



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 28th November 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Navidad es en diciembre..... *Christmas is in December.....*

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

SPANISH AMBASSADORS TRIP

"¿Roméo, Roméo dónde estás?" were some of the lines our year 5 and 6 Spanish Ambassadors recognised whilst watching a play entirely in Spanish! The play was called "Un Ensayo Desastroso" held at All Saints Catholic High School. It was performed by two actors who needed the help of the audience during a chaotic audition for the play Romeo and Juliette. The children had to use their listening skills to look out for familiar vocabulary and cognates to help them understand the fast-paced plot. It was an excellent opportunity for them to encounter native Spanish speaking accents and put their learning into context.

Melike, Mandeville: *"I was surprised by how much I understood! It's helped me feel more confident understanding Spanish!"*

Arin, Grasmere: *"It was really funny."*

Saeeda, Kingsmead: *"We enjoyed spending the afternoon watching the play. It was interesting to see the secondary school too. It had its own theatre!"*

Romi, Gayhurst: *"I recognised phrases that I have learnt in class like ¿Cómo te llamas?"*



PINES & NEEDLES CHRISTMAS TREE DISCOUNT



We're excited to share that Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville schools have kindly been donated a beautiful Christmas tree by Pines and Needles.

As part of their gift, they are also offering LEAP parents 10% off Christmas trees from their London pop-up stores and online shop.

Discount Code: **SCHOOL10**

Follow @pinesandneedles for festive activities at local stores, and visit www.pinesandneedles.com for full details and all store locations across London.

They have stores across Hackney at sites in Lee Valley (Waterworks), Victoria Park, Clissold Park and Hoxton.

Grasmere school has its own special Christmas Tree arrangements and offer to families that are organised by FROGS.

SCHOOL OF FOOD'S FESTIVE RAFFLE & AUCTION

Win brilliant prizes while supporting the Hackney School of Food to deliver food education for local families and young people next year. Our first-ever Festive Raffle and Auction is now live and we'd love you to take part. All funds raised will help us bring the joy of cooking and growing to even more children and families in 2026.

How it works—Head over to [our prize platform](#) to:

- ◆ Enter the Raffle: Tickets are just £10 each. A winner is selected at random for every prize.
- ◆ Bid in the Auction: The highest bid per item wins.

Both close on **Sunday 28 December**, so don't miss out!

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

NOW LIVE!

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Win Incredible Prizes while supporting Hackney School of Food this festive period

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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)	Lion/Jaguar	74	River 97.9% Jupiter 98.2%
Phase 2	River	246	
Phase 3	Venus	202	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Tommy-Lee
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Evander
Squirrel class (Rec) Whole class
Owl class (Rec) Whole class
Ocean class (Yr 1) Akuol & Nemar

River class (Yr 2) Hamid & Marlowe
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Dallas & Amelia
Mercury class (Yr 4) Suri & Deniz
Mars class (Yr 5) Aliza & Marley
Venus class (Yr 6) Christopher & Mary-Theresa

YEAR 6 JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP TRIP

On Friday, Year 6 visited Forest Road Youth Hub in Dalston for a series of Junior Citizenship workshops. These workshops were designed to help the children make sensible and healthy choices as they grow up and become increasingly independent. Subjects covered included: road safety, travel on public transport, fire safety, and dental hygiene, amongst others. Being able to hear first-hand from experts in these fields was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to ask questions, allowing everyone to learn more about the risks and challenges we can encounter in daily life. Everyone engaged positively and it was a fantastic morning out!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are delighted to announce the successful applicants for this year's Junior Leadership Team (JLT). After a round of thoughtful applications and impressive interviews with Kaltum, several children were selected for demonstrating confidence, commitment, and excellent ideas for improving our school community. A huge well done to our new core JLT members: **Ariam, Emily-Rose, Jahvari, Huseyin and Issa.**



We are also pleased to introduce our deputy JLT members, **Kara and Jah'khel**, who will step in to support the team whenever needed.

We would like to extend a special thank you to **Farrah**, who has shown outstanding dedication and leadership during her two and a half years on the JLT. Her support and training have been invaluable in preparing the new team for their roles.

This year's JLT will be involved in a range of important responsibilities, including supporting parent tours, monitoring around the school, and helping with PTA fundraising activities, among many other initiatives.

Well done to everyone involved - we are excited to see the positive contributions our JLT will make!



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COFFEE MORNING REPORT

On Monday, parents and carers were invited into Mandeville to meet **Jon** (our **school counsellor**) and **Mary** (our **SENDCo**). Parents often ask what support we offer our more vulnerable children, and this was a great opportunity to explain the various agencies that collaborate with the school.

Jon introduced himself, and explained Talk Time, always very popular with the children! Mary then spoke about the support the children get in class, and the role of the Class Teaching Assistants.

The parents were interested in the agencies that work closely with the school: the WAMHS worker, Pel, the Speech and Language Therapists, Claudia and Chloe, our Educational Psychologist, Katherine, and the LA Specialist Teacher, Carol. All these professionals have different roles, and it can be confusing for parents encountering all this for the first time. Great questions were asked, and Marc even made an appearance at the end, to add his thoughts to the great work, that Mandeville is doing.

THE TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR IS BACK!

We're thrilled to announce that the Travelling Book Fair is returning to our school! It's packed with brand-new and exciting books for all ages—perfect for sparking a love of reading. Even better, all books are available at special discounted prices. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to explore fresh stories and stock up on great reads for your family. Dates and time below:

Mon 1st Dec & Tues 2nd Dec – 3:40-4pm Mandeville Library (ask at the school office)

Weds 3rd Dec – 1:30-5:30 pm Mandeville Dining Hall



MANDEVILLE HELPING HANDS (PTA) UPDATE

A FESTIVE CALL FOR DONATIONS!

Help us spread joy in Breakfast Club & Playcentre. We're collecting gently-used resources for children to enjoy during Breakfast Club and Playcentre, such as books, jigsaws (with all the pieces), construction/building toys, colouring books & colouring sets, craft materials, small toys (transport, figures, etc.), indoor floor games.



MANDEVILLE HELPING HANDS CONTINUED....

Donations can be dropped off at the school office until **Friday 12th December**.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM STALL

We'll be running a pre-loved uniform stall in the Dining Hall during Parent-Teacher Consultations **Wednesday 3rd Dec 1:30-5:30pm**. Come along and pick up: Jumpers, Trousers, Shirts, Skirts, Jumpers, Jackets and Shoes! Do pop by!



MANDEVILLE HELPING HANDS CAKE SALE

On **Friday 12th December from 3.30—4pm** we're holding a cake sale in KS2 Playground. Volunteers are needed on the day. Sweet or savoury food donations also needed. Donations can be left at the school office on the day. If you're able to volunteer please let either the school office or your class ambassador know.

WE WANT YOUR IDEAS

The MDV Helping Hands (PTA) want to hear from you!

We are reaching out to ask you for ideas about how you would like to see the funds raised by the PTA used to benefit the children.

Class reps will be collecting ideas to present a "wish" from each year group.

Please send your ideas to your Class Rep and/or email to PTAmandeville@outlook.com by 12th December

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 1—Wed 3 Dec** Travelling Book Fair (see times and location in report on this page)
- Tues 2 Dec** Yr 3 Parent consultations (normal school finish time)
- Wed 3 Dec** Parent & Carer consultations
school closes early at 1.30pm for children
- Tues 9 Dec** Panto comes to Mandeville + JTP Story Jars Family Workshop 3.45- 6.30pm
- Wed 10 Dec** Gymnastics performance Rec - Yr 5 2.45—3.20pm
- Thurs 11 Dec** Yr 1 Nativity performance 2.30pm
- Fri 12 Dec** Cake Sale 3.30pm—4pm
- Thurs 11 Dec** Festive Jumper day
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term -
school closes early at 1.30pm for children