



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 4th July 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
¡Me encanta el verano!.....I love Summer!

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

LEAP HISTORY AMBASSADORS TRIP

Our LEAP history ambassadors from **Grasmere, Kingsmead, Mandeville** and **Gayhurst**, visited the Ragged Museum on Tuesday to learn about Victorian London. Despite the scorching heat, the children participated eagerly in the activities. They started the day with a lesson in what would have been a real Victorian classroom, with the very strict and formidable Mrs Davies! The children were given a slab of blackboard and a measly piece of chalk to write on. *"We found out that paper would have been too expensive for children to use so they had small blackboards!" Erin.*

The children were set the task of writing the alphabet in cursive writing, then were asked to recite a piece of poetry before calculating difficult mathematical questions in their heads - all whilst sitting with their backs rigidly straight and in silence! *"Mrs Davies taught her lessons very differently to the way we are taught." Jamal.* The ambassadors learnt that corporal punishment was common in the Victorian era, as was humiliating punishments such as wearing a 'dunce' hat. *"I enjoyed the classroom session the best as has reminded me of how lucky I am to live in this century"- Henry V.* They learnt that children were only educated until they were ten before they were expected to find work in local factories or on farms.

The children then became history detectives by finding clues within information around the museum.

"I enjoyed learning how people dealt with cholera outbreaks" Yohan.

"I didn't know the Middlesex filter beds beside Mandeville and Kingsmead were built to help treat the dirty water," Courage.

At the end of the session the ambassadors learnt about the hardships of family life during the Victorian era. They explored the inside of a replica of a Victorian family living room where up to 10 family members would live, work and sleep.

"Women's work was so hard! Imagine washing your clothes for four hours a day!" Gideon.

"I can't believe so many people lived in one room and that they had to remove their buttons every time they cleaned their clothes" Roxy



LEAP HISTORY AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED.....

"The best part was the lesson with Mrs Davies because it was fun pretending to be a Victorian child," Basma.

"I enjoyed learning about how much has changed since the Victorian era" Alex.



FAMILY COACH SERVICE PARENT TALK & WALK

The Family Coach Service are offering a new Parent Talk & Walk programme for Hackney parents & carers. See information below:

When? Tuesday 15th of July 11am-12:30pm

Where? In front of the Hackney Mosaic Project in Hackney Downs E5 8NP

For who? Open to parents of children with SEND (no formal diagnosis or EHCP necessary) who are confident in conversational English. You're welcome to bring little ones in buggies but we unfortunately won't be able to welcome pets on this occasion.

Why come? It's an opportunity to connect with other parents while walking in the community

Walks theme is: Wellbeing and resilience

What's the plan?

1. Meet at the meeting point and introduce ourselves
2. Route and talking topics introduced
3. Walk in your small group of 2-3,
4. Reflection and intention setting

This sounds great. How do I book my place? We have 10 spaces available so please email us on familycoach@hackney.gov.uk to reserve your place.



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Connect with other parents while walking in the community



This walks theme is resilience and wellbeing

To book your place on the walk please email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

HACKNEY CHESS TOURNAMENT

Last Friday, Grasmere hosted this years chess tournament. There was steep competition from a number of local schools: **St. John the Baptist, Queensbridge, Our Lady and St. Joseph, Millfields, William Patten, Southwold, Rushmore and Gayhurst.**

After an initial game, points were collected and the children were then repaired with similar scoring opponents. *'Some people would try to checkmate with the 'Scholar's Mate' and I was doing the 'Fried Liver', which is a technique where you fork the queen and the rook - it was very successful! The tournament was very exciting and I would like to do it again.'* **Rami (3L) Gayhurst.**

After 4 very competitive rounds **Grasmere** were crowned champions with **Gayhurst** second, missing out by 0.6 points! Huge congratulations to both schools!



FREE OR CHEAP THINGS FOR FAMILIES TO DO IN SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Many thanks to Kingsmead's Year 4 class teacher, **Hang**, who has taken the time to put together this great list of Summer Fun for LEAP families.....

If you're stuck or wondering what to do with the children over the long summer holidays, we have compiled a list of local-ish activities and places which are low cost or free to visit. We've also included some low cost activities for families who claim Universal Credit which families may not be aware of. Some places may require booking beforehand, so please take a look on their website for further details.

Farms

Mudchute farm, E14 3HP free

Stepney city farm E1 3DG free

Hackney city farm E2 8QA free

Spitalfields city farm E1 5AR free

Many of the local farms host workshops- details can be found on their websites.

Outdoor film showings

From 9th June to 3rd August, Leicester Square will run a pop-up outdoor event featuring a big screen show blockbusters, sports and a selection of family favourites for free, daily until 10pm. Check the website for the full line up of what is playing on the big screen each day. <https://summerinlsg.com>

At **Kings Cross**, bring a picnic blanket and snacks to relax and enjoy a free classic or family favourite. It does get pretty busy so make sure that you arrive in good time to get a good position. <https://www.kingscross.co.uk/event/everyman-on-the-canal>

Cultural fun and workshops

From 15th July to 10th August, The **Royal Academy**, **W1S 3ET** will host a free Young Artist exhibition showcasing artwork from some of our very own LEAP children. <https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/young-artists-summer-show-2025>

The **London Museum of Docklands**, **E14 4AL** will host family events between 12 July-31 August where children can step into the shoes of an archaeologist, experience the story of Great Fire of London or celebrate London's diverse Caribbean culture. Some events are ticketed however they have a free family drop in crafts <https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/summer/>

FREE OR CHEAP THINGS FOR FAMILIES CONTINUED....

Other family fun

Royal Docks Summer Splash 2025 from 25th July up to 17th August. It is a family free lido with a shallow section for children, sandy play areas and exciting activities for children. <https://www.royaldocks.london/articles/summer-splash-2025-save-the-dates-for-free-family-fun>

The **Royal Academy** will also host a free family day on 27th July where families can design and construct a city of the future

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/event/family-studio-design-a-city>

Every Friday, **Young V&A E2 9PA** will host free drop-in activities during the holidays.

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/event/wANr40Pvyv/yva-family-fridays-summer-2023?srsltid=AfmBOor503GPvveojunhCIOLCTH8V5W74T8upqma2cBvEPoQidb7mvuu>

Our Hackney libraries will be running a reading quest this summer! Booklets and stamps can be collected at any local library. Many of the libraries will host activities

<https://www.lovehackney.uk/the-great-hackney-libraries-quest#:~:text=Join%20the%20Great%20Hackney%20Libraries.in%20our%20fun%20creative%20activities.>

Universal Credit days out

For families claiming Universal Credit, there are many venues in London which will offer a discounted entry. With most venues, you will need proof of benefits at point of entry. It is best to book beforehand to avoid disappointment. Here are a selection:

- £1 entry to **Kew gardens TW9 3AB**
- £1 Unlimited annual pass at **London Transport Museum WC2E 7BB**
- £4 child £7 adult entry to **London Zoo, NW1 4RY** (Popular so please book in advance online)
- <https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/london-zoo-tickets/universal-credit-tickets>
- Free tickets to selected shows at **Little Angel Theatre, N1 2DN** (Will need to register for the Free Puppets for All scheme on their website.)
- <https://www.littleangeltheatre.com/about-us/our-impact/puppets-for-all/>
- Free entry to all paid exhibitions at **V&A, SW7 2RL**



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Asya** Yr 3: **Bruno S**
 Rec: **Lordiscy** Yr 4: **Sonny H**
 Yr 1: **Omi** Yr 5: **Sam**
 Yr 2: **Nicholas** Yr 6: **Jazz**

SUMMER TERM 2025

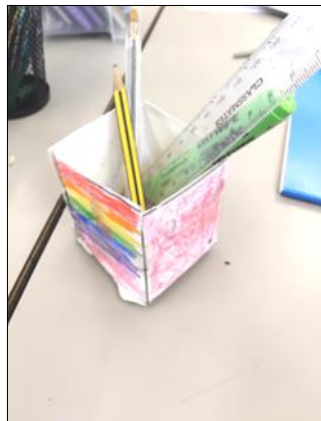
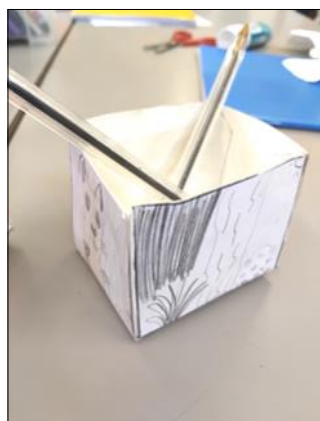
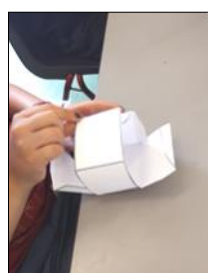
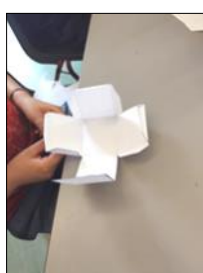
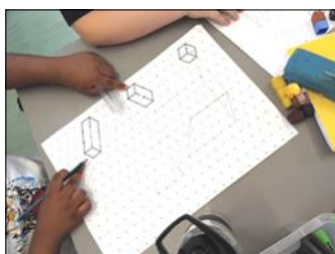
1st half of term: **22.04.25 - 23.05.25**
 Half term: **26 — 30 May 2025**
 2nd half of term: **03.06.25 - 18.07.25**
INSET days: Mon 2 June 2025,
 Mon 21 & Tues 22 July 2025

YEAR 3 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

This term, Year 3 had a fun Design and Technology project—designing and making their own stationary holders. We combined our DT skills with our Maths learning, focusing on 3D shapes. Pupils explored different shapes like cubes, cuboids, and cylinders, discussing which would be most stable and practical.



They then created nets for their chosen design, carefully assembling them into functional holders out of card. It was great to see creativity and problem-solving in action, such as deciding where to add glue flaps and working out which piece of a solid shape net would need to be removed to be able to put items in the finished holder.



3T DT NEWS CONTINUED.....

Ziggy: "I wanted to make my one look like a Rubik's Cube!"

Cosima: "I was a bit tricky to glue the cube together."

Jesse: "I'm going to put pencil sharpeners and rubbers in mine."



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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
 ***No Hoppers running on this day**
- Weds 16 July** Yr 6 Leavers assembly 2.45pm +
 Yr 6 Disco 5 - 7:30pm
- Fri 18 July** FROGs Mr Bubbles +
 Last day of Summer term -
 school closes early at 1.30pm for children
- Mon 21 July - Fri 8 Aug** Summer Camp at Gayhurst for Gayhurst & Grasmere children

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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.

ZONES OF REGULATION WORKSHOP REPORT

On Thursday, we welcomed parents to a Zones of Regulation workshop. This engaging session offered a closer look at how we support students in understanding and managing their emotions through the Zones of Regulation framework.

Throughout the session, we explored the four colour coded zones, blue, green, yellow, and red. We discussed the types of emotions and energy levels typically associated with each. Parents had the opportunity to see how these zones are taught in school, including the visuals, vocabulary, and activities we use to help children recognise their feelings and respond in healthy, appropriate ways.

The session also gave parents a chance to share ideas and ask questions about how the zones can be used at home. We discussed simple strategies to integrate the Zones into everyday routines, such as naming emotions, using visuals, or creating calming spaces and how this consistent approach between home and school can help children feel more confident and in control of their emotions.

"It was useful to learn the different breathing techniques." – **Reception Parent**

"I've seen my child use these techniques at home to help regulate." – **Year 2 Parent**

"My child sees the different colours and is able to talk about them." – **Year 2 Parent**



The ZONES of Regulation			
Blue Zone	Green Zone	Yellow Zone	Red Zone
Sad Tired Bored Sick	Happy Focused Calm Ready	Worried Nervous Silly Not ready	Angry Frustrated Terrified Out of control

GRASMERE SUMMER CAMP

As explained in last week's newsletter, we are again joining Grasmere and Gayhurst together for a Summer Camp at the Gayhurst site (London Fields next to the Lido) as we did at Easter. The camp will run from **Mon 21st July to Fri 8th August**. An email with further information on this, including how to register your child, was sent to all families last week.

GOODBYE MEGAN

Megan will be leaving Grasmere this summer, after beginning her teaching career here at Grasmere 3 years ago. Megan is such a dedicated member of our staff team and brings such enthusiasm to her role as class teacher, that we know she will be missed. We know that Grasmere will always hold a special place in her heart, after being part of our community. We are excited for Megan as she begins her next and exciting chapter in New Zealand and we know you will join us in wishing her well.



RECEPTION AT HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Friday 27th June Reception class travelled to the Round Chapel to take part in the Hackney Music Festival. They had been practicing a selection of songs with Ben. The songs were multicultural to represent the diversity of Hackney. The songs were all specially selected and there were often actions and new languages and words to be learnt. The children sang with great joy and passion and really enjoyed the event. It was a wonderful chance to sing with other schools and the Reception class showed what great singers they are.

"I felt it was fun because all my class friends were there and I like singing with them" **Bailey**

"We sang a kitten mittens song it was so nice and it had actions." **Cassi**



WE ARE BUILDING!

If you have any **Duplo, Lego or Mobilo** that you no longer need at home, we'd love some more in school and are very happy to take donations. Thanks.



FROGS NEWS SUMMER FAIR

Here's some information about our last event of the year: the Grasmere Summer Fair on **Saturday 12 July!** Huge thanks to **The Clarence Tavern** who are sponsoring a stilt-walking juggler to join us at the fair! There will also be steel pans and a visit from the Yellow Funshine Bus, lots of fun activities for the whole family, plus tasty food and delicious drinks!



But it's not only a fun event, it's a key way to raise money for the school and profits will benefit all the children at Grasmere. In the past year for example, we spent £12,000 on a new audio-visual system for the hall – and that wouldn't have been possible without the funds raised by events such as the Summer Fair or the Jumble sale.

It takes a lot of parent power to make this happen, and we still need help: please sign up here if you can spare an hour or two that day! Helping on a stall truly is another lovely way to enjoy the fair. Thank you!

Our Summer fair organisers Megan and Sally have also been busy collecting some amazing raffle prizes, including vouchers, classes, tickets and hampers.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the fair only, but Megan and Sally will be selling stamp cards at drop off next week to avoid queues on the day. Families

who qualify for Free School Meals, please collect your free stamp card from the office next week. Thank you!



GRASMERE SUMMER BBQ

Reminder to get your tickets for the Grasmere Summer BBQ - **Tuesday 15th July 5-8pm.**



To buy your tickets, you can either scan this QR code or you can click on [this link](#).



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.

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE

Year 6 look forward to their parents coming to cheer them on for their biggest performance yet! The end of year performance, is taking place on **Monday 7th July at 10:00am.**

This year's show is inspired by *The Jungle Book*, and the children have been working incredibly hard to bring it to life. We can't wait to see you there and share this special moment with you!

Thanks to **Jazz** for the lovely painting used in the poster below.

