



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 27th June 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Me encanta el verano!.....I love Summer!

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

HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

All four schools, **Kingsmead**, **Grasmere**, **Gayhurst** & **Mandeville**, took part in the Hackney Music Festivals this week at the Round Chapel.

Dancers from the four schools and drummers from Kingsmead performed at the dance event on Monday 23rd. Year 2 from Kingsmead and Mandeville performed at the Infant singing event on Wednesday 25th. Year 4 from Kingsmead and Year 5 from Grasmere performed at the Junior singing event on Thursday 26th.

Today, Reception classes from Mandeville, Gayhurst and Grasmere performed at the EYFS event (which will be reported on in next week's newsletters).

Ben, the Music Lead across all the schools said, *'I have been so proud of the children's dedication leading up to this week and the performances WOW!they were all WONDERFUL..'*



HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL CONTINUED....



MANDEVILLE AT GREAT BIG DANCE OFF NATIONAL FINALS

Earlier this year, Mandeville's Dance Squad qualified for the Great Big Dance Off Grand National Finals for the fourth year in a row - battling hundreds of schools to make it to the final thirty! The finals took place in Oxford on Monday evening, and we are



proud to let you know that they placed 12th. Our dancers are fierce competitors and were very disappointed not to have placed higher but being the 12th best in the country is an achievement to be proud of. Our dancers impressed the judges & audience with a fabulous performance and accepted the final decision with exceptional professionalism, resilience and grace; we are so proud of them.

Huge thanks to their dance teacher, Principal Marie-Reine Bouchereau from Storm the Stage Academy, for her dedication to Mandeville, committing time and energy to our dancers and transforming our dance club attendees into one of the best teams in the country!

Thanks to Jodie, Freddy our PE teacher, & the rest of the team who supported behind the scenes.



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LEAP TAKE PART IN UEL SPORTS FESTIVAL

What an incredible day we had at the Sports Summer Festival at the University of East London SportsDock last week! The event was packed with excitement, as children from lots of schools, including our amazing four LEAP schools came together to enjoy a day full of fun, energy, and friendly competition.

Children eagerly tried their hands at skateboarding, jump rope, basketball, breakdancing, indoor rowing, boxing, and sitting volleyball, showcasing their skills, enthusiasm, and collaborative spirit. The event was not only a celebration of physical activity but also an opportunity for children to develop essential life skills. To recognise their efforts and dedication, the children were scored on three core attributes: teamwork, listening skills, and participation.

Our LEAP schools brought so much energy and enthusiasm to the festival, and it was great to see how excited everyone was to be part of the action. The positive vibes were everywhere, with children cheering each other on and giving their all in every activity.

A special congratulations goes to **Mandeville** and **Kingsmead**, who demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship, earning the top spot in a **joint first-place finish!** Both teams showed incredible teamwork and spirit throughout the day. A huge well done to everyone who took part. The organiser was very impressed with our LEAP schools!

"I was really proud of all the children. It was a great opportunity for them to explore activities they wouldn't usually do, such as skateboarding and rowing- their behaviour was fantastic." - **Kaltum**, Deputy headteacher at Mandeville

Gayhurst: *"It was a brilliant event, I liked the boxing!"* - **Chidi**, Year 5

"I loved all of the activities, it was fun to do something different". -

Acai, Year 4



UEL SPORTS FESTIVAL

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Grasmere: *"It was really fun and enjoyable, I loved every moment of it!"* - **Bell**, Year 5
"My favourite activities were breakdancing and basketball." - **Ahmed**, Year 6



Mandeville: *"My favourite activity was cricket because I was hitting the ball really far. The coach said I had a natural talent!"* - **Taynara**, Year 3

"We got top marks in all areas because we worked as a team. We were very loud, cheering each other in rowing." - **Armani**, Year 5



Kingsmead: *"We got to do some fun activities we haven't done before - breakdancing was brilliant and we got to do some cool moves!"* - **Elena**, Year 3

"We worked well together and showed team spirit and that is why we won first place. I am really proud of my team!" **Jontae**, Year 6



GRASMERE SCHOOL JOINING FEDERATION FROM SEPTEMBER 1st 2025

The governors from both LEAP and Grasmere have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure a smooth transition this summer to the new LEAP federation that includes Grasmere. We are pleased to confirm that the new governing board will consist of existing governors from each governing board and that as always, governors will represent all the children across the federation equally. We will share details of the new governing board in September when the new federation starts, and we are grateful to Ian Quest and Gillian Brady, who are the current chairs of governors, who have agreed to act as shadow chairs until the first meeting of the new governing board when a new chair and vice chair will be elected.

Governors have roles including chair and vice chair. All governors have a link role, so each link governor looks at a particular element in each of the schools over the course of the year and then reports back to the full governing board. New chairs of the three specific committees (Curriculum, Resources and Standards) will also be proposed in September. So for example, if a governor is the link governor for Early Years, SEND, Creativity, Health and Safety, Attainment, Equalities or Sport (to name but a few possible link roles) they will meet with the staff in each school who lead that area and then will create a report for the FGB.

Parent workshops and surveys will take place in each individual school to make sure that parents' voices are heard by the leadership team for that school. Governors will receive termly reports from each of the 4 headteachers on an agreed schedule of development areas such as premises and safeguarding or staffing.

In September we will be holding elections for new parent governors and parents from all 4 schools are encouraged to apply. Once applications are received a parent vote will take place using an online voting system and 2 successful parent governors will be appointed following this process. Existing parent governors from each of the schools who wish to continue in their roles have been amalgamated into the new governing board as co-opted governors thereby ensuring that parents have a strong voice across all the schools. Once the new governing board has been able to meet for the first time in September the new chair and vice chair will be duly elected at that meeting.

We will keep you updated through the newsletter on any new developments in governance as we move through the process.

YEAR 6 CREATIVE TRANSLATION WORKSHOP

This week groups of children from year 6 across LEAP met to take part in a special translation workshop led by the Stephen Spender Trust. We met Andy who is a professional translator to find out about his job. He then introduced us to the poem No Sé Por Qué Piensas Tú by Nicolás Guillén. The children worked in groups to make a literal translation of the poem, before then attempting a 'creative' translation. They had to think about the context, language features and poetic devices when amending their translation. Andy and the LEAP team were very impressed with the resilience and determination the children demonstrated throughout the workshop. They have gained key skills that will help them with their future linguistic studies at secondary school.

Eliana (Kingsmead): *'It was a challenge to translate a poem in particular. We had to think about the meaning of the word.'*

Cormac and Pau (Gayhurst): *'We enjoyed listening to the tone of the poem. It gave us a clue about the meaning.'*

Nadia (Mandeville): *'We started thinking about words from languages we speak at home. It was like a warm up!'*

Alice (Grasmere): *'I think I got better at translating today.'*



TRANSLATION COMPETITION

The Stephen Spender Trust is also running a national translation competition. If your child would like to enter, they should select a published poem from any other language than English and then translate it into English. They should hand the translated poem, as well as a copy of the original poem, to their teacher by **Friday 11th July**.





GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Moss**
 Rec: **Harry**
 Yr 1: **Jesse**
 Yr 2: **Kian**
 Yr 3: **Bruno I**
 Yr 4: **Ricki-Leigh**
 Yr 5: **Emmanuel**
 Yr 6: **Vincent**

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 5 GARDEN CLASSROOM

Year 5 had a fabulous time at the garden classroom last Friday! We visited Gillespie Nature Reserve to explore our topic of habitats and life cycles. As we ventured through the different habitats (meadow, woodland and pond), we were able to observe the stages of life cycles for plants and animals. The class particularly enjoyed digging through the woodland to find animals and using the



magnifying glasses to observe the extraordinary stages in a frog life cycle. Seeing the tadpole growing legs was a favourite!



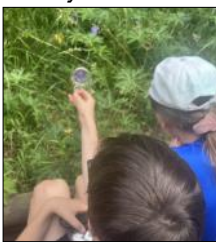
all the tadpoles in the pond!
Antonia E - I enjoyed being in nature!
Johan - I liked digging for worms and finding the twirly stick - I think it was ivy!



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GRASMERE SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who responded to the expression of interest in the Summer Camp email sent out. The numbers of families needing summer provision is unfortunately not enough to justify the camp running on the Grasmere site, so again we will be 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 was sent to all families today.

YEAR 6 KAYAKING REPORT

Year 6 have been loving their Friday afternoons at Laburnum club in Hoxton. The kayaking afternoons are fantastic, we play games and get familiar with using the oars to move quickly through the canal. The staff are brilliant and the children love it

Asma: 'I got soaked! It was so fun'

Sam: 'I love it when we join boats and play games'



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 3 July** Zones of Regulation parent workshop 9- 10am
- 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
***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.



FROGS NEWS SUMMER FAIR

It's full steam ahead on the Summer Fair, our last event of the year! Please see below a message from our volunteer organisers:



Hello,
Thank you all for choosing which stalls your year could help with so quickly; your positivity is so appreciated! Please see the volunteer sign up sheet below, and sign up if you can.

<https://volunteersignup.org/PPCTH> Those of you with smaller kids who are wondering if manning a stall is doable, Sally and I can say from experience, it is very doable! The only stalls where you can't are the bar and the kitchen. The rest is easy!

Summer Fair raffle: We have already secured some brilliant prizes for the raffle! If anyone has anything they can offer, please get in touch with us. We are particularly after tickets for theatre, dance, music, football; experiences such as yoga classes, PT sessions; hampers etc

Megan & Sally

YR 6 ICE LOLLY SALE

Don't forget next Friday 4th July Year 6 are holding their Ice Lolly sale after school.



ZONES OF REGULATION PARENT WORKSHOP REMINDER



Emma Fitzgerald the Grasmere CWIS (CAMHS Worker in School) will be leading a Zones of Regulation Workshop on

Thursday, July 3rd from 9:00-10:00 am

Join Emma to learn how this framework supports students in understanding and managing their emotions, and how you can use it at home too!

GRASMERE SUMMER BBQ



Reminder to get your tickets for the Grasmere Summer BBQ - **Thursday 10th 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.

NO HOPPERS ON 15th JULY

We cannot wait to welcome everyone to the summer BBQ next month on Tuesday 15th July. The event is run by the Grasmere staff and we rely on everyone to work together. As the Hoppers team will be supporting with the event, **there will be no Hoppers on Tuesday 15th July.**