



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 9th May 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar al aire libre, es genial en primavera.....
I like to play outside, it's great in the Spring.....

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

GEOGRAPHY AMBASSADORS VISIT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Last week the Geography ambassadors from **Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville** and **Grasmere** went on a special trip together. After meeting throughout the year in their ambassador teams at their respective schools, all of the LEAP geography team finally got to meet each other for the first time at the Natural History Museum. The ambassadors were given books with clues and had to go on a fact hunt through the Active Planet gallery. Later, we all went to a special workshop on Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We saw a demonstration of how a seismometer works, learnt how volcanoes form and some of us even got to take part.

Laria was invited up to show how lava flows (don't worry, it was wax, not real lava!) **Bilisan** and **Millie May** got to rescue some of the residents living nearby a model volcano from an imminent eruption. After that, we had just enough time to experience the earthquake simulator before heading home. It was great to make new friends across LEAP and share our passion for geography during the day!



Hanif - "Seeing the waves on the seismometer when we all banged our feet was crazy!"



Bilisan - "I liked when I had to rush to save the toys from the eruption!"

Teddy - "The trip was great, I loved taking part in the workshop."



EARLY ADOPTERS BREAKFAST SCHEME

Some parents have been asking questions about the Early Adopter Breakfast club scheme because some media circulated a false list of schools that were participating in this scheme. Grasmere was incorrectly listed as taking part.

The scheme is a new government pilot which involves offering 30 minutes of free childcare to schools in the 30 minutes before school, the idea is that all schools will eventually take part in this scheme but for now only the schools on this list are taking part.

[Breakfast clubs early adopters: schools in the scheme - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/breakfast-clubs-early-adopters-schools-in-the-scheme). Mandeville is one of the schools and will pilot the scheme and feed back on how it works.

FEDERATION: LATEST NEWS

The Governors from both Governing Bodies (Grasmere and the Leap Federation) met this week and agreed that Grasmere and the LEAP schools would join together to form a new federation from September 2025, on a permanent basis.

The governors will be in touch with more details soon but we thought everyone should know as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the consultation - your views and thoughts will help guide us to create our new structure.

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS MAY HALF TERM FOR YEARS 5 & 6

Are there children in year 5 & 6 who aren't yet confident swimmers? Hackney Council want to help support children to gain this important life skill! They are offering the opportunity for children in Years 5 & 6 to have one week of funded intensive lessons during May Half Term at Kings Hall Leisure Centre.

The offer includes free costumes, goggles and swimming cap and child membership to the local pool funded by Sports England in partnership with Better and Hackney Council's 10x10 programme

<https://forms.office.com/e/9T5fcqKxHm>

Places are on a first come first served notice and families need to sign up their children by 11th May.

You can see a short film about how the sessions will run by clicking [this link](#):





GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Lordiscy**
Rec: **Elliot**
Yr 1: **Finn**
Yr 2: **Fatmir**

Yr 3: **Sienna**
Yr 4: **Meriem**
Yr 5: **Daniel**
Yr 6: **Elohim**

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

STEM FAIR

On Wednesday evening, Grasmere hosted our first STEM Fair, showcasing all the brilliant STEM work created across the school. **Nursery and Reception** experimented with bubbles and ice, while reading the stories 'The Not So Perfect Penguin' and 'Too Many Bubbles'. **Year 1** created planters using recycled containers and pots, they sketched their designs and then got to work building their planters. **Year 2** were given the task of creating a bug hotel! They started off by learning the importance of bug hotels creating safe habitats for different insects. **Year 3** created bird feeders using different materials, they needed to make sure the material they chose would survive harsh weather conditions. **Year 4** became wind warriors and created their own wind turbines and presented them to the class. **Year 5** had the task of creating a home that could 'beat the flood', ensuring it had a strong structure and most importantly – waterproof. **Year 6** worked in groups to create a 'Green City', working as a team to decide where parks, roads, transport and buildings would go. All of this brilliant work then went on display for our STEM Fair.

'I loved blowing the bubbles.' - **Olivia**

'All of the experiments were really fun.' - **Ricki-Leigh**

'It was amazing getting to see all of our hard work on show!' - **Marnie**

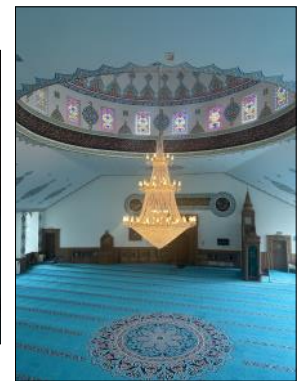


YEAR 4'S MOSQUE VISIT

Yesterday, our year 4 children had the opportunity to visit the Aziziye Mosque in Stoke Newington to take part in a session all about Islam. The workshop, which was very interactive and engaging was delivered by one of the Imams. The aim of the session was to support and enhance the learning the children are doing in class on Islam.

During the session, they learnt about the Quran and its importance to the Islamic community. They also learnt about the 5 different times that Muslims pray in a day and that in the Mosque men and women pray separately.

It was very nice to be given the opportunity to walk around the mosque and look at the many creative decorations that make it such a beautiful place.



Isabella - *'It was really interesting learning from a real Imam.'*



Nina - *'The paintings in the mosque were amazing.'*

Marnie - *'The intricate carvings on the glazed wood were stunning.'*

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FROGS NEWS

SAVE THE DATES:

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



WELLBEING & MENTAL HEALTH AT GRASMERE

Kia ora (hello)! My name is **Emma Fitzgerald** and I am the CWIS (CAMHS Worker in School) for Grasmere. I am part of the WAMHS project (Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools) and I work alongside **Bianca Willer-Smith** (SENDco and Mental Health Lead) and **Renissa Allen-Rhoden** (Mental Health practitioner) to provide a 'whole school approach' to mental health and wellbeing within Grasmere.

I am a Clinical Psychologist working for First Steps Community CAMHS. I can provide all kinds of support for Grasmere. I do not meet with students directly, working instead with staff and parents.

I am in Grasmere every second Thursday. Please see the list of my Grasmere days below:

- Thursday 22nd May
- Thursday 5th June
- Thursday 3rd July (Zones of Regulation workshop)
- Thursday 17th July



YEAR 2 VISIT HACKNEY MUSEUM

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Hackney Museum last Friday. The children had a fantastic time exploring the many artefacts on display, especially the replica of the an Anglo-Saxon boat that was discovered in the River Lea! The children really impressed us with their insightful questions about Hackney's past.

"My favourite thing was a football shirt from Turkey because my family support that team!" - **Pasha**

"My favourite thing was the salon chair and the pictures of all the different hair-styles" - **Eleni**

A special thank you to our parent volunteers without whom we couldn't do these trips! We really appreciate the support.



YEAR 6 SATS NEXT WEEK

Next week, from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May, Year 6 will be completing their SATs. Our Year 6 pupils have been absolutely incredible so far this year and worked tirelessly and with complete determination to ensure they are well prepared for the upcoming statutory tests. To support their preparation, we are offering a special Year 6 SATS breakfast from Monday to Thursday next week. We will have healthy breakfasts and a calm & supportive atmosphere - children can come along anytime from **8:00am**. **It is especially important that all children are in school by 8.55am.**

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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
- Thurs 3 July** Zones of Regulation parent workshop
- 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 + Yr 6 Disco 5 - 6:30pm
- Fri 18 July** FROGS Mr Bubbles + Last day of Summer term -

school closes early at 1.30pm for children