their enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the trip – they came back to school full of excitement!

Beatrice: *I really enjoyed it when they played the Simpsons.*

Martha: *My favourite part was getting to ask lots of questions*

Sienna: *The performance made me feel really relaxed and calm*



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YEAR 6 PROTEST WORKSHOP

Hackney Museum visited Grasmere Primary School to deliver a Protest workshop exploring Hackney's rich protest history. The session explored the role of local people like Olive Malvery and Morris Beckman in protest campaigns and groups and how young people stood up to racism in the 1970s. Year 6 shared their own knowledge of famous protests and discovered how local protests can sometimes be part of wider national protests .

'I really liked finding out about the different protests and seeing them come to life in the practical activities we did and the items we saw' - Ava

'The protest really supported what we learnt in our lessons in class and added a bit more facts too' - Jaqui

Jaqui

'I enjoyed handling the artefacts, it brought the experience to life' - Kendra



FROGS NEWS

FROGS JUMBLE SALE

We're looking forward to seeing lots of you at tomorrow's Jumble Sale



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!



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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