



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 24th October 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar con mis amigos..... *I like to play with my friends*

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

SPANISH @ LEAP NEWS

Every year, children in year 5 at LEAP are partnered with a child from Placido Domingo School in Madrid to take part in a year long pen pal project! In their Spanish lessons, the children have been drafting and publishing their first letter to their new pen pal using vocabulary they have learnt in years 3- 6 as well as new letter-specific vocabulary.

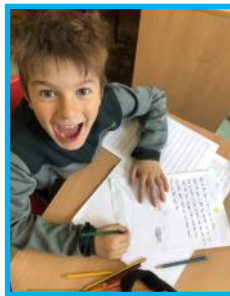
Ariam (Mandeville) – “We told our pen pal about our family members and pets. I said *tengo un perro.*”

Sianna (Grasmere) - “I can’t wait to hear back from my new pen pal and write the next letter!”

Kayode (Gayhurst) – “It was really fun using everything I learnt in Spanish to write to a real person in Spain. Can’t wait for the reply.”

Xander (Kingsmead) “I enjoyed writing my letter in Spanish and I can’t wait to see how they will reply!” -

This project helps children to use their language learning in a meaningful context, as well as learn about a new country and culture. We can’t wait to hear back from our pen pals!



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LANGUAGE LEARNING MADE SIMPLE

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- It's not just fun, it's effective - from first word to fluency.
- The more you play, the more you learn!
- Boosts memory, creativity & communication.

HOW TO GET AN ENTIRE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION FOR JUST **£1.99**:

1. Register a new account
2. Go to 'Settings'
3. Tap LAOFR25

ON MOBILE? CLICK HERE

HACKNEY LIBRARIES

Have you signed up to join your local library? If not, why not do so in the half term holiday? It's simple and free and you and your child can borrow an endless supply of great books to take home, read and bring back to exchange for new books. Library's have experienced staff who can help you to guide your child to find interesting books at the right level for their reading ability.

How to join the Library

You can apply to join your local library in person. You just need to bring proof of address, such as a utility bill. Membership is free and open to everyone.

Other benefits of Joining the Library

Did you know that many of Hackney's libraries also offer a range of regular fun activities? From reading groups to chess groups, stories & rhymes to arts & crafts, Lego clubs to creative writing classes, Hackney Libraries have something for everyone.

You can find out what's going on in your local library by following [this link](#).

Half Term Activities

Hackney Libraries offer some FREE half term activities across their libraries. Get involved in a programme of craft activities, film screenings and storytelling sessions in Hackney Libraries from 24 October until 1 November! We kick off with a Lego session collaboration with Thread Point Foundation at Homerton Library. You can make a mosaic inspired by African-American artist Alma Thomas at Shoreditch Library and Woodberry Down Library, or take home a homemade autumnal garland from Dalston CLR James Library. You can even make your very own Halloween crowns and puppets at Stamford Hill Library and Clapton Library. [Find out more here](#)

USEFUL ONLINE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Osbourne Publishing have a great website full of fun reading and maths activities. **Teach Your Monster** is a not-for-profit that creates magical, fun-filled learning games for kids.

“We work with leading academics to create beautifully crafted games kids love to play. We do this with the help of friendly monsters, playful design and out-of-this-world storytelling! Trusted by teachers and parents, our innovative products aim to engage even the most reluctant of learners.”

<https://www.teachyourmonster.org/>



Nur: **Blanca** Yr 3: **Raph**
 Rec: **Martina** Yr 4: **Zeynah**
 Yr 1: **Eva** Yr 5: **Georgina**
 Yr 2: **Jack** Yr 6: **Arin**

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 6 VISIT BRUCE CASTLE MUSEUM

On Tuesday, our Year 6 children enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to Bruce Castle Museum to support their learning about the Windrush Generation. The children had the wonderful opportunity to dress up as characters from the Windrush era, really bringing history to life!

During their visit, they explored original passenger lists from the HMT Empire Windrush and discussed the reasons why people travelled from the Caribbean to Britain, as well as the experiences they faced when they arrived.

To finish off the day, the children took part in a creative writing activity where they wrote post-cards as if they were passengers or members of the Windrush Generation, imagining what it might have felt like to embark on such a life-changing journey.

It was a fantastic day full of learning, empathy, and creativity — well done, Year 6!



RECEPTION VISIT THE LIBRARY

Last week, Reception excitedly took the 476 bus all the way to Stamford Hill Library for their first class visit. They were very excited and got to meet the librarian, who read them a story all about the library. The children were then able to choose some books to bring back to school, which they have been enjoying during story time.

'I liked looking at the stories' - Isabella

'I liked going to the library because we listened to a story' - Manuel

'I liked that we read a book about the library and I chose a witch book' - Cecilia



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 27—Fri 31 Oct** Half term break
- Fri 14 Nov** FROGS Autumn Disco
- Thurs 20 Nov** Yr 3 class assembly 3pm
- Fri 21 Nov** Coffee Morning: Supporting Emotional Regulation 9.10-10am + Yr 4 cake sale
- Thurs 27 Nov** International Evening & FROGS 40th Anniversary Event 4.30—6.30pm - **please note no clubs or hoppers running on this date**
- Wed 3 Dec** Parent & Carer consultation evening **school closes early at 1.30pm for children** (Hoppers still available)
- Fri 5 Dec** Yr 1 Nativity performance 9.30am + FROGS Winter Fair
- Mon 15 Dec** Drumming and Dance Performances Year 1 and 4 at 9.30am Year 2, 5 and 6 at 10:30am
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**

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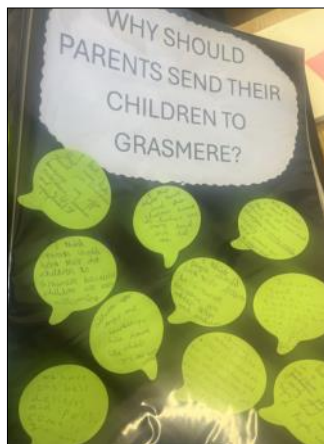
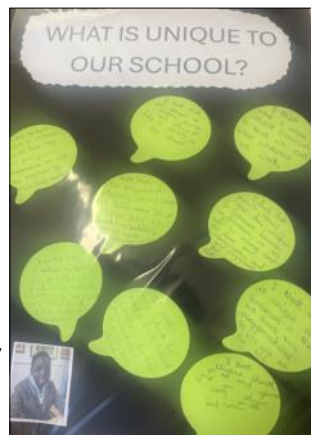
SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

One of our school councillors recently visited a secondary school, where the school councillors were part of delivering parent tours to prospective parents. They shared this in our recent meeting and we all felt this was a great idea! Grasmere school councillors listed all the reasons why parents should send their children to our school. Next half-term, some of our school councillors will present these thoughts and comments to potential parents during our weekly parent tours. Below are some of the things they felt make Grasmere unique and a place where parents should send their children.

Lara, Year 6: *"All our lessons are inclusive so we all feel we can contribute!"*

Bruno, Year 5: *"Parents should send their children here because all of the children and teachers are really nice".*

Malachi, Year 6: *"I think its really nice how we call our teachers by their first name, its less formal".*



COLLECTION AFTER CLUBS & HOPPERS

From **Monday 3rd November**, we will be asking parents & carers to collect your children from clubs and Hoppers. This will mean that between 4:30 and 6pm no Year 5 or 6 children will be allowed to walk home alone. We will continue to do this every year at this point in the year as the evenings get darker earlier.



YEAR 5 & 6 SPORTS TRIP

On Wednesday, the girls in Years 5 and 6 took part in an amazing sports and wellbeing workshop. The session was all about building confidence, staying active, and having fun together.

The girls enjoyed trying out basketball, boxing, and indoor rowing, as well as taking part in creative discussions and hands-on activities. They even got to meet some professional athletes who shared their experiences and inspired everyone to believe in themselves.

It was a fantastic day full of energy, teamwork, and positivity!

'I liked that we got to see a professional basketball game' – Sianna

'I loved it, it was a great trip.' - Kate

'We got to do boxing and rowing, it was fun!' - Ava

