



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 15th May 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Puedo rellenar mi botella de agua? *Can I refill my water bottle?.....*

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

BBC NEWSROUND EXPERIENCE AT GRASMERE!



Last week, **Teddy Reid** (Year 6) and **Sienna Freeman** (Year 5), from Grasmere had a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. BBC Newsround needed two children to

interview the stars of the new Stars Wars film and also attend the premiere at Leicester Square, so both Teddy and Sienna took part in this exciting opportunity.

The excitement began with an invitation to attend the new Star Wars film premiere, where they both caught their first glimpse of the new Star Wars movie. The following morning, they both travelled to Claridge's Hotel in London, and were BBC Newsround reporters for the day. They were given the extraordinary opportunity to interview the film's stars, **Pedro Pascal** and **Sigourney Weaver**, hearing first-hand what it's really like to be part of the Star Wars universe.

For both Teddy and Sienna, it was an unforgettable experience from movie premieres, five-star hotels and Hollywood stars — all in the space of 24 hours.

Teddy said: *"It was so amazing; Pedro Pascal was really funny. The director even gave us a special 'crew only' gift to take home, it was very special"*.

Sienna said *"I loved going to the premiere of the movie! I felt like a celebrity"*.



Meeting actress Sigourney Weaver



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The children meeting film star Pedro Pascal

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY FEAST

on **Thursday 21 May from 6.30—8.30pm** at Hackney School of Food

Hackney School of Food is hosting a community feast, a welcoming evening of generous sharing plates and cultural connections. Chef Lara Luck who specialises in Caribbean cooking and family friendly meals is serving a Caribbean-inspired seasonal menu full of bold flavours.

Sit and enjoy the meal, gather around our fire pits and meet neighbours around the table. Families welcome

Tickets: Hackney School of Food is offering pay-what-you-can tickets. Get yours via this link:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/hackneyschooloffood/tjxxojdx>

MAY HALF TERM COOKING CLUB

We're pleased to invite families who have previously booked supported spaces in our school clubs or family cooking to join our May Half Term programme at Hackney School of Food.

Dates: **Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th May**

Location: **Oswald Street, London E5 0BT**

Time: **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

[Book here](#)

Each day children will take part in hands-on cooking, gardening, and creative outdoor learning. Across the 26th to 28th May, children will split their time between the kitchen and garden, exploring how food grows, taking part in seasonal gardening activities, and cooking fresh, seasonal dishes. They will also enjoy a homemade lunch prepared together each day.

On Friday 29th May, the session will be slightly different in focus. Children will take part in a special workshop day sponsored by Aqua de Madre exploring

MAY HALF TERM COOKING CLUB CONTINUED....

fermentation, cooking, and food-based creativity. Activities include making kimchi, exploring natural food dyes, cooking lunch together, and creating a tie-dye t-shirt to take home. Parents are invited to join at 2:15pm for a short showcase at the end of the day.

[Book for Friday here](#)

Due to high demand for supported places, we are currently able to offer one free place per child on one day only. If additional spaces become available closer to the dates, we will contact families on this list.

If you would like to book, please email us back at this email address hello@hackneyschooloffood.com with informing us which day you would like to book (26th, 27th, 28th or 29th May) and the number of children in your household you would like to book for.

Please note that supported tickets are only available to children who are eligible for Free School Meals. If you are not eligible, you are welcome to book a standard place at £40 per day.

We look forward to welcoming your children to May Half Term at School of Food.

LONDON FIELDS LIDO HALF TERM SWIMMING LESSONS

For more information and to book session please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code on the poster below.



MONDAY 25TH MAY - FRIDAY 29TH MAY

MAY HALF TERM CHILDREN'S SWIMMING LESSONS

BOOST YOUR CHILD'S SWIMMING SKILLS WITH MAY HALF TERM SHORT COURSES WITH SOLA AT LONDON FIELDS LIDO!

FOUNDATION AGE 4+ 9.00-9.30

DEVELOPMENT 15M+ 9.30-10.00

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Nur: **Anaiah** Yr 3: **Fatmir**
 Rec: **Manuel** Yr 4: **Beren**
 Yr 1: **Whole class** Yr 5: **Gabriel**
 Yr 2: **Olivia H** Yr 6: **Whole class**

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

ECO AMBASSADORS & SCHOOL COUNCIL CARRY OUT AMAZING LITTER PICK

On Wednesday 12th May our School Council and Eco Ambassadors teamed up with Cat Jones from The Garden Classroom and set off to Butterfield Green, armed with gloves and litter pickers. They were not deterred by strong gusts of wind and the occasional downpour of hailstones and busily scurried round filling two massive buckets with all kinds of trash.

'We felt very proud to be such good citizens and to be given the opportunity to make an active change for good', said Xanthe.



Some other comments from the day *"I'm a surrealist painter", "When can we come back here?," and 'Can we be with the same group of people", "this is the best day ever'.* On our way back to school Cat taught the children about London Plane trees: their bark takes in pollution and sheds it so we don't breathe it in. We found a fluffy plane tree seed and **Reuben** said *"I love London plane trees, I'm sprinkling seeds in peoples gardens, and now in the gutter, trees will grow everywhere and we will breathe clean".*



Children also made sketches of leaves. These lovely drawings will be transferred to some of the educational signs that will be put in the gardens to educate groups about the wildlife, flora and fauna to be found there. In addition to this they soaked leaves in hammered them in fabric so that the leaf makes a print.



Thank you to Cat Jones for making this happen, and Nelson for accompanying the gang of environmentalists!



SATURDAY PROJECT DAY - THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all the parents and staff who gave up their time on Saturday to help clear, weed and clean up the garden and the front garden space. Thanks to your energy, teamwork and good spirits, these areas have been transformed and are already looking more welcoming for our children, families and visitors.



Working together like this shows the real strength of our school community. Volunteering helps us improve and care for our school site, but also sets a powerful example to our children about community and working together. We are incredibly grateful for your support. Have a look at some of the work carried out and our volunteers in action.



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WELL DONE YEAR 6!

We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 children for the incredible effort they showed during SATs week. They approached each test with determination and resilience after many months of hard work. Next week they will head off on their residential trip to Kench Hill and we are looking forward to a fun-filled final half-term with plenty of exciting learning opportunities, trips and celebrations.



NEXT FROGS MEETING

Advance notice of the next Frogs meeting - **Friday 22 May, 9am**, at school - open to all Grasmere parents, carers and staff.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT
FROGS MEETING
FRIDAY 22 MAY

SCHOOL HALL **9AM** 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 WILL ALSO GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON FUNDRAISING AND SPENDING PLANS

VOLUNTEER WITH FROGS DO AS LITTLE OR AS 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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FROGS NEWS

FROGS ENTERPRISE FAIR

Advance warning for keen crafters and budding entrepreneurs - Grasmere's Enterprise Fair will take place after school on **12th June**. This is a very different Frogs-run event because it is not a fundraiser for Frogs—the children are in charge and the money they make is their own to keep! Please keep an eye on your class whatsapp group for more info or ask Firuze or Kathy.

GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
Enterprise Fair
12TH JUNE
3.30-5PM

HANDMADE ITEMS, BRIC-À-BRAC & HOMEMADE TREATS

THE GRASMERE CHILDREN ARE SETTING UP SHOP! PLEASE COME SUPPORT THEM FRIDAY 12TH JUNE AT GRASMERE SCHOOL, 92 ALBION ROAD. CASH ONLY

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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
- Tues 9 June** Understanding Behaviours Parent workshop at 9.10am
- Fri 12 June** Supporting transitions to Secondary parent workshop at 9:10am + FROGS Enterprise Fair 3.30pm
- Fri 19 June** FROGS Nursery & Reception cake sale
- Weds 24 June** Sports day
- Fri 26 June** Supporting transitions for neurodiversity parent workshop at 9:10am
- 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**