



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 17th April 2026

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Vamos a hacer un picnic..... *Let's have a picnic.....*

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

## LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

Our Easter Holiday Camps were a great success this year, running over four fun-filled days packed with excitement and activity. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a wide range of sessions, including football, dodgeball, dance, art, basketball and cooking at the Kingsmead and Mandeville camp, and football, dodgeball, Arts and crafts, TAG rugby & table tennis at the Gayhurst and Grasmere camp. Each day brought new opportunities for them to try something different, build confidence, and develop new skills in a fun and supportive environment.

It was wonderful to see the children making new friends and children from both schools getting along so well.

Thank you to all the families for your continued support, and to everyone who took part and helped make the camp such a memorable and enjoyable event for all!

*"I loved taking part in the Easter egg hunt on the last day, it was so much fun."* **Ahmet-Mandeville**

*"My favorite activities were cooking and dance. I made a spinach lasagna and took it home for my dinner. I really enjoyed performing our dance routine on the last day to all the other children."* **De'kiyah Mandeville**

*"I attended camp every day. It was great fun and I enjoyed playing football as we had a mini tournament."* **Archie-Lee - Mandeville.**

*"We loved hunting for the Easter Eggs on the last day! -* **Calisa & Marayam Yr 3 Kingsemad**

*"My favourite thing about the camp was playing Dodgeball"* - **Marty Yr 3 Kingsemad**

*"The football was organised like a tournament—it was really good"* - **Gabriel Yr 6 Kingsmead**

*"We had such fun dancing everyday with our friends"* - **Aheli, Yr 3 Kingsmead**

*"It was very entertaining, I only went for one day but I wish I came for the week."* - **Romilly, Gayhurst**

*"I really loved getting to spend time with my new friends from Grasmere"* - **Chanelle, Gayhurst**

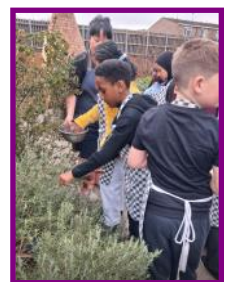
*"There were lots of choice with activities. Everything was set up good."* - **Mia, Gayhurst**

*"I had a lot of fun; the lunches were nice too. I wish it ran longer!"* - **Zebedee, Gayhurst**

*It was really fun, I enjoyed all of the activities and making new friends.* - **Ricki-Leigh, Grasmere**

*It was fun.* - **Benjamin, Grasmere**

*I really enjoyed the food and meeting new people.* - **Eleni, Grasmere**



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### MAYOR OF LONDON'S TEAM FILM AT MANDEVILLE

Just before the end of last term, Mandeville school was excited to welcome a professional filming team to the school as part of a very special project marking ten years of Sadiq Khan's time as Mayor of London. Mandeville children were invited to take part in a video reflecting on what London looks like through the eyes of a 10-year-old. As part of this, a group of year 5 children- **Jayden, Farrah, Zayd and Ariam** worked collaboratively to write a thoughtful letter to the Mayor, sharing their experiences of growing up in Hackney and the changes they have seen in their city. The letter highlighted issues that matter most to them, including free school meals, caring for the environment, growing their own food, and safer streets. Each child then had the opportunity to take part in the filming, reading sections of the letter on camera. It was a fantastic experience for them to see how a real production works and to have their voices heard in such an important project.

We are incredibly proud of how confidently and articulately the children represented Mandeville. The filming team also commented on how brilliant the children were throughout the process. The final video has now been shared publicly, showcasing the children's perspectives and celebrating their role in shaping our city's future. You can watch it here:

[Instagram link](#)

[YouTube link](#)

*"I really enjoyed filming the video. I felt like I was famous, and it was nice to do it with my friends."*-  
**Jayden**



*"Thank you so much, Mandeville. Everyone was brilliant, including the children, very professional."*-  
**Elizabeth, videographer**



### MAYOR'S TEAM FILM AT MANDEVILLE CONTINUED.....

*"I am incredibly proud of the way Jayden, Farrah, Zayd and Ariam represented Mandeville School, sharing their thoughtful reflections on the impact of Sadiq Khan. It is so important that children feel empowered to use their voices, and I was especially proud to see ours contribute so confidently to this special project."* -

**Marc Thompson, Mandeville's Headteacher**



### KINGSMEAD PUPIL'S ART TRAIL PROJECT ON NEWS!

Niovi, a Kingsmead Year 6 pupil, has caused quite a storm with an intriguing creative project she's secretly created. Over a period of weeks, under the name **Talking Tree Collective**, she created a trail on Hackney Marshes inviting those passing through to step into a world where trees have stories to tell...



Niovi & her Dad often walk on the marshes



A Talking Tree Collective mystery sign

This lovely informal art trail features small signs nestled among the trees—each one revealing the imagined inner thoughts and secret lives of the woodland. Word spread and her creation was covered first by the [Hackney Citizen newspaper](#) and then by [BBC local news!](#)

Niovi's classmates in Kingsmead's Year 6 have already enjoyed a walk on the Hackney Marshes reading the trees' stories. Make sure you make time to go and explore them over the coming weeks. Well done Niovi for this imaginative and creative project.



### HACKNEY'S 10x10 OFFER

Hackney Education's 10x10 programme have developed new resources to support families to support every child in Hackney to achieve 10 activities by the age of 10.

[10x10 Padlet for Families and Children](#)

Hackney Education aim to help all of our Hackney children experience a broader range of skills, interests and opportunities. They believe the 10x10 activities will help every child to improve their emotional, physical and social wellbeing, developing a strong sense of identity and feel a valued part of Hackney.

### HACKNEY'S 10x10 OFFER CONTINUED.....



### HACKNEY MUSIC SERVICE FREE CHOIR TASTER SESSION

Do you have a child who loves to sing? Hackney Music Service are holding an absolutely free of charge Taster Session for the **Hackney Borough Youth Choir (Yrs 4-6)** and the **Senior Vocal Ensemble (Yr7+)** on **Wednesday 22 April**.

The sessions will take place after school. Please contact Hackney Music Service in advance, if you are interested in your child taking part in the taster session—so they can capture all necessary emergency contact details, and share all details of venue and timings.

The Hackney Music Service are working on a programme with the London Community Gospel Choir this term so this is a fantastic time to get involved.

They are especially keen to involve more boys from both primary and secondary schools.

## Do you love to sing?

We are recruiting young singers to join the Hackney Borough Youth Choir (Yr4-6) & Senior Vocal Ensemble (Yr7+)



HBYC is an inclusive musical community that brings together singers from Hackney schools to regularly perform joyful, uplifting and diverse repertoire.

Join us for a free of charge taster session after school on **Wednesday 22 April 2026**.

For venue details & times, please call 020 3076 1535 or email [xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk)

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# GRASMERE NEWS



## GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Mac**                      Yr 3: **Reuben**  
 Rec: **Oscar**                    Yr 4: **Martha**  
 Yr 1: **Zac**                        Yr 5: **Sianna**  
 Yr 2: **Olivia B**                Yr 6: **Levi**

## SUMMER TERM 2026

1st half of term: **13.04.26 - 22.05.26**  
 Half term: **25 - 29 May 2026**  
 2nd half of term: **02.06.26 - 17.07.26**  
**INSET days** - Mon 1 June & Mon 20 July

### YEAR 1'S LIBRARY TRIP

Year 1 visited their local library, where they enjoyed listening to a story and spent time exploring the space. The children were excited to look around, learn how the library works, and share their growing love of reading. They also got to choose their own books to bring back to school, which was a real highlight. It was a really enjoyable trip that helped spark even more enthusiasm for reading.

*"If I come here, I will get that book."*

- **Cassie**

*"I liked the part when the girl walked past in the story. I have been to this exceptional library."* - **Zac**  
**L** added *"I like to read here with Zac,"*

*"I really like it here."* - **Eymen**



### GRASMERE'S STEM FAIR

STEM Week is back and it's already off to an amazing start! This week, all classes have been busy getting creative, problem-solving and exploring the wonderful world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

From experimenting with bubbles and ice in Nursery and Reception, to building planters, bug hotels, bird feeders, wind turbines, flood-proof homes and Green Cities in Years 1-6. There is so much incredible learning and creativity happening across the school.

All of this brilliant work will be on display at our STEM Fair, and we would love for you to come along and see it in person on **Wednesday 29th April at 3:45pm**.

The STEM Fair is a celebration of everything your children have worked on throughout STEM Week. Rather than their projects staying in the classroom, all classes creations are brought together and put on display for the school community to enjoy. Children get the chance to present their work, explain their thinking and share what they've learned and families are invited to experience it all first hand.

This is a great chance to hear directly from your child about what they've created and the skills they've developed.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



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### RECEPTION & NURSERY CELEBRATE GOLDEN TOKEN SUCCESS!

There was great excitement before half term as Reception and Nursery enjoyed a special trip to Sobell Leisure Centre for a soft play session. They earned the highest number of golden tokens by consistently demonstrating excellent behaviour and following the school rules.

The children had a wonderful time exploring the soft play area, climbing, sliding, and laughing together. It was lovely to see their confidence, excitement and teamwork, they made Grasmere very proud. The adults even got to have a go on the amazing slides!

*'I liked when we went down the big, long slide'* - **Cecilia**, Reception

*'I liked when me and you (Kashmir) went down the big bouncy thing'* - **Louie**, Reception

*'Soft play was really fun, driving the cars'* - **Arlo**, Nursery

*'I liked the big slide the best!'* - **Wilfred**, Nursery



### FROGS NEWS

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

Thanks to the power of parent giving, every Grasmere child was able to enjoy the excitement of a chocolate Easter Egg hunt in the garden. All the teachers and TAs were given their own chocolate bunnies too. It's a really fun way to mark the end of the Spring term and it



#### FROGS NEWS CONTINUED.....



wouldn't be possible without the generous donations of so many Grasmere parents. Thank you to all the parents who

supported, especially to Claire and Julie.

#### KEY DATES THIS TERM

SUMMER 2024

<b>MAY 01</b> Year 1 Cake Sale 3:30pm	<b>MAY 15</b> Chess Event 3:45pm - 6pm	<b>MAY 22</b> Frogs Meeting School Hall 9am
<b>JUNE 12</b> Enterprise Fair 3:30pm	<b>JUNE 19</b> Nursery & Reception Cake Sale 3:30pm	<b>JULY 05</b> Year 6 Ice Lolly Sale 3:30pm
<b>JULY 08</b> Frogs Meeting Location TBC 8pm	<b>JULY 11</b> Summer Fair 12pm - 3pm	<b>JULY 17</b> Last Day of Summer Term

#### FROGS DATES

Parents should have all received information on Summer Term key FROGS dates. All the dates are included in the Key Dates section of the newsletter below.

### KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Weds 29 April** Grasmere STEM Fair at 3:45
- Thurs 30 April** Year 1 class assembly- 3pm +  
Year 6 residential meeting at 5pm
- Fri 1 May** FROGS Year 1 Cake Sale
- Fri 15 May** FROGS Chess contest 3.45—6pm
- Fri 22 May** FROGS meeting open to all 9am
- Mon 25 - Fri 29 May** Half term break
- Mon 1 June** INSET day- school closed to children
- Tues 2 June** Children return to school
- Fri 12 June** FROGS Enterprise Fair 3.30pm
- Fri 19 June** FROGS Nursery & Reception cake sale
- Weds 24 June** Sports day
- Fri 3 July** FROGS Year 6 Ice lolly Sale +  
Grasmere Summer BBQ
- Wed 8 July** FROGS meeting open to all 8pm  
(location tbc)
- Sat 11 July** FROGS Summer Fair
- Mon 13 July** Year 6 End of Year performance 14:30
- Tues 14 July** Drumming and Dance Performances  
Years 1, 3 & 5 at 14:00  
Years 2, 4 & 6 at 14:45
- Weds 15 July** Year 6 Leavers assembly- 3pm +  
Year 6 disco - 5pm-7pm +
- Fri 17 July** Last day of Summer Term -  
**school closes early for children at 1.30pm**