LEAP NEWS

Friday 6th November 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar con mis amigos….. *I like to play with my friends….*

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

LEAP STAFF GET PUMPKIN CARVING

On Thursday after school, LEAP staff from across all four schools met at Mandeville and got creative - at a special pumpkin carving session. The Hackney School of Food's Autumn Trail takes place today (Friday 6th November) and LEAP staff provide carved pumpkins for the trail, which families visiting the event are able to vote for their favourite pumpkin. A winner and runner up for each school is selected with a prize for each school's winning design. Look out in next week's newsletter for photos and a news story on the Hackney School of Food's Autumn Trail event and announcements on the winning pumpkins!

























KAMPALA BUZZLINE & KINGSMEAD'S SUPPORT

Kingsmead Primary School's Year 6 class recently created felt bag gifts and a supportive video message for children in Uganda, participating in the Kampala Buzzline project, as they were holding a community Bee Run and Greenest School competition. Kingsmead is twinned with the New Brain School in Kampala, a relationship that came out of both schools' work supporting pollinating insects through both the Hackney and Kampala Buzzline projects. The gifts were very well received and Gerry, from EcoACTIVE, the sustainable education charity who set up the Hackney Buzzline, shared some lovely photos and film clips from the event in Kampala which he attended. Year 6 were delighted to see the photos and short videos of the children receiving their gifts.

You can read more about this story [in this Hackney Gazette article.]















CHILDREN IN NEED - PJ DAY

Don't forget next **Friday 13th November** is Children in Need day and we are encouraging all LEAP children and staff to **come to school in pyjamas** and bring some coin donations to school, to help raise funds for Children in Need.

BBC Children in Need

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Follow us on Instagram: @leapfederation @kingsmeade9 @gayhurste8 @mandevillee5 @grasmeren16

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GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur:	**Indie**	Yr 3:	**Jesse**
Rec:	**Rory**	Yr 4:	**Can**
Yr 1:	**Ariadne**	Yr 5:	**Efe**
Yr 2:	**Theo**	Yr 6:	**Edith**

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

NSPCC WORKSHOPS

This week, children across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 took part in the NSPCC's Speak Out. Stay Safe. initiative. Everyone watched an online assembly before taking part in follow-up workshops in their classrooms.

During the workshops, the children revisited the programme's friendly green character, Buddy, the speech bubble, who reminds us that all children have rights and that every child should feel able to speak out if something is worrying them or making them feel unsafe.

Using age-appropriate language and resources, the children explored different ways in which children might be hurt or made to feel unsafe. They discussed the importance of speaking up and identified trusted adults in their lives who they could turn to if they needed help or support.

Devran described how children who need help might feel *"They might feel worried".*

Zac explained that a child might feel "*broken hearted*".

Ivy discussed people that she felt were trusted adults "*You can talk to your family or your teacher".*

The workshops also introduced children to Childline, reminding them that they can access the Childline website or call **0800 1111** if they are worried or need someone to talk to.





NSPCC WORKSHOPS CONTINUED.....



YEAR 3- 6 READING PARENT WORKSHOP

Parents and carers of children in years 3 to 6 joined us this week to learn how to support reading at home (as well as learn about how Accelerated Reader works.)

At Grasmere, we want to foster a love of reading and this is one way we can do it; providing the children with books that will challenge them yet which they want to read. The parents and Danny looked at how levels work, children's ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) and why the children now do weekly low-stakes quizzes. The most important thing we can do at home is encourage our children to read daily, provide them with a comfortable and quiet place and praise effort and resilience, not outcomes (like finishing a book.) Questioning your child before, during and after reading also helps them with comprehension and immersing them in the text.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for coming along. The slides from the workshop are available here on the Grasmere website and please ask Danny or your child's teacher about any questions you may have!



PTO

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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INTERNATIONAL EVENING REMINDER

We are really looking forward to our International evening. This year it will be on **Thursday 26th November, from 4:30-6:30pm.** Please support us by either volunteering to perform, donating a dish or adding to the song playlist using the links below:

International Evening Performances – Fill in form

International Evening Dish

International Evening Song Playlist

Buying tickets

Tickets are selling fast, so scan the QR code or click on this link to purchase yours!

Families entitled to Free School Meals will receive an additional letter today with discounted ticket costs.

We look forward to seeing you there!



MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS PARENT WORKSHOP REMINDER



We are hosting a Managing Challenging Behaviours workshop on **Tuesday 10th November at 9:10am**, led by our CAMHS worker in school, Nina. This will give you a chance to talk to Nina and develop practical strategies around managing challenging behaviours.

We hope to see you there!



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Tues 10 Nov Managing Challenging Behaviours parent workshop 9.10am

Fri 13 Nov FROGS Year 5 cake sale + Wear PJ's to school day - fundraising for Children in need

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 4.30—6.30pm (No hoppers or Specialist clubs)

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