



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 12th June 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Quisiera un helado..... *I would like an ice cream.....*

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

MANDEVILLE ON BBC NEWSROUND FOR TOY STORY 5 PREMIERE

Christopher and Farrah from Mandeville School recently had the exciting opportunity to attend the Toy Story 5 Leicester Square red-carpet premiere and interview some of the film's biggest stars!

Working alongside the BBC Newsround team, including Otis and Grace, Christopher and Farrah spent time on the red carpet, meeting celebrities and asking questions about the highly anticipated new film.

Before taking to the red carpet, Christopher and Farrah were invited to watch Toy Story 5 before its official release. Watching the film beforehand helped them prepare thoughtful questions and gave them a good understanding of the story and its themes. The latest Toy Story adventure explores what happens when screens, tablets and iPads begin to take centre stage, leaving traditional toys wondering where they fit in.

Christopher and Farrah were incredibly professional throughout the day and did a fantastic job representing Mandeville. They confidently interviewed Tom Hanks (Woody), Tim Allen (Buzz Lightyear), Joan Cusack (Jessie) and Greta Lee (Lilypad), asking thoughtful questions and engaging with the stars on the red carpet. We are extremely proud of them both for making the most of this wonderful opportunity. Their confidence, preparation and professionalism shone through, and they were excellent ambassadors for Mandeville school.

Be sure to tune in to Newsround on **Monday 15th June** to watch their interviews and see them in action on the red carpet! Toy Story 5 will be released to the public on **Friday 19th June**.

Congratulations, Christopher & Farrah, on an unforgettable experience!

"It was wonderful to see our children shine on the red carpet and they looked completely at ease throughout the experience. Opportunities like this are truly special, and we are delighted that they represented our school so brilliantly. A huge thank you to the Newsround team for making this fantastic opportunity possible."

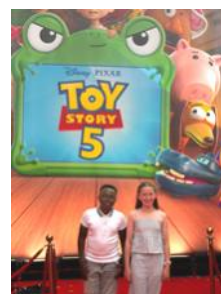
Marc, Mandeville's Headteacher.

"This experience was amazing. I still can't believe I got to interview the stars of Toy Story 5! It was also fantastic to work with the Newsround team, as it's one of the best news programmes for children." - **Christopher**

"I had a fantastic day. Interviewing the actors was really special and they were all so kind to us. Watching the film beforehand helped us prepare our questions, and I found the story about technology and iPads taking over from toys really interesting." - **Farrah**

TOY STORY PREMIERE CONTINUED.....

Kaltum, Mandeville's Deputy Head, who accompanied both children on the day said: *"Christopher and Farrah did so well. We had Disney's YouTube team right next to us but we had the lure of the kids so all the stars came to us!"*



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FREE COMMUNITY CRICKET

Platform Cricket are running a free Community Hub session at Victoria Park, Bow, every Thursday evening from 5:00pm to 6:00pm throughout the summer term. All Key Stage 2 children in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 are welcome to attend.



For further information and to confirm your place please contact **Arafat** on **07852 738 965** or email arafat.bhuiyan@platform-ldn.org

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Dear LEAP Families

At LEAP we recognise the valuable contribution that extra-curricular activities and trips make towards enriching your child's education. We employ specialist provision teachers, who work across the Federation schools, to provide a variety of engaging, extra activities such as gymnastics, art, drumming, dance, musical instruments and cooking lessons. We also arrange school trips, offer cycle training, provide our very own Forest school and pay for visits from theatre groups and other workshop providers. These activities are all built in to the school day and are available to every child, however they are all over and above what we are funded for and expected to deliver and we believe this is what makes our schools so popular with children and parents alike.

Like most schools across Hackney, The LEAP Federation continue to face rising costs and budget cuts. We need to find additional money from somewhere or cut the services we hold to be so important to our daily school life.

In the face of these financial pressures, we are asking for voluntary support from any parents who feel able. These extremely valuable donations help us maintain the current offering of activities. We will report back to each school community what the donations they have made over the school year have funded.

We recognise that the cost of living is rising for everyone and therefore not everyone will be able to donate. We want to reassure you that donations are confidential and that all children will benefit equally. The prioritisation of our specialist provision that all children have access to will mean every child benefits.

We are asking for a **voluntary donation of £10 or more** if you can afford to per term which can be made via your child's Arbor dashboard, under the 'School Shop' tab of the dashboard. <https://login.arbor.sc/>

We thank you all for all your support in whatever way you choose to offer it. The LEAP federation is a strong community and your support makes such a big difference and is very much appreciated.

COULD YOU HELP SHAPE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

At LEAP, we believe one of our greatest assets is the incredible community of parents and carers around us — and we'd love to tap into that!

We're building a register of parent and carer skills and professions to draw on for future projects, workshops and enrichment opportunities for our pupils. Whether you're an engineer, an artist, a chef, a builder or anything in between — your expertise could make a real difference to our children's learning.

Being on our register doesn't commit you to anything. We would simply get in touch if a relevant opportunity arises, and you're always free to say no.

If you'd like to be included, please email admin@leapfederation.org with **LEAP Families Skills Register** as the subject line, **giving your name, your child's school and class, and a brief description of your profession or skill.**

Thank you — we look forward to hearing from you!

JTP PARENT SURVEY

As this year's Justin Thompson Project draws to an end, we would very much appreciate parent and carer feedback on their experience of participating in the project. Here's a short reminder of some of the elements of the project that you might have been involved in since September last year:

My Name - discussions with your child about the story of their name and why you chose it.

My Story - sharing elements of your families' story, your childhood memories, creating My Story posters using photos from your past, children's work with visiting poets, story jars, story stones etc

Story Exchange - child & parent cooking sessions at School of Food, sharing family recipes, phrases, favourite songs, multi-generational interactions and sharing of stories.

My Future Story - children thinking about their hopes and dreams.

Please do take a minute to complete this short online questionnaire so we can gather feedback from LEAP families about the project.

You can use the QR code or this link to the questionnaire:

JTP Parent Feedback 25-26



[JTP Parent Feedback 25-26 - fill in form](#)



Nur: **Whole class** Yr 3: **Eleni**
 Rec: **Eyla** Yr 4: **Jesse**
 Yr 1: **Hilda** Yr 5: **Isle-Mae**
 Yr 2: **Niamh** Yr 6: **Dylan**

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

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Year 5- Year 5 went to the Hackney School of Food last week as part of their Design & Technology **Cooking and Nutrition** module. During the week, they learnt about how our food is grown, reared or caught. They also learnt about processed foods. Not all processed foods are bad, but when manufacturers add preservatives and other chemicals to our food, we move further away from healthy eating. In addition, the children learnt about seasonality and it's role in helping us prevent climate change. Eating as local as possible is always a good idea - for so many reasons! Chef Yvonne taught the children a range of culinary skills from chopping and slicing to mixing and grating. They also learnt about the importance of staying clean and safe when cooking as well as creative ways of eating different healthy foods. They made delicious meatballs with rainbow cous cous - ask them for the recipe!

Roman - "It was really fun moulding the meatballs. Like a stress ball!"

Sienna - "I was excited to learn a new recipe!"

Isabella - "I liked that we got to make a special vegetarian option!"



Year 3- On Monday 8th June Year 3 had a trip to the Hackney School of Food which connects to their curriculum work as part of Design and Technology where they have been learning about healthy and varied diet. Although a very wet day we went out and harvested kale for our soup. The children learn about how to make bread and soup and how this is healthy. They learnt about using wholemeal flour as part of a healthy choice when cooking. They children loved the experience and were so inspired they wanted to share the recipes and food with their families when they got home.



HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD CONTINUED....

Daya "It was fun collecting food from the garden"
Atom "I think it was good to learn how to chop and use a knife safely."
Jewel "I loved making it because then I can go home and show my family what I made."



UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOURS WORKSHOP

On Tuesday morning, parents joined us at school for a special session focused on understanding children's behaviour. Led by **Nina**, our CAMHS worker, the session gave parents the chance to explore the reasons behind different behaviours in a supportive and relaxed environment.

Together, parents and Nina looked at a range of behaviours, discussing possible triggers and recognising patterns that can often sit beneath the surface. The session encouraged everyone to look beyond the behaviour itself and consider the wider context, helping families develop a deeper understanding of what children may be experiencing. Parents also had the opportunity to suggest topics they would like to explore in future sessions, helping to shape the support and workshops planned for next year.

A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to attend, and to Nina for leading such an engaging discussion.





YEAR 6 KAYAKING TRIP

Last Friday, a group of Year 6 pupils took part in an exciting kayaking session. For many of the children, it was their first experience of kayaking. The weather conditions were excellent, creating the perfect opportunity for the children to develop their confidence on the water. Although a couple of pupils accidentally ended up in the water, this only added to the excitement and fun of the day! The children showed great determination, resilience and teamwork throughout the session. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and made excellent progress. We are already looking forward to the next five weeks of kayaking, during which the children will continue to develop their skills and become even more confident and capable paddlers.



"Despite falling in, it was a very exciting, fun and a new experience." - **Lara**

"I really enjoyed kayaking because it was satisfying - it was very wet though" - **Teddy**

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL!



The School Council are delighted to announce the launch of their brand-new children's newsletter, Pages of Grasmere!

Created by children, for children, this exciting newsletter will be packed full of fun, positivity and important school news. Each monthly edition will include:

- ☀️ Feel-good stories and celebrations from around the school
- 🎲 Games, quizzes and puzzles
- 🗣️ Interviews with teachers and staff
- 📅 Key dates and upcoming events
- ✍️ Children's ideas, achievements and contributions

Our school council team really wanted to create a monthly newsletter for children to help celebrate the wonderful things happening at Grasmere and give children a voice within the school community.

Keep an eye out for the very first edition coming soon — we can't wait to share it with you!

FROGS CAKE SALE

Don't forget that next Friday Nursery and Reception will be holding a cake sale after school.

JTP COFFEE MORNING



Come along with your child to the JTP coffee morning on **Friday 19th June at 9:10am**. It will be an opportunity to share your stories & explore #We are LEAP the work your children have created around their hopes and dreams. Refreshments & hot drinks will be on offer—you are welcome to bring in your own cultural dish too.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Fri 19 June** JTP Coffee Morning 9.10am + FROGS Nursery & Reception cake sale
- Tues 23 June** Nursery Sports Day 9.30—10.30am
- Weds 24 June** Sports Day (Rec to Yr 6) 9.45am - 3pm
- Fri 26 June** Supporting transitions for neurodiversity parent workshop at 9:10am
- Fri 3 July** FROGS Year 6 Ice lolly Sale + Grasmere Summer BBQ 5- 8pm
- 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

MHST ONLINE SECONDARY TRANSITION PARENT WORKSHOPS

East London NHS Foundation Trust
Summer Parent/Carer workshops
 Delivered by City & Hackney Mental Health Support in Schools Team
 July-August 2026

- WED 29** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ONLINE WORKSHOP Supporting the transition to secondary school: for parents/carers of autistic young people
- WED 05** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ONLINE WORKSHOP Supporting the transition to secondary school: for parents/carers of ADHDers
- WED 12** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ONLINE WORKSHOP Supporting your child's transition to secondary school
- WED 19** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ONLINE WORKSHOP Supporting your child with fears and worries
- WED 26** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ONLINE WORKSHOP Supporting restful sleep for your child

Scan the QR or use link to sign up <https://forms.office.com/e/12D8v8xv?st=0161c461a46>