



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 20th June 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Juego al fútbol con mis amigos..... *I play football with my friends.....*

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

LEAP SPANISH AMBASSADORS

This week the Spanish Ambassadors from across LEAP visited the new Sadler's East theatre in Stratford. The children went on a tour of the theatre and got to explore the professional stage and rehearsal rooms. Our guide, Elina, taught us new vocabulary in Spanish about el teatro during our visit. We were even lucky enough to be taken into a rehearsal to watch some professional dancers!

Next, we met Sonia who is a professional Flamenco dancer. She introduced us to the costumes and props used in Flamenco dance, which the children later used in their performances. They learnt a routine following instructions entirely in Spanish! Well done to all the Spanish Ambassadors from LEAP for representing your subject and school so well on this trip.

Taeyah-Mae, Mandeville - *'It was really fun learning about a new culture. We learnt about their dance styles.'*

Dave, Mandeville - *'I was very happy to learn some new Spanish words. We learnt ensayo, derecho, bailarín, and teatro.'*

Saeeda, Kingsmead - *'We can teach our classes new words when we go back to school!'*

Sonny, Grasmere - *'I loved trying all the props out!'*

Romi, Gayhurst - *'I had a really fun day. I would go back to Sadler's East'*



LEAP HEAR BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

LEAP year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the Hackney Empire last Friday. Through the BBC symphony orchestra, the children were immersed in the natural world spectacular Wildlife Jamboree. They prowled with tigers, stamped in the snow and heard the desert wind through music and song. **Hassan, Gayhurst:** *'I really enjoyed watching this show and seeing all the different wildlife animals.'*

The children met **Duggee, Bluey** and the **Octonauts** from CBeebies.

Joud, Kingsmead: *'I knew the characters because I have seen them on TV. I liked singing with my friends.'*

Daya, Grasmere: *'I liked how they made the music in the orchestra match the movement of the animals'*

The show included music from Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Vivaldi and Alberto Ginastera.

Janelia, Kingsmead: *'I really loved seeing a live orchestra play.'*

Destiny, Mandeville: *'I've never visited the Hackney Empire so it was cool to go inside!'*

Reuben, Grasmere: *'My favourite thing was when a random man chased a wallaby across the stage'*

Kevin, Gayhurst: *'My favourite part was when we earned the new badges.'*



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OPINION PIECE IN HACKNEY GAZETTE

Louise Nichols, LEAP's Executive Headteacher, has written an opinion piece about falling school rolls and the impact on communities, for the Hackney Gazette.

You can find a link to the online copy of the article, that was printed in last Friday's Hackney Gazette, [here](#).

MANDEVILLE & THE LANG LANG PIANO LAB



On Tuesday, Mandeville hosted a very special event to launch their state-of-the-art new piano lab. Introduced with the support of the **Lang Lang International Music Foundation**, founded by the world-famous

classical pianist Lang Lang, this piano lab consists of 21 digital pianos that can be used for whole-class piano teaching. Particularly exciting is that Mandeville's piano lab also comes equipped with the brand-new 'ONE Classroom' app, providing an online platform that supports children's learning through a carefully sequenced series of activities, games and challenges. Mandeville is the **first school in Europe** to receive this system, providing them with an unprecedented opportunity to raise standards in music education.

The event on Tuesday was organised in order to celebrate this new venture and was attended by a range of visitors who had supported the project. These included the chairwoman of the Lang Lang International Music Foundation, **Amy Lam**, representatives of the **Pan family**, whose support made the creation of this piano lab possible, and **Oli Rose**, the foundation's global development director.

After some brief introductions, the children in attendance were rewarded with a trio of jaw-dropping performances. First up were **Sofia and Louis Pan** who, at only 9 and 10 years old respectively, dazzled everyone with

pieces by Mozart and Mendelssohn. Following them, the children were treated to a performance by one of the foundation's musical



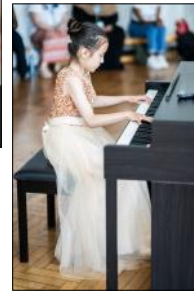
ambassadors, **Zara Williams**. A student at London's prestigious Royal Academy of Music, she played music by Chopin and the 20th-Century African American composer Margaret Bonds, a piece based on the traditional spiritual 'Wade in the Water'. Having performed, Zara answered questions from the children; it was genuinely inspiring to hear about her passion for and dedication to playing piano at the highest level.

Finally, a group of children from Year 4, who have been learning piano with Mandeville's music lead, James, since the beginning of Summer term,

MANDEVILLE'S PIANO LAB CONTINUED.....

demonstrated the piano lab in action. Everyone commented on how focused and engaged they were throughout: a sign of great things to come! This was only the beginning of what is sure to be a productive

partnership between Mandeville and the Lang Lang International Music Foundation in the years ahead.



KINGSMEAD AWARDED ECO SCHOOL GREEN FLAG

We are proud to announce that Kingsmead has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag with **Distinction!**

This internationally recognized award celebrates the school's commitment to environmental education & sustainability.



Receiving the Green Flag with Distinction means that Kingsmead went above and beyond in their efforts to create a greener, more sustainable school. From reducing waste and conserving energy, to growing their own plants from cuttings and raising awareness about climate issues, Kingsmead's students and staff have worked incredibly hard to make meaningful changes.

A huge thank you goes out to Kingsmead's Eco-Warriors and teachers Shenaz & Hang - Kingsmead's Sustainability Leads, whose passion and leadership helped drive many of the school's amazing initiatives this year. This award is a reflection of the whole school community's dedication to making a positive difference for our planet.

We will proudly fly our new Green Flag as a symbol of our ongoing commitment to building a brighter, greener future—one step at a time!



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur.: Wynne
 Rec: Isola
 Yr 1: Teo
 Yr 2: Lochy
 Yr 3: Cosima
 Yr 4: Leo
 Yr 5: Teddy
 Yr 6: Henry H

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'S RE TRIP

This week, Year 5 began their Christianity unit by visiting St. Matthias Church. Fr. David shared his knowledge with us and we were inspired by the art evident in the building.

Benjamin - 'It was a fun experience dressing up to see what Christian priests wear for different occasions.'

Daniel - 'I liked seeing how the church was decorated and what they do when they are in the church'

Lara - 'I enjoyed the game that Father David played with us to help us learn because it was fun!'



YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 went to the Barbican on Tuesday to view a special musical performance. The charity Music Action International worked with children from across the country to create Harmonise, a showcase of songs to celebrate Refugee Week. In many cases, the songs had been written by the children themselves! We were excited to see a familiar face on stage playing percussion - Leo's dad, who was kind enough to get us prime seats near the front of the theatre. Our favourite songs were "Lucid Dream" (written by a primary school class) and "Siyu" a Ukranian folk song. By the end, everyone was singing along and dancing in their seats - what a great way to see out a Tuesday afternoon. Thank you to Music Action International (and especially Leo's dad) for the invite and a great chance to see live music!

YEAR 4 NEWS CONTINUED.....

Gabriel - "I loved the music and how much fun we had!"

Nina - "I liked the way that the children had made the some of the songs."

Roman - "I liked that the songs were about refugees and how can help them!"

Isabella - "We loved the part where they taught us the dance moves to go with the song!"



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 23 June** Yr 1 Hackney Music Dance performance at Roundchapel 1.15pm
- Thurs 26 June** Yr 5 Hackney Music Singing performance at Roundchapel 4—5pm
- Fri 27 June** Rec Hackney Music Singing performance at Roundchapel 9.45—10.30am
- 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
***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** LEAP Summer Camp

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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://volunteersig-nup.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

ENTERPRISE FAIR REPORT

Thank you to everyone who set up their stalls and shopped at our Enterprise Fair last Friday. We sold 22 tickets for the stalls and about £50 of merchandise. Huge thanks to Felix & his family – the young artist matched funded his profit of £20 to give to FROGS. So all in all, we raised around **£165** for our charity. As for the young entrepreneurs, everyone went home with bags of coins – some teams made over £100! We had a chocolate



ENTERPRISE FAIR REPORT CONTINUED.....

fountain, a self-published book, personalised photos and prints, plants, a buzzer game, second-hand toys and books, drawings, decorated pebbles, fortune cookies, jewellery – plus lots of cakes.



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**