

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Nos vemos en septiembre..... See you in September.....

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

MESSAGE FROM LEAP'S EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

As another busy and successful school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone across LEAP Federation, to thank our wonderful staff, governors, parents and carers for everything you have done to support our children throughout the year.

Schools are built on partnerships. The dedication of our staff, the encouragement and trust of our families, and the commitment and challenge provided by our governors all play an essential part in creating the nurturing, ambitious and inclusive communities that make our schools such special places. Together, we have celebrated successes, overcome challenges and, most importantly, ensured that our children have continued to thrive.

This year we also say goodbye to two exceptional members of our school community whose dedication and service have helped shape our federation over many years.

After twenty one years of outstanding service, **Ruth** will be leaving Kingsmead. Since joining the school in 2005, Ruth has served as Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo with unwavering commitment, exceptional professionalism and an unfailing belief in every child. Ruth has worked tirelessly to ensure that children receive the care, support and opportunities they deserve. She has been a source of wisdom, reassurance and strength for countless families and colleagues, always leading with humour, kindness and absolute integrity. For those of us fortunate enough to have worked alongside her, she has been a constant source of encouragement and a true tower of strength, offering calm guidance even through the busiest and most challenging of times. Ruth has helped shape the culture and values of Kingsmead itself, leaving a legacy that will continue to benefit the school community for many years to come. While we will miss her enormously, we are deeply grateful for her remarkable contribution and wish her every happiness in the next chapter of her life.

We also bid a fond farewell to **Gill Brady** as she steps down as Chair of Governors. Gill has dedicated over 17 years to improving education for children in Hackney, first as a School Improvement Adviser and later as a governor and, most recently, as Chair of Governors. Throughout that time she has worked across all of our schools, guiding and supporting them through significant change and playing a pivotal role in the growth and success of the LEAP Federation.

Leadership in schools depends not only on those who work in them every day but also on governors

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who generously give their time, expertise and wisdom because they believe in making a difference for local



Gill (L) with LEAP co-chair Shanielle (R)

children. Gill exemplifies the very best of school governance. She has always placed children at the heart of every decision, never losing sight of why schools exist and reminding us that our purpose is to give every child the very best start in life. Her clarity of vision, unwavering sense of purpose, thoughtful challenge and steadfast support have been invaluable to me personally and to the leadership teams across our federation. We owe her an enormous debt of gratitude for her years of dedicated service and the lasting impact she has made on the lives of so many children, families and staff. Thank you, Gill, for everything you have done for LEAP Federation and for the children of Hackney.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we do so with confidence and optimism, knowing that the strength of our federation lies in the people who make it what it is. Thank you once again to every member of our school community for your kindness, commitment and support throughout the year.

I wish you all a wonderful, restful summer break and hope you enjoy some well-deserved time with your family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year together.

Louise Nichols

LEAP's Executive Headteacher

A MESSAGE FROM LEAP GOVERNORS

Dear LEAP families, Staff, and Community

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding year, I want to reflect on what has been another remarkable chapter for the LEAP Federation.

It has been a privilege to see the continued growth and strong sense of community across Gayhurst, Grasmere, Kingsmead and Mandeville. A particular highlight for me was visiting all four schools to see the Justin Thompson Project in action. It has been inspiring to witness how the project is strengthening belonging, celebrating diversity and bringing children, staff and families together.

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I would also like to congratulate Grasmere on its first inspection under Ofsted's new framework, where it achieved the new grading strong standard across all areas. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the dedication of the staff, leadership, children and families. Across all four schools, our staff should also be incredibly proud of this year's excellent academic outcomes, particularly for our Year 6 pupils. Despite the national delays to SATs results, the achievements of our children stand as a testament to the exceptional teaching, care and commitment shown across the federation.

These successes are only possible because of the commitment of everyone in our school community. Thank you to our staff for your dedication and care, to our parents and carers for your continued support, and to our wonderful children for your enthusiasm, kindness and determination to do your very best.

To our Year 6 pupils, congratulations and good luck as you begin the next stage of your education. We are incredibly proud of you and wish you every success in secondary school.

Finally, I would like to thank our governing board for the time and commitment they give so generously. This term we say farewell to several governors, including my co-chair, **Gill**. Her years of dedicated service, wise leadership and unwavering commitment to the LEAP Federation have made an enormous contribution, and she will be greatly missed.

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer break, and look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year.

Shanielle (Sha-nee-yel) Shrouder
Chair of Governors

HACKNEY SUMMER QUEST - LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE

The Great Hackney Libraries Quest is back to celebrate the National Year of Reading: Reading is Magic!

For the third year Hackney are running their own Hackney version of the Summer Reading Challenge at all Hackney Libraries, from 18 July to 12 Sept.

Sign up at any library from 18 July to collect your booklet and start collecting stamps for reading books & taking part in activities.

This year there are two certificates – one for reading books, and one for doing activities. There are even bonus stickers to collect! There are lots of fun free activities happening all summer. [Click here](#) to find out what's on, where.



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GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS

The government is cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on family days out — from cinema and theatre tickets to attractions, and children's meals out. Less to pay, more summer to enjoy.

Real savings on days out

A 15-percentage-point VAT cut on eligible tickets and meals, passed on at the till. Ten weeks of school holidays to make the most of summer.

Cinemas, attractions & meals

Family and children's tickets for shows and attractions, plus kids' meals eaten out, wherever you are in the UK.



Free bus travel for kids

For the whole month of August, kids age 15 and under in England will get free bus travel, supporting families to choose public transport.

More information [click here](#):

[Find your family's summer offer](#)

FREE MORRISONS CAFÉ BREAKFAST FOR FAMILIES

Families visiting their local Morrisons Café between 29th June to 6th September can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too. Both kids and adults can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

We're looking forward to seeing lots of LEAP children at the two holiday camps that LEAP are running (one at Gayhurst and one at Kingsmead school) from **Monday 20th July to Friday 7th August** from 10—2pm daily. These camps are open to children from Reception to Year 6 and will be staffed by adults from our schools who know the children. Everyone attending will be offered a hot meal freshly prepared every day. There will be lots of great activities from including sports and physical games, arts & crafts, gardening & Forest School fun, cooking at the School of Food, ice skating trips as well as other trips which are being planned. Don't forget to book your child's place.



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Wilfred** Yr 3: **Whole class**
Rec: **Whole class** Yr 4: **Whole class**
Yr 1: **Whole class** Yr 5: **Whole class**
Yr 2: **Felix T & Mario** Yr 6: **Whole class**

AUTUMN TERM 2026

1st half of term: **03.09.26 - 23.10.26**
Half term: **26 - 30 October 2026**
2nd half of term: **02.11.26 - 18.12.26**
INSET day - Weds 2 Sept 26

YEAR 6 ROAR TO SUCCESS WITH THE LION KING!

Our Year 6 children brought the Pride Lands to life this week with their end of year production of The Lion King! After weeks of rehearsals, learning lines, songs and dance routines, the children took to the stage to perform in front of an audience of proud parents, carers, and staff.

From Simba's journey to Timon and Pumbaa's humour, every child threw themselves into their roles with real energy and confidence. The costumes, set and staging brought the story to life, and it was wonderful to see how much the children had grown in confidence.

A very special thank you to **Winnie** and **Kryselle**, for their tireless work in bringing this production together, and to Barley for the fantastic set design that transported us straight to the Pride Lands. Thank you also to all the parents who supported the production in so many ways — from helping with costumes to painting children's faces to help bring their characters to life. Your time and creativity made this such a special event for the children.

A huge congratulations to the whole of Year 6!

'I can't believe that was our final performance, I am so proud of all of us.' — **Malachi** (Year 6)

'I loved the entire performance; we've worked incredibly hard to get here. It was great to be able to show the whole school and our parents what we've been working on.' — **Teddy** (Year 6)

'I'm so proud of Year 6, their dedication to their roles as well as their supportive nature made this performance extra special.' **Winnie**



YEAR 6 CELEBRATE AT CHESSINGTON

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful day at Chessington World of Adventures, celebrating the end of their primary school journey together. Filled with laughter, excitement and

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unforgettable memories, the trip was a fitting way to mark the end of an incredible year.

As they explored the park, shared adventures and enjoyed time with friends, the children reflected everything that has made this year so special. They have grown in confidence, embraced new challenges, supported one another and created friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

The day was not only a celebration of all they have achieved during Year 6, but also an opportunity to look ahead with excitement to the next chapter of their lives. While it is always difficult to say goodbye, we know our Year 6 are leaving with the skills, resilience and determination to flourish in secondary school and beyond.

We are immensely proud of every one of them and thank them for the enthusiasm, kindness and positivity they have brought to our school. We wish them every success and happiness for the future and hope they look back on their time at primary school with great pride and many happy memories.



NEXT YEAR'S CLASS TEACHERS

We are delighted to announce next academic year's class teachers.

Year Group	Teacher
Nursery	Sarah
Reception	Kashmir
Year 1	Elif
Year 2	Siobhan
Year 3	Meryem
Year 4	Danny & Josie
Year 5	Jonah
Year 6	Winnie

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Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.



THE GARDEN CLASSROOM'S

NATURE WORKSHOPS

Not only did Year 1 & 2 visit Butterfield Green Outdoor Classroom but also Years 3, 4 & 5. Being that much older, the children are developing a much deeper understanding of eco systems and many of them are very aware of the delicate balance between ensuring biodiversity thrives across our natural world and the growing awareness that humans are the culprits driving the destruction. This year has been a busy one on an environmental level here at Grasmere. We have applied to become an Eco school. This has prompted us to develop and implement many policies, such as our Environmental Action Plan, build an Eco committee, start a gardening club and run a few assemblies to explain how we all have a carbon footprint, what that actually means and ways we can reduce this. Should we succeed we will be presented with a plaque and a flag! **Reuben**, who is one of our garden ambassadors here at Grasmere, is passionate about insect life and his protective sensitive approach has been infectious. Despite the dry conditions he said: *"I can find lots of things. You have to be careful of the animal you find"*. This has prompted the children to build habitats for wildlife in the garden at play time. The binoculars were particularly impactful: *"I loved using the binoculars that made my eyesight x 8 more powerful and I could see the details on the wood pigeons"* said **Beatrice**. **Max** in year 3 said: *"These binoculars let me see the birds so close, I want to do this at home"*

"I caught moth and I was able to see the incredible silky patterns of orange black and white on its wings" said **Martha** and then: *"I wish I could learn outside every day in mother nature – she is the source of all life!"*

We look forward to the Autumn term where teachers will endeavour to adapt more lessons to be delivered outside



DRUMMING & DANCE

This week, all of the children from Year 1 to Year 6 dazzled us with their drumming and dance performances. The children have been practising hard all term, learning new rhythms and routines, and on Tuesday they finally had the chance to show off their skills to an audience of proud parents and carers.

The energy in the room was infectious, with children confidently performing the routines they'd worked so hard to master. A special mention goes to the brave parents and carers who stepped up to try their hand at the African drums — their enthusiasm and good humour added to the fun of the afternoon.

A huge well done to all the children involved, and a big thank you to **Ms Harley** and **Victor** for their dedication in leading the sessions all term.

'I loved being able to perform again.' **Ricki-Leigh** (Yr 5)

'The performances were incredible, the children were so confident, it was a pleasure to see.' - **Parent**

'I am so proud of all of the children; it isn't easy standing up in front of a crowd so all of the children were incredibly brave!' -

Ms Harley



GOODBYE TO YEAR 6

As another school year draws to a close, we say a farewell to our wonderful Year 6 class. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished during their time with us. From their first days in primary school to becoming confident, capable and caring young people. As they prepare for the exciting journey ahead, we wish each and every one of them happiness, success and confidence in their new schools. We know they will embrace new opportunities, take on new challenges & continue to shine. Year 6, thank you for the joy, enthusiasm and leadership you have brought to our school. You will always be a valued part of our school family, and we look forward to hearing about all the amazing things you achieve in the future. We were all so proud of you during your end of year production, seeing you all come together as a group and showcase just how far you have come at Grasmere.

Good luck, Year 6, and remember: believe in yourselves, be kind, work hard and most importantly, come back and visit us!

ASSISTANT HEAD POSITION

Congratulations to Danny, who has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher from September. Danny will be a class – based Assistant Headteacher, working alongside Josie.



SAFARI PETE VISITS GRASMERE

Safari Pete visited Grasmere, bringing a whole host of amazing animals for the children to meet and learn about! Every child had the chance to experience this incredible, hands-on adventure.

Safari Pete brought along a fantastic range of animals, from cheeky meerkats to creepy-crawly spiders, slithering snakes, and even two lizards named Mango and Tango! The children were captivated as they learned fascinating facts about each animal, their habitats, and how to care for them.

It was brilliant to see the children so engaged and full of questions, and the excitement on their faces said it all. **A huge thank you to FROGS** for organising and funding this wonderful experience, giving our children the chance to learn about wildlife in such a memorable way.

'My favourites were Mango and Tango!' **Nouri** (Year 5)

'I can't believe I held a snake!' - **Pasha** (Year 3)

'I loved when the ferrets started dancing.' - **Laith** (Year 4)



FROGS NEWS

FROGS 2026/2027 Fundraiser Summer Project

Calling all budding artists!

We need help to create next year's Frogs merchandise.

We are looking for drawings of

- Animals of N16 
- Plants of N16 
- Favourite sports 
- Favourite food 

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Drawings must be:

- on white paper
- made using pens; paints, pastels etc. Pencil drawings will need to be very bold/bright or they won't look good when printed on T-shirts.
- signed with name & the class the child is in 2026/27



- handed in to Alba in the office in September

You can submit as many as you want! It's great way to fill a few hours during the school holidays.

Summer Fair

Grasmere's Summer Fair last Saturday was a really special afternoon - just over **£6000** was raised, nearly 70 volunteers worked together to make it happen, and no one can count the number of smiles on the faces of Grasmere children as they bounced, played, created, and more.... Huge thanks to the Summer Fair team, **Rosie, Marlies, Kate and Jasmine** for all their time and effort. Please keep an eye out for the upcoming Frogs newsletter for lots more photos and thank yous to all our raffle sponsors. If you've not yet subscribed to the Frogs newsletter, you can sign up [here](#).



Safari Pete

The final Frogs funded event of the year was the visit from Safari Pete and his wonderful collection of exotic rescue creatures and pets. It was a well deserved treat for students and staff to celebrate the close of the academic year (see full report on this page). Many more photos of close encounters will also be shared in the Frogs newsletter.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Grasmere staff would like to wish all our children and their families a very happy summer break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school for their first day of Autumn Term on **Thursday 3rd September.**