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# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 23rd May 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Las flores son bonitas..... *The flowers are beautiful.....*

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

## WONDERMATHS COMPETITION

On Tuesday, Kingsmead hosted one of the first heats of the Wondermaths Competition. There were nine schools in total and they included the three LEAP schools

**Kingsmead, Mandeville** and **Gayhurst**. Teams worked relentlessly all afternoon on lots of problem-solving activities. All teams did amazingly well and we are waiting to hear if any of us have gained a place in the final at the end of June. Watch this space for more information on this.....



## GAYHURST & GRASMERE TAKE PART IN HACKNEY SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

Last Saturday, Grasmere and Gayhurst children took part in the Hackney Moves, Schools' Challenge Run. Children have been The Hackney Schools' Challenge is an initiative open to primary school children and encourages students to run 12 miles in the lead up to the event, by breaking it down into half a mile or mile distances at home or at school. Grasmere and Gayhurst children showcased all their brilliant training by running the final celebratory mile course which finishes on the Hackney Half finish line! Huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support and also take part in the run! Well done to the 60 Grasmere and Gayhurst children for taking part and representing our schools!

**Sonny, Grasmere Year 4** said, "There were a lot of people there and it was great being able to challenge myself during the run!"

**Axel, Gayhurst Year 5** said, "It was so much fun, I loved the warm ups and being able to run with my friends!"



## GRASMERE'S CHESS TOURNAMENT

**Grasmere** is extending an invitation to children from **Kingsmead, Mandeville & Gayhurst** who are keen chess players, to come and take part in their annual Chess Tournament which takes place at Grasmere School\* on **Friday 6 June from 3.45—6pm**. International Chess Master and Grasmere parent Ruth Sheldon, will be battling against up to 12 players at once.

Children can play on their own or form teams. Tickets costs £5 – and be bought from the Frogs (Grasmere's PTA) [online shop now](#). There will be cakes and drinks on sale, as well as fun activities and games for everyone.

New for this year: our Fancy Dress Competition! If they want to, children can dress up in their best black-and-white creations; there will be prizes for the best chess-themed costumes!

\* Grasmere School address:

**92 Albion Rd, London N16 9PD**

**GRASMERE SCHOOL'S CHESS TOURNAMENT**

FRIDAY 6 JUNE 3.45-6PM

Calling all chess players! This is your chance to compete (solo or as part of a team) against our very own International Chess Master, Ruth Sheldon, who can play up to 12 teams at once

**CHESS FANCY DRESS COMPETITION!**

Cakes and drinks - Children's activities - Great prizes! Tournament ticket: £5. Places are limited, so get your ticket now on [friendsofgrasmere.com/shop](#)



# GRASMERE NEWS



## GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Manuel**    Yr 3: **Zariyan**  
 Rec: **Zac**        Yr 4: **Eli**  
 Yr 1: **Georgina**    Yr 5: **Ebi**  
 Yr 2: **Sonny**        Yr 6: **Timmy**

## 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 4'S DAY AT SPORTSDOCK

Earlier this week our year 4 pupils had an exciting and energetic day out at Sportsdock, located at the University of East London. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their sporting skills, boost their confidence and experience a real university sports facility.

They took part in a dynamic basketball session where they practiced dribbling, teamwork and shooting hoops. The energy and enthusiasm from all of the children was obvious. One of the highlights of the day was the special visit from Valerian Spicer, a former international boxer. She spoke to the children about the importance of resilience and hard work.

*"It was so much fun learning about basketball and boxing and touring the facilities was fun too."* **Christopher**

*"I really enjoyed the opportunity of playing basketball with my friends"*. **Eli**

*"I loved when we learnt how to box and play basketball. We also got to tour the whole building and we were even given goody bags."* **Janessa**

*"It was fun taking part in the boxing. We had Valerian (a pro). In basketball we had Martin, and Kevin gave us a tour of the facilities. It was so much fun."* **Nina**



### FROG DESIGN COMPETITION

The children across the school have been very busy this week competing in the redesign of the Grasmere Frog design. We found out that we were going to have to modernise the design, when the web designers said that we can't use the yellow background and have taken this as an opportunity to let the children of Grasmere have a real life design opportunity. They have been working on it all week and here are some of the examples of a couple of designs so far.



All of the designs from all the classes are being submitted after half term so look out for the poster that came home with children earlier this week. The winning design will win a class prize for the child's class, chosen by the class, such as a trip to the park, a cinema afternoon or a something that class and teacher want for their class. We look forward to sharing the new logo with you after the holidays.

### KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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**

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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.



### FROGS NEWS CHESS TOURNAMENT

Our chess tournament is back, thanks to International Chess Master and Grasmere parent Ruth Sheldon, who will be battling against up to 12 players at once. This event is open to all chess players, young and old, from Grasmere and beyond, so please spread the word.

They can play on their own or form teams, and tickets costs £5 –

buy them [in our online shop](#) now.

As well as the chess tournament there will be cakes and drinks on sale, as well as fun activities and games for everyone.

New for this year: our **Fancy Dress Competition!** Kids can dress up in their best black-and-white creations; there will be prizes for the best chess-themed costumes. As ever our events rely on the work of our volunteers. Please sign up [here](#) if you can help on the day, or bake something for the event! Thank you.



### ENTERPRISE FAIR

Save the date for our Enterprise Fair:  
**Friday 13th June from 3.30 - 5pm**



### YEARS 5 & 6 TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday, some of our Year 5 and 6 children competed in a tennis tournament at Clissold Park. They played against 6 other Hackney schools and did a brilliant job representing Grasmere! Well done to all of the children.

**Iasiah**, Year 5 said "It was loads of fun, I had never really played tennis before so it was good to have a new experience".

### YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 children have had a brilliant week on an enterprise project as part of their Maths learning. The children have created a brand, logo and product (cupcakes) to sell to some of the younger children at the end of the week, we used our computing lesson to present our brand, logo and product. The children used PowerPoint for their presentations, especially focusing on animations for transition between slides. The children loved this project based learning.

**Henry** - "I like using PowerPoint to present our project, it has great animations to make our ideas more interesting and eye catching."

**Lina** - "I've used fade animation to go between slides".

**Timmy** - "I've used copy and paste to use relevant pictures from google to help make our presentation more interesting."

