



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 21st March 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Feliz Día de San Patricio!..... Happy St Patrick's Day!.....

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

## HISPANIC WEEK CINEMA TRIP

Children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at **Kingsmead, Mandeville, Gayhurst** and **Grasmere** all visited the Rio Cinema this week to watch **Encanto** as part of Hispanic Week. Many children were already familiar with the plot but we added a new challenge by incorporating Spanish language into their viewing experience. It was so fantastic to see so many children making links between the language in the film and their Spanish lessons at school. We loved hearing the new vocabulary they have learnt through this experience.

**Isla** - *It was a cool experience to watch Encanto in Spanish! I heard Mirabel say 'Hola'!* (Yr 3, Gayhurst)

**Romi** - *It was really cool because it was all in Spanish. I heard her say 'Tio Bruno' and 'Tia Pepa' which means Uncle and Aunt.* (Yr 3, Gayhurst)

**Mischa** - *I liked it because it was in Spanish!* (Yr 3, Mandeville)

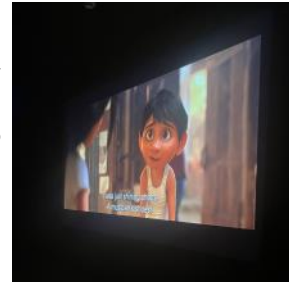
**Amelia** - *I enjoyed singing along to the songs. I learnt some of the Spanish lyrics too!* (Yr 4, Mandeville)

**Edith** - *I loved watching Encanto, I liked how the movie had subtitles in Spanish allowing me to know what each character was saying in Spanish* (Year 4, Grasmere)



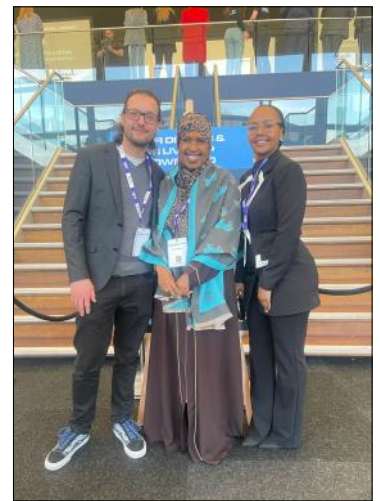
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**Mustafa** – *The film was exciting, I really liked the singing and they spoke in Spanish but it was easy to understand as they had subtitles.* (Yr 5 Kingsmead)



## MANDEVILLE SHORTLISTED FOR CATERING AWARD

Well done to the Mandeville kitchen team for being shortlisted for a prestigious catering award at the School Business awards. The team got to the final five schools in the whole country for demonstrating excellent menu design, cooking and presentation skills. The variety of different dishes on the Mandeville menu was commended. They did not go on to win the award but **Hodan** (Head Chef), **Kaltum** (Deputy Headteacher) and **Sergio** (Executive Head Chef) attended the awards ceremony in Battersea. Well done Team Mandeville!



## LEADERSHIP CONSULTATION

Don't forget to give your feedback for the consultation currently underway, regarding Grasmere joining the LEAP Federation. The closing date is **31st March 2025**.

Here are the links where you will find the [online consultation information document](#) and an [online response](#) to the consultation. Each school's office also have paper copies of both documents if you'd prefer to use these. All the schools have held consultation meeting sessions, where parents can meet with representatives from the Grasmere and LEAP Governing Bodies to discuss the federation proposal.

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### RED NOSE DAY

Children across all four schools had great fun wearing red today, to mark Red Nose Day and raise funds for Comic Relief! We'll let you know how much was raised for the charity in next week's newsletter.



### RED NOSE DAY CONTINUED.....



### KINGSMEAD TWINNING STORY IN NEWS

Kingsmead's twinning with the New Brain school in Kampala, that has come about through shared work on projects supporting pollinating insects—the Hackney and Kampala Buzzlines, has been picked up by a number of press outlets.

Kingsmead children made insect masks for the children in the New Brain school which were taken to Uganda by Gerry, the ecologist who is leading on the Hackney Buzzline project. He was there for the official launch of the Kampala Buzzline. The New Brain school children made lovely decorated butterflies and amazing dolls made from banana leaf fibres and bead necklaces and bracelets as gifts for Kingsmead children, which Gerry recently presented to the school on his return to London. We look forward to arranging a video link between the two school in the coming months so the children can discuss the ways they have been supporting pollinating insects in their local areas and continue to build the twinning project.



Children at New Brain school with gifts they've made for Kingsmead children.

You can see the story featured in the Standard [here](#) and in the Hackney Citizen [here](#).





## SPRING TERM 2025

1st half of term: 06.01.25 - 14.02.25

Half term: 17 Feb — 21 Feb 2025

2nd half of term: 24.02.25 - 04.04.25

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Panther	68	Panther 98.7% Mars 98%
Phase 2	Mountain	52	
Phase 3	Mars	104	



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Jaguar class** Josiah  
**Lion class** Destiny  
**Panther class** Nemar & Rihanna  
**Ocean class** Safwan  
**Mountain class** Sully

**River class** Ayaaz & Lenni  
**Forest class** Ibrahim & Priyanka  
**Mercury class** Jahvari & Ayotunde  
**Mars class** Adam & Mary-Theresa  
**Venus class** Mohsen  
**Jupiter class** Leigha

## CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT.



We had a fantastic turn out of children and parents & carers at the Children's Book Project this week. Each child enjoyed browsing through the range of beautiful pre-loved books and selecting a bundle to take home, free of charge.

On offer we had picture books, older chapter books, early reader and phonics books, and non-fiction books. Thank you again to the Children's Book Project for their kind donation.

"It was fun because there wasn't just picture books, there were non-fiction books too!" **Alvin**



## WALKING HISTORY TOUR

This week Year 6 went on a very special walking tour around the City of London. As part of our history unit studying protests, we visited places connected to the East India Company, which we discovered played an enormous part in the expansion of the British Empire. Our tour guide, Lisa, explained to us that the company had started out trading spices in 1600, before later expanding into everything from tea to textiles. The company became incredibly wealthy and influential as a result. We learnt why colonialism was exploitative of other countries around the world and the negative impact of imperialism and how it still affects us today. We visited locations that had been significant in the company's history, such as their first offices and a church where many of the early founders were buried. These helped us to understand the

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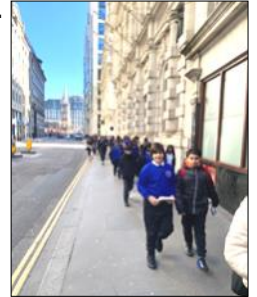
complex and at times challenging history of one of the most powerful companies to ever exist. A very thought-provoking experience!

*'I enjoyed trying to read the Latin words on the monument after trying to push it over.'* **Jayden W**

*'We saw a church where the family of the East India Company's founder, Thomas Smythe, were buried, along with other members of the company.'* **Nana**

*'I couldn't believe that the East India Company's army was twice the size of the British army!'* **Samuel**

*'I was fascinated by the historical buildings in the City of London that had a connection with the East India Company.'* **Kelsey**



## KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 27 March** Coffee morning History 9.10-10am (All families welcome) + **Year 3 class assembly 3.10pm**
- Mon 31 March** Drumming & Dance performances Yrs 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 from 2:15—3:15pm.
- Wed 2 April** Gymnastics Performances Yrs 3 & 4 at 3pm
- Thurs 3 April** International Evening 4 - 7pm
- Fri 4 April** Last day of Spring Term - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**
- Mon 7- Thurs 10 April** Kingsmead & Mandeville Spring Holiday Camp 10am—2pm
- Wed 23 April** Coffee Morning: Relationships, Sex and Health Education Information Coffee Morning 9.10-10am

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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.



### COFFEE MORNING — HISTORY

Be sure to come along to our next Coffee Morning on **Thursday 27th March**, next week, at **9.10am**. Katherine, LEAP's History Subject Lead, will be running a fun interactive session where parents & carers can find out all about how History is taught across the school. All parents welcome. As always refreshments will be on offer.



### YEAR 6 CLASS NEWS

This term has been an exciting one for year six as they are fast approaching the Summer term and everything that involves. They had a fantastic time during Creativity Week, when everyone worked together to create a display based on the works of two chosen artists; Hew Locke and Canaletto. They also delivered an assembly to celebrate the Climate Change project that began with their artworks all the way back in Year 4. A range of key figures from the project came together as part of this celebration - which involved art, speeches and music - lending the event a special significance.

Of course, year six have also been busy preparing for their end of key stage tests in May. They have been working hard on developing reading stamina using their group Destination Reader books and carefully choosing a challenging Accelerated Reader book to take home. In English lessons, they have been revising and refining their understanding of grammar and punctuation to produce some extraordinarily high-quality writing.

Our text this term is **'Journey to Jo'burg'**, a story of two young siblings trying to reunite with their mother during apartheid-era South Africa. It has been inspiring to observe the maturity and depth of understanding that the children have displayed in response to this. In Maths, Year 6 have been developing their understanding of fractions, percentages and decimals, and completing a range of practical lessons investigating perimeter, area and volume. All of these lessons have sat alongside regular fluency practice, helping them to revise all of the mathematical skills they will need by the end of the year.

### MANDEVILLE'S INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Tickets are now on sale for Mandeville's International Evening, on **Thursday 3rd April** from **4.30—7pm**.

**Adults £2 Children £1**

But if you bring a dish of food to donate or perform, you get a free ticket.

Ticket price includes a plate of delicious home cooked food made by members of our school community.

Come and join us for this great event celebrating the many cultures and heritages that makes up our community.



**Mustafa P**, 'I feel like this term has been going really well and I actually can't wait for the SATs because I am excited to find out our levels!'

**Tidiane**, 'This term has gone so fast and furious. It's been really fun and I have found the learning really interesting.'

**Olive**, 'It feels good to learn things I have not learnt before.'

**Semi**, 'This term has unravelled with lots of surprises and the learning has been very intriguing. I can't wait to explore what happens in the next chapter of year six.'

