



LEAP NEWS

Friday 26th June 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me siento en la sombra cuando hace sol....*I sit in the shade when it's sunny...*

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

THANK YOU!

Thanks to every one for bearing with us this week, the staff and children have been wonderful this week adapting to the temperatures in our school buildings and playgrounds. Thanks to all the parents who had to collect early, we know this is not easy for some of you.

Our buildings were not designed for these kind of temperatures and we will be looking to improve this in the future but we get £7,000 per year for a one form entry school for our buildings and about £11,000 a year for our two forms. Air conditioning even for one floor would run to £80,000.

If any parents have any experience of installing and or managing air to air heat pumps we would be very interested in speaking to you. Or alternatively if we were to focus all our fund raising efforts we might be able to raise the necessary funding!

In the meantime, stay cool out there!

LEAP AT HACKNEY DANCE FESTIVAL

This Monday, LEAP schools participated in the annual Hackney Music Service Dance Festival. This long-running event is an opportunity for children from across the borough to come together and celebrate the power of dance within their musical learning. We had children from all four LEAP schools involved as dancers, sharing performances that had been developed under the supervision of Ms Harley, who is also involved in organising this unique event. Each school wowed the audience with the quality and variety of their dances, with classes from across Key Stages 1 and 2 being represented. Sadly, due to the heat, none of our children were able to attend the singing and instrumental events scheduled for later in the week, but it was fantastic to see LEAP putting our best foot forward to show the rest of Hackney what we can do!

"I liked all the different costumes and colours." - **Maia, Gayhurst**

"I enjoyed listening to all the lovely music. It made me want to dance." - **Coco, Gayhurst**

"It was really cool to see the different dances from each school." - **Sienna, Grasmere**

"My highlight was the professional dancers doing flips!" - **Sonny A, Grasmere**

"We saw a lot of great acts and had so much fun." **Aisha, Kingsmead**

"I really enjoyed dancing with the Dynamix and this is our last performance together." **Nylah, Kingsmead**

LEAP AT HACKNEY DANCE FESTIVAL CONTINUED..

"I enjoyed the part when we did our own dance moves." - **Rafferty, Mandeville**

"I enjoyed being on a big stage." **Nova, Mandeville**



LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

We're delighted to confirm that we will be running two camps for three weeks of the Summer Holidays this year. The holiday camp at Kingsmead school will cater for children at Kingsmead & Mandeville and the camp at Gayhurst will cater for children at Gayhurst & Grasmere.

The camps will run from **Monday 20th July to Friday 7th August** from 10—2pm daily and are open to children from Reception to Year 6. The camps will be staffed by adults from our schools who know the children, and everyone attending will be offered a hot meal freshly prepared every day. There will be plenty of great activities for children to choose from at both camps including lots of sports and physical games, arts and crafts, gardening and Forest School fun and cooking at the School of Food, as well as some trips which are being planned. More information about how to register your child for the holiday camp will be shared with families on **Monday 29th June** and booking will be live from **9am Tuesday 30th**



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Izumi** Yr 3: **Olivia C**
Rec: **Ottilie** Yr 4: **Zariyan**
Yr 1: **Enes** Yr 5: **Nouri**
Yr 2: **Hugo & Elsa** Yr 6: **Antonia E**

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

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Over the past few weeks, a group of our pupils have proudly represented the school in the Hackney Primary Schools Chess Tournament, competing against children from schools across the borough. Throughout the competition, they demonstrated excellent concentration, resilience and strategic thinking while always showing respect and good sportsmanship towards their opponents.

As the tournament progressed, the children developed their chess skills, learned new techniques and gained confidence in competitive play. Most importantly, they enjoyed the experience and worked together as a supportive team.

After a series of challenging rounds, our team successfully reached the finals. Following a highly competitive afternoon of chess, we were delighted to finish joint 3rd place in Hackney. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the positive way they represented our school throughout the tournament. Well done to the team.

'It felt very intense as it was the finals. We came joint 3rd in Hackney and I won a bronze medal. Some people used specialist moves they learnt in chess club with Ben' . Roman (Year5)

Overall, a great year for chess in the school, the level of concentration was amazing.



SCHOOL OF FOOD VISITS

Year 1 - Year 1 really enjoyed their time at HSoF where they learned many new skills. They made delicious scones, and salad and worked in teams.

Ela - *"I loved making the scones"*

Devran - *"I have never used a grater before"*



Year 2 - Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Hackney School of Food, where they took part in a hands-on cooking workshop. The children learned about healthy eating before making a delicious savoury roll using grated courgette and other fresh ingredients. They also prepared a colourful fruit salad, practising their food preparation skills safely and confidently.

A highlight of the day was enjoying the food they had made together in the garden. The visit was a wonderful opportunity to develop cooking skills, learn about nutritious food choices and build confidence in the kitchen. Everyone had a memorable day.



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YEAR 1'S TRIP TO LITTLE ANGEL

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Little Angels Studio to watch Toto the Ninja Cat. They thoroughly enjoyed the engaging puppet show, which captivated everyone with its lively characters, humour, and imaginative storytelling. The performance inspired the children to develop an even greater love of stories and sparking their creativity and imagination. The class had a fantastic day!

Thea - I really liked the kitties.

Jonty - This was the best day ever!



FROGS SUMMER FAIR

Save the date! **Saturday 11th July 12—3pm**

The Grasmere Summer Fair is fast approaching and we're excited! If you've yet to sign up but have time to share, please choose a slot [here](#).

GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL
JULY 11TH FROM 12-3pm



SUMMER FAIR

GUNNERSAURUS IS COMING!

Arsenal's long-time legendary mascot and recently crowned Premier League champion — meet him for free!

GET YOUR BIKE FIXED FOR FREE!

BBQ · LIVE MUSIC · BAR · BOUNCY CASTLE · PENALTY SHOOT-OUT · CRAFT ZONE · FUN FAIR GAMES & MORE!

WIN BIG: Epic raffle prizes from Arsenal FC · Big Potato Games · Rowan's Tenpin · Active Reality · Belle Époque · Esters · Clay Time · PUSH · Shine Perk · Creative Mash · The Prince · LIM · Sapid · Earlybird & more!

GRASMERE SUMMER BBQ

We look forward to welcoming all of our families to the Grasmere Summer BBQ on **Friday 3rd July 5 – 8pm**. To buy your tickets, you can either scan the QR code (also on the poster) - this is also displayed on our school gates, or you can click [here](#).

Tickets cost £10 for an adult and £5 for a child, this includes a main BBQ dish, a selection of side dishes and a dessert, all prepared by our school chefs, Sergio, Terry and the kitchen team.

This is an opportunity to enjoy some delicious food, drinks and music as a school. We hope that you can join us at this end of year event.



FRIDAY 3RD JULY
5PM - 8PM

Scan the code to
buy your ticket.



Celebrate a great year at Grasmere!
Serving a selection of tasty meats, fish, veggies,
delicious salads and desserts.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Tues 30 June	Sports Day for Rec - Year 6
Fri 3 July	Grasmere Summer BBQ 5- 8pm
Wed 8 July	FROGS meeting open to all 8pm (location tbc) + 12:30 - 1:30pm- Nursery Sports Day + 2pm EYFS Graduation
Sat 11 July	FROGS Summer Fair 12—3pm
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