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# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 22nd May 2026

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta mirar las mariposas ..... *I like to watch the butterflies*

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

## EXCITING FILMING IN MANDEVILLE'S KITCHEN

This week Mandeville school were delighted to welcome the charity Chefs in Schools (with whom the LEAP federation work closely) into school to film some of the fantastic work taking place in our kitchen and dining hall. The filming also involved renowned chef Nicole Pisani, (who used to be the Head Chef at Gayhurst school) who worked alongside Mandeville's brilliant Head Chef, Hodan. The filming focused on the high-quality, freshly prepared food our children enjoy at Mandeville, and how our school is already showing what is possible in relation to the proposed School Food Standards. The team captured the kitchen in action, including food being prepared from scratch, the salad bar, finished dishes, and children enjoying their lunches.

A special thank you goes to Hodan, who showcased the care, skill and creativity that goes into school meals every day. The filming also highlighted the important role that school food plays in children's wellbeing, readiness to learn and wider school life. We are proud that Mandeville has been chosen to help share this positive message more widely. It is a lovely recognition of the work happening across Mandeville and the LEAP Federation schools, from the kitchen teams to staff supporting children at lunchtimes, and of LEAP's commitment to providing children with healthy, enjoyable food they want to eat.



*"It was nice to work with Nicole again and to be one of the schools helping to improve school lunches for children. We are very proud that all of our food is cooked fresh every day."* - **Hodan**, Mandeville chef

*"I love the lunch because there are so many options on the menu and the salad bar is the best."* - **Salma**, year 2

### FILMING IN MANDEVILLE'S KITCHEN CONTINUED....

*"It has been such a pleasure to see Hodan grow into the chef and leader she is today. She knows exactly what she is doing in the kitchen and brings a unique culinary flavour to the team; we had an okra salad that we couldn't get enough of and her leadership is kind as well as knowledgeable"* - **Nicole**, Chefs in Schools



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### FAMILY COACH SERVICE

The Family Coach Service are offering a number of different events in the next half of Summer Term to support Hackney parents of children with special needs (no formal diagnosis needed). All events are free and sign ups are on a first-come, first-served basis.

To sign up for any of the events please email [familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk) with:

- Your name
- Child's school
- The name of the event(s) you would like to attend

A member of our team will then send a confirmation email.

**Family Coach Service**  
Summer 2 Wellbeing Walks 2026\*

For parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities.  
No formal diagnosis or Educational Health Care Plan necessary.

<p><b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of June, 10 - 11 am</b> <b>A walk to connect</b> Create something for others to connect with on their walks Meeting: Hackney Downs Mosaic Project</p>	<p><b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1 - 2 pm</b> <b>A walk to focus</b> Take notice to your surroundings whilst focusing on your own choices Meeting: New River Cafe, Clissold Park</p>
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To sign up please email: [familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk)

Can't make the walks but still want to be part of the community? Please email us to be sent the walks to complete in your own time.

\*We need a minimum of 3 parents attending to be able to go ahead. If we don't have at least 3 parents sign up, we may cancel the session the day before. Anyone who has signed up will be notified via email.

### FAMILY COACH SERVICE CONTINUED.....

**The Family Coach Service**  
Cake, Coffee and wins

Friday 3rd of July 1 - 2pm

- Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, E8 1DY
- Open to any parent who's previously attended a Parent Empowerment Group
- Connect with the groups and share journeys, the highlights and the sticky bits!
- Celebrate you and think about how you continue to maintain the changes you made

To confirm your place, please email [familycoachehackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoachehackney.gov.uk)

### FELIX EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME



THE FELIX PROJECT  
GOOD FOOD FOR GOOD CAUSES

The Felix Project's Employability programme is open to receive applications. This programme offers 2 days per week across 8 weeks of building skills that employers

want to see in a friendly working environment with the possibility of getting qualifications e.g: Food & Hygiene Level 2, Manual Handling training etc.

Applications are open to **anyone over 18 who has the right to work in the UK.**

You can [find out more here](#) and the [referral form](#) can be found here.

The Felix Project is a charity that rescues good-to-eat surplus food that cannot be sold but would otherwise go to waste from across the food industry.

Their Employability Programme runs from their Poplar warehouse on Tuesdays and Thursday from Tuesday 16th June to Thursday 13th August.

**If you are interested please apply asap.**



### Understanding Autism Training

Are you waiting for assessment or does your child already have an Autism Diagnosis?

Are you curious and would you like to know more about Autism?

"Helping to develop good autism practice"

**Sign me up!**  
[familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk)  
Let us know which session you'd like to attend. We look forward to working with you!

**Understanding Autism Training for Parents\***  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 10 am - 12pm (ONLINE)

\*We need a minimum of 3 parents attending to be able to go ahead. If we don't have at least 3 parents sign up, we may cancel the session the day before. Anyone who has signed up will be notified via email.

### The Family Coach Service's 5 week Parent Empowerment Group

Finding tools to support your child's independence

@ Nightingale Primary School (E5 8NA)  
Thursdays 9:15-10:45 am

All families with a child that has a need within any of the 4 areas of SEND are welcome. We are a needs based service. No EHCP or formal diagnosis is needed.

<p><b>4 Areas of SEND</b></p> <p>Communication &amp; Interaction</p> <p>Cognition and learning</p> <p>Social, Emotional &amp; Mental Health</p> <p>Sensory and Physical</p>	<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE</b> 9:15-10:45AM</p> <p>Areas of independence</p>	<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE</b> 9:15-10:45AM</p> <p>How do we learn to be independent?</p>	<p><b>25<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE</b> 9:15-10:45AM</p> <p>Tools for independence</p>
	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> OF JULY</b> 9:15-10:45AM</p> <p>Your capacity for their independence</p>	<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> OF JULY</b> 9:15-10:45AM</p> <p>Maintaining the changes</p>	

There are 10 spaces available. We ask that you're able to attend all 5 sessions. To sign up email [familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk) with: Your name, Child's school



# GRASMERE NEWS



## GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Rory**  
Rec: **Roman**  
Yr 1: **Logan**  
Yr 2: **Lottie**

Yr 3: **Tailer**  
Yr 4: **Rumeyla**  
Yr 5: **Sienna**  
Yr 6: **Whole class**

## 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

### GRASMERE'S STEM FAIR

Last Friday afternoon, Grasmere showcased all the brilliant STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) work created across the school in their STEM fair. Nursery and Reception experimented with bubbles and ice, while reading the stories 'The Not So Perfect Penguin' and 'Too Many Bubbles'.

Year 1 created planters using recycled containers and pots, they sketched their designs and then got to work building their planters.

Year 2 were given the task of creating a bug hotel! They started off by learning the importance of bug hotels creating safe habitats for different insects.

Year 3 created bird feeders using different materials, they needed to make sure the material they chose would survive harsh weather conditions.

Year 4 became wind warriors and created their own wind turbines and presented them to the class.

Year 5 had the task of creating a home that could 'beat the flood', ensuring it had a strong structure and most importantly – waterproof.

Year 6 worked in groups to create a 'Green City', working as a team to decide where parks, roads, transport and buildings would go.

All of this brilliant work then went on display for our STEM Fair.

*'I like building the wind turbines.'* - **Laith**

*'It was so fun, seeing all of the activities and getting to take part in them.'* - **Isabella**

*'The wind turbines were really fun.'* - **Martha**



### GRASMERE'S STEM FAIR CONTINUED.....

*'I loved constructing the houses and getting to showcase it to everyone!'* - **Leo**



### TRANSPORT MUSEUM TRIP

Reception had a wonderful visit to the London Transport Museum, where the children explored how transport has changed over time. They were excited to explore different vehicles, including the old buses, trains and horse and carriages. The children had the opportunity to learn about the different forms of transport from the past and present, noticing how vehicles have changed to make travel easier and faster. They then enjoyed having their delicious pack lunches and a play in the role play area where they got to be drivers, conductors and passengers.

*'I liked the buses and the trains'* - **Alexander**

*'I liked when got to push the stamps down for the trail'* - **Cecilia**

*'I liked when we was looking for the stamps'* - **Leo**

*'I liked getting my ticket and badge'* - **Ariadne**



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### FROGS NEWS

#### CHESS EVENT

Last Friday's Chess Event was a great success. There were even more teams than last year - giving it their all against Grasmere's own International Chess Master, **Ruth Sheldon**. It was really special to see parents and children working together and inspiring to watch Grasmere students working through their next moves. A number of visitors from other LEAP schools and beyond came along and were warmly welcome. Thank you very much to all the parents who baked and brought cakes to sell. Thanks also to **Julie MacBrayne** who put her time and effort into planning and preparing the event. Lastly, huge thanks to Ruth for sharing her expertise and time (the last games didn't wrap up til gone 6pm!).



#### 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.



#### WELCOME ALBA!

Many of you may have seen this week that we have a new addition to the Grasmere office team. **Alba Hasani** will be based in the reception area as an administration officer—we are sure you will all make her feel very welcome. Burcu will be beginning her maternity leave shortly after the break so we are delighted they have both had time together to support a smooth handover.



### CHESS TRIP

On Monday a team from Grasmere went to take part in a chess competition that was taking place at John the Baptist school and did very well. The children all put on a strong performance and enjoyed the experience of playing against other schools. Three children received bronze medals for their efforts, **Roman, Eli and Bruno**.

**Roman** said *"It was really challenging but actually really fun at the same time."*

**Bruno I** *"It was really fun and I was really happy with my bronze medal"*



### KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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
- Thurs 11 June** Nursery class assembly 3pm
- Fri 12 June** Supporting transitions to Secondary parent workshop at 9:10am + FROGS Enterprise Fair 3.30pm
- Fri 19 June** JTP Coffee Morning 9am + FROGS Nursery & Reception cake sale
- Tues 23 June** Nursery Sports Day 9.30am
- 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) + EYFS Graduation 2pm
- 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**