



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 14th November 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Está lloviendo mucho..... *It is raining a lot.....*

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

## ANTI BULLYING WEEK @ LEAP

Children at LEAP started Anti-Bullying week by wearing odd socks on Monday to celebrate everyone's uniqueness. Throughout the week, they explored this year's Anti Bullying week theme, 'Power for Good', during their PSHE lessons, thinking about how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

To end the week, on this very grey and wet day children and staff across LEAP got cosy, spending the day at school in PJs to help raise funds for the charity Children in Need.

At Grasmere children created colourful odd-sock posters to show how they can use their voices and actions to help others.

*"Being kind makes everyone happy."* - **Liam** (Year 1).

*"We all have the power to help someone if they're feeling sad."* - **Janessa** (Year 5)

*"We have powers like super-heroes and we can help people."* - **JJ** (Reception)



## ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

At Gayhurst, during assemblies and PSHE lessons we talked about the definition of bullying and what we mean by power and kind actions. The Anti-Bullying Alliance's definition of bullying is - *The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face to face or online.*

We spent time discussing different scenarios and thought about how we could help and what we could do if we needed help ourselves. Some of our Mental Health Champions spoke in assembly and let us know how they would be using their power for good. Each child then thought of one way they want to use their power for good and created posters to show their ideas. The Mental Health Champions and School Councillors are going to use these to help create a kindness display.

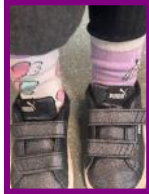


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### ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

At Kingsmead younger year groups read the lovely book **One** by Kathryn Otoshi, a moving story about friendship and standing up for yourself and others, that is very accessible for young age groups. We looked at the book **'Kindness is my Superpower'** by Alicia Ortego and discussed how it's never too late to be kind to others, how to make amends, the importance of making the right choices and how being kind can make you and others feel. Evelyn delivered a whole school assembly on The Power of Good and how we can all make a difference. This is a week to stand together against bullying, a chance to celebrate kindness, courage and respect. It's important to speak up and speak out if you are worried and how bystanders can become upstanders.

Imani Campbell, a children's author who read with some children at Kingsmead this week, shared her book **My Classroom Bill Of Rights** with some of the older children. It's an uplifting story of how one girl stood up for herself against someone who was unkind to her, with positive outcomes for both of them.



### ANTI BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED...

Mandeville launched an odd sock poster competition. Posters will be judged by our Mental Health ambassadors and the winners will be announced in Fridays achievement assembly.



### A NIGHT OF AUTUMN MAGIC AT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Wow! Our Autumn Trail last Friday night was a HUGE success, with families from the local area stopping by, thank you to the nearly 500 of you who joined us for a truly magical evening.

As the darkness descended, the gardens were transformed! We lit the fire pits and the beautifully carved pumpkins glowed, creating a wonderful, warm atmosphere. Guests settled in with spiced pumpkin soup, sparklers and steaming hearty drinks. Our crafting activities in the Garden Room were abuzz with creativity as we made bird feeder pine cones.

We were treated to the most engaging and enthralling story telling with the fantastic Rich & Adam from Tongues in Trees; they captivated everyone young and old alike!

And of course we couldn't do this without the mega support from LEAP SLT team, and staff & PTA at Mandeville as well as our wonderful collection of volunteers.

We were also hugely thankful for the generosity of our suppliers too - the brilliant Shuanie from Natures Choice donated produce for the event and Tesco helped us out with other ingredients

The team at Dalston Curve Garden were amazing in dropping over 100 pumpkins for us to carve and light the gardens with.



### A NIGHT OF AUTUMN MAGIC CONTINUED....



Staff members across LEAP contributed carved pumpkins for the Autumn trail, in a competition to see whose would be voted best design by all visitors attending the Autumn Trail. The results are out and congratulations to each school's winning pumpkin design

Mandeville - Jodie



Gayhurst - Ella



Grasmere - Barley



Kingsmead - Omi





## 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

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Squirrel	98	River 98.7% Mercury 99%
Phase 2	River	214	
Phase 3	Jupiter	301	



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Rabbit class** (2-3 Nur) Autumn & Darcie-Mae  
**Hedgehog class** (3-4 Nur) Sammy  
**Squirrel class** (Rec) Martha  
**Owl class** (Rec) Lloyd  
**Ocean class** (Yr 1) Paloma & Ethan

**River class** (Yr 2) Heleta & Jonathan  
**Jupiter class** (Yr 3) Navpreet & Lilly May  
**Mercury class** (Yr 4) Whole Class  
**Mars class** (Yr 5) Farrah & Martin  
**Venus class** (Yr 6) Lavin & Jaedon

## YEAR 3 TRY FLAMENCO

On Tuesday, year 3 visited the new Sadler's Wells East building in Stratford. They split into two groups and had an opportunity to explore the building. They saw the rehearsal spaces used by the dancers and even learnt the name of a rehearsal room in Spanish (ensayo)! Then, the class had a chance to learn some flamenco dance moves from a Spanish dancer. They learnt how to make quick, steps, use their hands to make rhythms and even practiced dancing using various accessories such as fans (abinico).



## ROAD SAFETY WEEK IS HERE!

Next week, our school will be taking part in Road Safety Week to help keep everyone safe on and around our roads.

Throughout the week, pupils will learn about:

- How to cross the road safely using the Green Cross Code.
- The importance of wearing bright clothing and being seen.
- Why seatbelts and car seats keep us safe.
- How to stay alert near traffic and avoid distractions.

### How Parents Can Help

- Model safe behaviour: Always use crossings and avoid distractions when walking near roads.
- Hold hands with younger children near traffic.
- Check car seats and seatbelts every journey.
- Talk about road safety at home: Ask your child what they learned this week.
- Park safely: Avoid stopping on zig-zag lines or blocking pavements near school.

Together, we can make our journeys safer for everyone!

## YEAR 4'S CINEMA TRIP

On Wednesday, year 4 visited the Everyman in Stratford to watch Elio. We travelled on the bus and the whole class were buzzing with anticipation. "I've been to Stratford before but I'm still excited." – **Abigail**.

When we arrived, we were taken through to an empty cinema with comfy sofas for us to sit on! The film was all about not feeling alone as well as making new friends. Some of the class even had a tear in their eye by the end. (along with the adults!) "I maybe, almost cried a tiny bit." – **Taynara**. Their class teacher was blown away with year 4's behaviour on the trip which even earned them all the star of the week. Well done year 4!



## KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 20 Nov** Coffee Morning: Supporting children managing emotions with Pel All welcome 9-10am +  
Yr 4 assembly 3pm
- Mon 24 Nov** Coffee Morning: SEND & meet Jon school counsellor. All welcome 9-10am
- Wed 26 Nov** Coffee Morning: Maths parent workshop: embedding number. Yr 3 & 4 parents 9-10am
- Tues 2 Dec** Panto comes to Mandeville
- Wed 3 Dec** Parent & Carer consultations  
**school closes early at 1.30pm for children**
- Wed 10 Dec** Gymnastics performance Rec - Yr 5
- Thurs 11 Dec** Festive Jumper day
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term -  
**school closes early at 1.30pm for children**

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### RUNNING NEWS

Mandeville Primary School attended their first Cross Country tournament this Tuesday. The children competed in a 1km race across Hackney Downes. All the athletes completed the race, never gave up and gave it their all.

We have also just started Mandeville's first Run Club, where the runners managed to run 3km towards Stratford and back. We can't wait to see where we end up next week!



### PLAYGROUND FRIENDS & JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

This week, we were excited to appoint our new Playground Friends in Years 3 - 6. The children have been selected to support others in the playground by helping everyone follow the rules and offering a friendly hand when someone needs a bit of extra support. After signing their Playground Friend contracts, they proudly began their roles outside and are already making a positive impact.

*"I like helping other children and making sure everyone is playing nicely together."*

**Esila**, year 3  
Playground Friend



We also held interviews for our new Junior Leadership Team (JLT), our pupil leaders who act as a junior version of the senior leadership team. The children who applied took part in a formal interview with Kaltum, showcasing their confidence, communication skills, and enthusiasm for helping our school community. The JLT will be responsible for giving tours to visiting families, supporting staff with monitoring around the school, and providing valuable feedback to help us continue to grow.

Successful candidates will be announced next week - good luck to everyone who applied! We will also introduce Deputy JLT members who will step in whenever a JLT representative is absent, ensuring the team remains strong and well-supported.

*"I wish I could become part of the JLT because Mandeville is an amazing school, and I want to show it off."*

**Ariam**, year 5

