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LEAP NEWS

Friday 26th September 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

No me gusta el viento*I don't like the wind.....*

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

LEAP PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS AUTUMN 2025

Can you help shape the future of our Federation?

We need parents of children registered at a school in our Federation to make a difference in our school community by volunteering to become parent governor.

Currently we have vacancies for two parent governors on the LEAP Federation governing board.

Your voice as a parent is very important and it is vital that the governing board has good representation from our parents among its membership.

Information about the role

Once elected or appointed for a term of four years, a parent governor takes on the role of a Federation governor, a public volunteer. All governors are equal, no category of governor is any more important or influential than any other and parents are elected to be an equal part of the board. They are not elected to present parents' views or to act as parent representatives any more than any other governor.

We are seeking parents who have a real willingness to help, who can listen carefully, read important documents, ask questions, attend training and be able to actively contribute at meetings which are around 9 per year.

All governors represent all four schools in the Federation and will be expected to gain an understanding and feeling for all the schools and how they function.

If you can spare approximately ten hours or more a month then please consider nominating yourself for this interesting voluntary role.

The governing body is particularly seeking applicants with the following skills - fund raising, finance, law, personnel, health and buildings or architectural experience. We are also keen to appoint governors from under-represented communities.

LEAP PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS CONTINUED...

What can you offer as a parent governor?

- Enthusiasm, time and commitment.
- You will have a feel for what is important to people.
- Any professional or other skills you may have will be very helpful.
- An openness to learning and change, and wanting to make a difference.
- Governors also provide objectivity in debate and decision-making and can add further and different perspectives to Federation matters.

What are the benefits?

- ◇ Being a school governor is a privilege – you are a small but very important part in an educational system with a very long history.
- ◇ The knowledge that you have played a part in improving local children's education and supporting the Federation's staff.
- ◇ A chance to develop new skills, to practice and strengthen existing ones, such as chairing a meeting, researching or leading on a key Federation issue.
- ◇ The opportunity to work as part of a team to make a real difference in the community.
- ◇ The opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life whom you probably would not have otherwise encountered.
- ◇ Knowing that the decisions you collectively make will have a huge impact on children's lives.
- ◇ You develop as a person and may even find that your experiences as a governor influence future career and life choices.

If you are interested in volunteering, here's what you should do ...

Please check that you are eligible to stand as a parent governor. The definition of "parent" includes:

all natural parents, whether they are married or not

any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person

"Parent" is defined as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18".

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LEAP PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS CONTINUED...

The definition of "parent" also includes a person who the child lives with and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child. The reference in the definition must be to someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

There are some criteria which can disqualify you from serving as any type of governor. This list is given in the nomination form. If you are applying, then you must confirm that you are not disqualified by those criteria.

Please nominate yourself by completing the nomination form which can be downloaded from our Federation school websites on the **Parent Governor Election Autumn 2025 page**, which is under the **School Governors** page in the **About Us** section.

[Link to page](#) on **Grasmere website**

[Link to page](#) on **Gayhurst website**

[Link to page](#) on **Mandeville website**

[Link to page](#) on **Kingsmead website**

If you would rather have a paper copy of the nomination form please ask your school office for one.

Please ensure that your completed nomination form is returned to one of the schools by 5pm on Friday **October 3rd 2025**. You can hand in your completed nomination form to your school's office or it to Governors@leapfederation.org

Nominations will be published as part of the newsletter and then parents from all 4 schools will be invited to vote based on your self nomination. Parents from each school are requested to consider each governor on merit and not dependent on which school their child attends. Voting is electronic and all votes are confidential. The two candidates with the most votes overall will be elected to the governing board.

FROM HACKNEYS SPEAKER'S OFFICE

Here are three items from Hackney Speaker's office Autumn newsletter that we thought our families might be interested in.

CHILDREN'S T SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

Amongst various other fundraising events, one of the most exciting is Hackney's participation, this time, in the London Parade on new year's day 2026. We are collaborating with local businesses to put together a float with the theme of **celebrating unity**. All of those on the Hackney float will be wearing matching T-shirts, and we are asking Hackney's young people to get involved in my competition to create the Hackney T-shirt design, in the style of an emblem.

The winner will have their design realised, be invited to join the float (subject to being accompanied by an adult)

FROM HACKNEY SPEAKER'S OFFICE CONTINUED....

and be part of an event that is broadcast live, world-wide. The winner and five runners up will all receive Amazon vouchers.

The age limit is 18 years old and we welcome entries from nursery to sixth form. Please email entries to speaker@hackney.gov.uk. The deadline for entries is **21 November 2025**.

SILVER SUNDAY INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT



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Hackney Speaker Cllr Sharon Patrick's intergenerational event: games, music, poetry, tea and cakes

5 OCTOBER 2025, 11AM-1PM

ALL AGES WELCOME!

at St Mary's Secret Garden,
50 Pearson St, London E2 8EL

Hackney

HACKNEY COMMUNITY ACTIVITY DAY

If you'd like to get involved in supporting the community contact us here speaker@hackney.gov.uk to register or for further information.



HACKNEY SPEAKER CLLR SHARON PATRICK'S CHARITY FUNDRAISER

HACKNEY COMMUNITY ACTIVITY DAY
1 NOVEMBER 2025

JOIN US AND GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY BY DOING A SPONSORED

- WALK
- RUN
- SWIM (FREE AT ELIGIBLE BETTER HACKNEY CENTRES)
- CYCLE

OR

- ATTEND A MOTIVATIONAL TALK @ PEDRO CLUB
- HOLD A RAFFLE / ANY COMPETITION
- CAKE SALE

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Hackney Foodbank
Hackney Marsh Partnership
HACKNEY

TO GET INVOLVED, CONTACT SPEAKER@HACKNEY.GOV.UK



GRASMERE NEWS



GOLDEN AWARDS

Nur: **Sama** Yr 3: **Benjamin**
 Rec: **Sidney** Yr 4: **Lily**
 Yr 1: **Ellie** Yr 5: **Sonny H**
 Yr 2: **Maaziah** Yr 6: **Jaqui**

AUTUMN TERM 2025

1st half of term: **02.09.25 - 24.10.25**
 Half term: **27 — 31 Oct 2025**
 2nd half of term: **03.11.25 - 17.12.25**
INSET days: Mon 1 Sept 2025,
 Thurs 18 & Fri 19 Dec 2025

YEAR 3 EPPING FOREST TRIP

On Monday 22nd September Year 3 went to Epping Forest for a wonderful class trip about the Stone Age. We had a session on surviving the Stone Age.

The class split into two groups one made shelters from things they found in the forest. The other group made safe fires and learnt about the importance of fire for the Stone Age people. We have been learning about the Stone Age for a few weeks and this was a lovely opportunity to put what we had learnt into a practical setting of the forest.

The children had the most wonderful time and really enjoyed the experience. They worked so well in groups and learnt new things about the Stone Age.

Daya - *"It is hard to live in the Stone Age"*

Lavinia - *"They didn't kill animals because they wanted too, they just had too."*

Nicolas - *"We are making a little house (for the Stone Age people) to live in we are putting the leaves around it to camouflage it"*



CLUB SPACES AVAILABLE

We still have some availability in certain clubs. If you would like to book your child onto a club, please do this via scopay. In the next column of this newsletter piece are the list of clubs with spaces still available. Clubs run from **3:30-4:30pm**.

Hoppers runs daily from **3:30-6pm Monday to Thursday**. On Fridays Hoppers will run from **3:30-4:45pm**. You child will be provided with a healthy snack during Hoppers. To see the timetable of activities for Hoppers, please click on the link which will bring you to our school website. [Grasmere Primary School - Enrichment](https://www.grasmereprimaryschool.co.uk/enrichment)

If you have any questions about clubs, please email clubs@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk.

CLUB SPACES AVAILABLE CONTINUED....

Here is a table showing clubs that still have spaces

After School Club	Year Group
Monday	
Spanish	3, 4, 5 & 6
Boys football	5 & 6
Lego Club	Rec, 1 & 2
Tuesday	
Boys football	3 & 4
Dance	3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday	
French	Rec, 1 & 2
Martial Arts	2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Chess	3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday	
Mixed football	1 & 2
Girls football	3, 4, 5 & 6

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 29 Sept** Phonics workshop for Rec parents 9.15am
- Mon 6 Oct** Nurs, Rec & Yr 1 Kapla workshop pm
- Tues 7 Oct** Yrs 2—6 Kapla workshop. All children to bring a packed lunch to school + Year 6 residential meeting 5:30pm
- Fri 10th Oct** Introduction to Mental Health coffee morning
- Sat 11 Oct** FROGS Jumble Sale
- Thurs 16 Oct** Yr 6 class assembly 3pm
- Fri 17 Oct** Yr 5 cake sale
- Mon 27—Fri 31 Oct** Half term break
- Fri 7 Nov** FROGS Autumn Disco
- Thurs 20 Nov** Yr 3 class assembly 3pm
- Fri 21st Nov-** Supporting Emotional Regulation coffee morning
- Fri 21 Nov** Yr 4 cake sale
- Thurs 27 Nov** International Evening & FROGS 40th Anniversary Event 4.30—6.30pm
- Wed 3 Dec** Parent & Carer consultation evening
school closes early at 1.30pm for children
(Hoppers still available)
- Fri 5 Dec** FROGS Winter Fair
- Mon 15 Dec** Drumming and Dance Performances
Year 1 and 4 at 2pm
Year 2, 5 and 6 at 2:30pm
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn 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.

YEAR 4 ARCHAEOLOGISTS

This term year 4 have been diving into the fascinating world of the Romans. We've been learning about Roman life, their hierarchy and their invasion of Britain. One highlight was a special history lesson where we became archaeologists for the day.

Using our brushes, we carefully excavated artefacts buried in sand. We discovered Roman coins, pieces of pottery and other treasures.

Bruno S: *I was really intrigued by the Roman coins.*

Kian: *I loved putting on the Gladiator's helmet*

Sienna: *I really enjoyed using the brushes to excavate the artefacts.*



READING WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 1 PARENTS

On Monday, it was great to see so many Year 1 parents and carers attend the Reading workshop! Jacqueline delivered the workshop which covered:

- The importance of reading regularly and the phonics programme used at Grasmere
- Supporting parents to understand how we teach early reading at Grasmere
- Ways to support your child at home and systems

At Grasmere, we follow the Ruth Miskin, Read Write Inc scheme when teaching early reading. Phonics is a systematic synthetic phonics programme and children develop reading fluency and comprehension, spell and write with confidence and learn to articulate their ideas and understanding. Below is a link to their website where you will find helpful resources for parents.

[Learning to read at home - Ruth Miskin Literacy](#)

Keep an eye out in the key dates section for more parent workshops.

All workshop materials will be uploaded to the [Parent Workshop](#) page on our school website



PHONICS WORKSHOP REMINDER

We are hosting a Phonic Workshop for **Reception parents on Monday 29th September at 9:15am.**

This session will give you the chance to see how phonics is taught in school and learn ways of supporting your child with reading at home. We look forward to seeing you there!

YEAR 2'S TOWER OF LONDON TRIP

Year 2 enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the Tower of London on Thursday. We explored the ancient fortress, walked along the historic walls, and even saw the dazzling Crown Jewels! We were fascinated by tales of kings and queens. Some highlights were seeing the famous ravens and meeting a Yeoman Warder. The trip brought our History topic The Great Fire of London to life and inspired lots of questions and curiosity. We even got to see the Monument on the way back to school, which was built to commemorate the fire and show where it started on Pudding Lane. Well done to all the children for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day-it was a royal success!



Lottie *"The Crown Jewels were amazing!"*

Rae *"I enjoyed the part about the Great Fire of London because we learnt about it at school!"*

Gerard *"I was tired at the end but it was a fun day!"*

KAPLA WORKSHOP

We are excited to take part in the Kapla workshop once again this year. The sessions will be on **Monday 6th** and **Tuesday 7th October**. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills through hands-on building activities.

Nursery to Year 1 will take part on Monday afternoon.

Years 2 to 6 will take part throughout the day on Tuesday.



On **Tuesday 7th October**, all children will need to bring a packed lunch into school. If your child requires a school packed lunch, please let their class teacher know in advance.

To help the sessions run smoothly, we are also looking for 2-4 parent volunteers per class. If you are able to support your child's class, please let their class teacher know.

We are very much looking forward to what promises to be two exciting days of creative learning!