

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta el otoño..... I like Autumn....

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

HACKNEY CALENDAR COMPETITION SUCCESS!

Last April, children from across the federation had the opportunity to enter the annual Hackney Religious Education (RE) Calendar Competition. This borough-wide competition includes entries from both primary and secondary schools. Every year, the LEAP federation schools have had winning entries, and this year is no exception.

Congratulations to **Angela**, a former Year 6 pupil at **Kingsmead**; **Harleen**, a former Year 6 pupil at **Grasmere**; and **Kate** (Year 6) and **Daya** (Year 4) from **Grasmere**, who have all been successful in this year's Hackney RE Calendar Competition.

The theme of this year's competition was "Sacred Stories" and children were invited to create artwork inspired by stories that are important to different faiths. All four pupils produced thoughtful and creative designs, showcasing both their artistic talents and their understanding of the theme.

We are especially proud that Angela's artwork was selected for both the front and back covers of the calendar, which is an outstanding achievement.

Well done to Angela, Harleen, Kate, and Daya on this fantastic success. We are incredibly proud of their



Harleen's design



Daya's design



Kate's design

CALENDAR COMPETITION CONTINUED....

creativity, hard work & achievement. What a wonderful way to celebrate and share their talents with the wider community!

We look forward to entering next year's RE Calendar Competition and hope that even more pupils from across our federation will be inspired to take part and showcase their creativity.

"I was really surprised and happy when I found out that I had won the RE Calendar Competition. I enjoyed taking part because I got to be creative and use what I had learnt in RE. I tried my best with my design and spent time making sure I was happy with it. I didn't expect to win, so when I found out, I felt really proud and excited. It was a great experience and I'm really glad I took part."

Kate



Angela's design

HACKNEY BOROUGH YOUTH CHOIR

Free taster session on **Wednesday 23 September**, for children in Years 4, 5 & 6 who might be interested in joining the Hackney Youth Choir.

For more details please contact **02030761535** or email **xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk**

Do you love to sing?

We are recruiting young singers to join the Hackney Borough Youth Choir (Yr4-6) & Senior Vocal Ensemble (Yr7-9)

HBVC is an inclusive musical community that brings together singers from Hackney schools to regularly perform joyful, uplifting and diverse repertoire.

Join us for a free of charge taster session after school on Wednesday 23 September 2026. Ongoing fully funded places in the choir available for eligible families.

For venue details & times, please call 020 3076 1535 or email **xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk**



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur:	Ferdinand	Yr 3:	Marlo
Rec:	Cassian	Yr 4:	Olivia C
Yr 1:	Mia	Yr 5:	Zariyan
Yr 2:	Ella	Yr 6:	Ricki-Leigh

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 4 ARCHAEOLOGISTS

This term, year 4 have been diving into the fascinating world of the Romans. They've been learning about Roman life, their hierarchy and their invasion of Britain. One highlight was a special history lesson where the children became archaeologists for the day.

Using brushes, they carefully excavated artefacts buried in sand. They discovered Roman coins, pieces of pottery and other treasures.

Bruno S: 'I was really intrigued by the Roman coins.'

Kian: 'I loved putting on the Gladiator's helmet'

Sienna: 'I really enjoyed using the brushes to excavate the artefacts.'



READING AT GRASMERE CONTINUED.....



SCHOOL COUNCIL



READING AT GRASMERE

We all love reading at Grasmere! This year we are putting one of our best-loved subjects in the spotlight. We have just launched the role of '**Grasmere Reading Champions**', successful applicants will help foster a love of reading across the school. Our Reading Champions will have the position for a year and will help younger children choose books, discover new books to introduce in class, take the lead in decorating our library and be an all-round ambassador for reading. Additionally, every week, class teachers will choose a member of their class who is showing real dedication to their reading and they will receive a certificate for reading achievement in our Friday achievement assembly. It is so important that we all work together to help support the children so they both make progress and develop a real love of reading. To support with this, please ensure your child brings in their home reading book on the following days: Nursery to Y3 on Mondays and Thursdays, Year 4 on Fridays, Year 5 on Tuesdays and Year 6 on Mondays. Here are some photos of reading happening around Grasmere, from Nursery upwards.

Next week we will start the process of recruiting our new school council. The role of the school council gives children the opportunity to make their voices heard and feel part of the whole school community. The school council is made up of two children from each class from Year 1 – 6.

Our School Council aims to encourage our children to:

- Develop confidence and responsibility and make the most of their abilities
- Prepare them to play an active role as citizens within a community
- Develop healthy, safer lifestyles
- Develop good relationships and respect the differences between people
- To have a 'voice' and to share their opinions and ideas with others.

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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.



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SCHOOL COUNCIL CONTINUED....

Below is the timeline for the school council election process:

Monday 21st September – All children will have an assembly explaining what the school council is and the process to apply. Teachers will give children the opportunity to present their speeches in class.

Monday 28th September – Children will deliver their speeches in class, teachers will then shortlist candidates to two girls and two boys.

Thursday 1st October - All classes (Year 1-6) will have an opportunity to vote for one girl and one boy to be part of the school council.

Friday 9th October – Our new school council will be announced in our afternoon assembly and newsletter.

Reminder, if children have been a school councillor before, they can't run again. Please keep an eye out for other pupil voice roles available

FROGS NEWS

On the next column you will find the FROGS key dates for this half term.

FROGS WELCOME GARDEN PARTY

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Welcome Garden Party on Friday 25th Sept from 3.30pm. Come and join us for free pizza, soft drinks and

marshmallows!



FROGS NEWS CONTINUED....

KEY DATES THIS HALF TERM

AUTUMN TERM 1 2024



SEPTEMBER 18 Frogs AGM School Hall 9am	SEPTEMBER 25 Frogs Welcome Garden Party 3.30pm	OCTOBER 02 Year 6 Cake Sale 3.30pm
OCTOBER 09 World Mental Health Day Hello Yellow	OCTOBER 10 Jumble Sale 10:30am-12:30pm	OCTOBER 13 Kapla Workshop Reveal 3:30pm

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Tues 22 Sept** Nina CAMHS Worker in school drop in session for parents 9-10am
- Weds 23 Sept** Nursery & Reception Parent lunch start
- Thurs 24 Sept** Year 5 Class assembly at 3pm
- Fri 25 Sept** FROGS Welcome Garden Party 3.30pm
- Fri 2 Oct** FROGS Year 6 cake sale
- Fri 9 Oct** World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow - option to wear something yellow to school + FROGS Jumble Sale sort out
- Sat 10 Oct** FROGS Jumble Sale 10.30-12.30
- Mon 12 & Tues 13 Oct** Kapla Workshops
- Tues 13 Oct** Kapla Workshop reveal 3.30pm
- Tues 20 Oct** Understanding Behaviours Parent Workshop 9-10am
- Mon 26 - Fri 30 Oct** Half Term Break
- Fri 6 Nov** Yr 6 Brain Buddies Parent Workshop 9- 9:45am
- Tues 10 Nov** Managing Challenging Behaviours parent workshop 9-10am
- Fri 13 Nov** FROGS Year 5 cake sale + Children in need day—option to wear PJs
- Mon 16 Nov** Anti-Bullying Week starts—option to wear odd socks to celebrate difference
- Thurs 19 Nov** Year 6 Class Assembly at 3pm
- Tues 24 Nov** Supporting Children to Build Confidence and Resilience parent workshop 9-10am
- Thurs 26 Nov** International Evening (No hoppers or Specialist clubs)
- Fri 27 Nov** FROGS Year 4 cake sale
- Weds 2 Dec** Parent & Carer consultations
- School closes early at 1.30 for children** (Hoppers available - No Specialist clubs)
- Fri 4 Dec** FROGS Winter fair
- Tues 8 Dec** Nina CAMHS Worker in school drop in session for Parents 9-10am
- Mon 14 Dec** Drumming and Dance Performances 1:45pm- Years 3 & 5, 2:30pm- Years 2, 4 & 6
- Friday 18 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term
- School closes early at 1.30pm for children**