



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 2nd May 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Vamos a hacer un picnic.....*Let's have a picnic.....*

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

LAUNCH OF SCHOOL OF FOOD'S NEW GARDEN ROOM

Yesterday saw the official opening of the new Hackney School of Food Garden Room. The Garden Room is a vibrant, inclusive hub designed for hands-on garden education, shared meals, and community-centred events. It is a fantastic addition to the Hackney School of Food and Mandeville school offer and will help deliver 'seed-to-spoon' food education for the whole community.

In the morning, the Mayor of Hackney - Cllr Woodley; Deputy Mayor, Cllr Bramble; and Cllr Young, were on hand to cut the flower ribbon to officially open the doors. The councillors enjoyed a seed planting lesson with a class of Mandeville children and were very impressed with the children's knowledge and commented that sowing seeds had never been more fun!



"The lessons in the garden room are great, i can't wait until my broad bean grows" - **Courage, Y5**

"The HSoF garden is literally integral to the growth of the minds and bodies of Mandeville children. We have seen a significant improvement in children's knowledge & understanding of the world; of food, nutrition & health; & their understanding and sense of responsibility for the environment.



The new Garden Room facilitates hands-on garden education and is a wonderful addition to the resources the children can access."

Marc Thompson – Mandeville Headteacher



LAUNCH OF NEW GARDEN ROOM CONTINUED.....



Then in the evening the Hackney School of Food held a launch party celebrating the official opening of the Garden Room with friends and supporters of the School of Food and it's gardens. Donors, supporters and volunteers were invited to come and take part in a range of activities in the gardens, including pesto making, butter churning and the construction of a hut bug hotel in the sensory garden area.

Delicious food and drink was served in the Garden Room and several children from Mandeville spoke about what they love about the School of Food and recent sessions they've enjoyed in the Garden Room.

Here are some quotes from some of those who were at the evening party:

Victoria –who is the volunteer recruiter for HSoF: *"I am the first point of contact for volunteers and organise their induction. We have two great volunteer opportunities and are really keen to recruit local people from the nearby community:*

Kitchen Assistants: *who help with the cooking classes as an extra pair of hands.*

Gardening Volunteers: *we are helped by volunteers in the School of Food garden every Friday between 10am — 12noon. Any local people who ideally have a little experience with gardening, but if not just lots of enthusiasm are welcome apply.*

The HSoF Volunteer page where you can find sign up forms can be found [here](#).

More photos and further quotes from guests can be found overleaf.....

LAUNCH OF HSOF NEW GARDEN ROOM CONTINUED.....

Merinda from Infoysy - *"It is fantastic to see the launch of the Garden Room, and the opportunities it will offer for the expansion of the School of Food's Garden Education programme. It's a great space for private hire too—so a call to action - friends, parents book the space!"*



Lucy from We are Grow *"This is an amazing experience to sit here and make fresh pesto using herbs and leaves from this very special garden!"*



D. T. AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED.....

The magical exhibition showcased the entire career and creative output of the film-maker and illustrator. It was incredible to see his design process, from original idea in sketchbooks, through to model making and film and learn more about the different types of film making that he has used in his career such as stop motion. The children were fascinated by his work and surprised at how creepy some of it was!

We talked a lot about the different types of design and after lunch we visited the Designer, Maker, User exhibition to think more about the design process and how design focusses on solving problems for the end user. Finally, we got to see a 3D printer in action. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and said that design is 'creative' and 'functional'!



D. T. AMBASSADORS TRIP

On Tuesday the Design & Technology ambassadors from **Kingsmead**, **Gayhurst**, **Mandville** and **Grasmere** came together to visit the excellent **Tim Burton** exhibition at the Design Museum in West London. It was a long journey to get there on the overground, but it was well worth it.



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Ortello**
Rec: **Thea**
Yr 1: **Johan**
Yr 2: **Daya**

Yr 3: **Malique**
Yr 4: **Yusuf**
Yr 5: **Benjamin**
Yr 6: **Ahmed**

SUMMER TERM 2025

1st half of term: **22.04.25 - 23.05.25**
Half term: **26 — 30 May 2025**
2nd half of term: **03.06.25 - 18.07.25**
INSET days: Mon 2 June 2025,
Mon 21 & Tues 22 July 2025

YEAR 6 VISIT HACKNEY MUSEUM

Year 6 visited Hackney museum on Wednesday this week and had a wonderful time, extending their knowledge about protests across Hackney and beyond. There were some excellent resources and information shared and we loved carrying on our protest learning.

An area of particular interest was the copies of SKAN publication (School Kids Against Nazis) from the 1970s and 80: as well as archival footage, showing children from our area organising protests against Fascist meetings in Ridley Road. It was so inspiring for us to see the power young people have when they come together and protest for what is right and fair in the world

Jannah: *I enjoyed learning out of school at the museum. I liked learning about Olive, the female protestor who went undercover to investigate workers rights in London.*



YEAR 1 NEWS

Our Year 1 children have begun an exciting journey into the geography of the UK. They are learning to identify the four countries that make up the UK, along with their capital cities and some famous landmarks. It's been wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they explore maps and start to understand more about the place we call home.

Hugo - *I love looking at maps!*

Gerard - *I liked learning about Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.*

Omi - *I didn't know the capital city for each country in the UK before.*



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FROGS NEWS

Hello Grasmere families,
We've planned lots of great events for this term, so please save the dates!

FROGS MEETING

Our next meeting is on **Friday 9 May at 9am**, please join us if you can – everyone is welcome.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Thank you to our chess champion Ruth who once again will be playing against multiple players for our chess contest on **6 June**; this event is open to everyone so if you know any keen chess players (adult and children) among your neighbours and friends please invite them. Tickets will be up for sale from our online shop next week.

ENTERPRISE FAIR

We're looking for a volunteer organiser for the Enterprise Fair on **Friday 13 June** (ideally a dad, or someone who's not helped with an event before!). It's a very simple job of being there on the day (from about 2.30 to 5pm), making sure everyone taking part has a space, and perhaps selling the remaining tea towels to raise money for frogs. Please get in touch with Léa or frogs.grasmere@gmail.com if you think you can help.

And as ever we will need volunteers to help with our big events like the Summer Fair, so please keep an eye out, we will be sharing Volunteer sign up sheets as soon as possible.

Thank you,
FROGS

GRASMERE'S STEM FAIR

GRASMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS THE

STEM FAIR

Wednesday 7th May 2025
4-5pm

Join in celebrating STEM week with the friends and family of
Grasmere Primary School
Starts at 4:00pm.
Everyone is welcome!

FORM REMINDER

Reminder to please complete the below forms link by **Tuesday 6th May**. Thank you to parents/carers who have already completed.

[Filming at Grasmere - permission request](#)

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 5 May** Bank Holiday
- Wed 7 May** Yr 2 class assembly 3pm + Grasmere STEM Fair 4 - 5pm
- Fri 9 May** FROGS Meeting 9am + Y1 Cake sale
- Fri 16 May** Reception & Nursery Cake sale
- Mon 26—Fri 30 May** Half term break
- Mon 2 June** INSET day (school closed to children)
- Fri 6 June** FROGS Chess tournament
- Fri 13 June** FROGS Enterprise Fair
- Fri 4 July** Year 6 Ice lolly sale
- Mon 7 July** Yr 6 production 10am
- Wed 9 July** Drumming & Dance performance for Years 1, 3 & 6 at 9.30am
- Thurs 10 July** Sports Day
- Sat 12 July** FROGS Summer Fair
- Mon 14 July** Yr 5 & 6 singing performance with Ken 2pm
- Tues 15 July** Grasmere Summer BBQ 5—8pm
- Weds 16 July** Yr 6 Leavers assembly 2.45pm
- Fri 18 July** FROGS Mr Bubbles + Last day of Summer term -

school closes early at 1.30pm for children

SUMMER TERM 2025

FROGS event calendar

For more on our Parent Teacher Association, see friendsofgrasmere.com