



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 16th January 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Tienes algún propósito de Año Nuevo?... *Do you have any New Year 's resolutions? ...*

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

ROYAL ACADEMY YOUNG ARTISTS SUMMER SHOW



It's time again for LEAP children to start getting creative and enter the competition to have their art work selected for the **Royal Academy of Arts Young**

Artists Summer Show.

Now in its eighth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Last year we had three LEAP pupils who were successful in getting their work selected, which was fantastic given that there were over 23,000 entries nationwide!

There is no theme so the children can do any piece of art work that they want. Children can submit a drawing, painting, photograph, collage or sculpture—the only restriction is that all artworks must be original pieces so please encourage children NOT to copy other famous artworks as they won't get chosen for the exhibition.

The children will need a parent or carer to submit the work. Please visit the link below for more information and to instructions on how to submit your artwork.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

If you have difficulties submitting work, please speak to your child's class teacher.

The deadline for submissions is **4 March 2026**

Judging then commences in May and any successful artists will have their work displayed in this years Summer Show at the RA in July and August.



BAGS OF TASTE IN HACKNEY

This fun free cooking course with ingredients provided is run by the charity Bags of Taste and is open to anyone on benefits to apply.

It is particularly aimed at those needing support around food and/or cooking. All skill levels welcome



Save money and cook better than the takeaway

JOIN OUR FREE FUN COOKING COURSES

...all you need is a kitchen and a phone!

Free, fun cooking courses AT HOME. Cook great food in just two weeks! Impress friends and family

Exciting meals can be quick, fun, easy and cheap to cook with our **FREE** (ingredients included), flexible, home-based short courses



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To register
Phone or text/Whatsapp 07701 304 555
or email: hackney@bagsoftaste.org
or you can sign up online:
<https://bagsoftaste.org/students>



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Are you worried about the rising cost of food and how to eat healthily on a tight budget?

Then join one of our free, fun cooking courses. Learn how to make delicious, healthy meals from all over the world whilst saving money.

All you need is a kitchen and a phone!



About the course

- **FREE**, ingredients included*
- Cook tasty, healthy meals, cheaply
- Get tips on how to budget and save money when you're shopping
- Learn how to waste less

How does it work?

- We deliver three step-by-step recipes and all the ingredients you need, straight to your door
- Your personal mentor will support you by phone or WhatsApp with lots of tips and advice along the way
- At the end you'll get a free gift of wallet-friendly recipes

What do I need to do?

- All we ask is that you cook the three recipes and send us photos of your lovely food!

How long does it take?

- About two weeks but you can work at your own pace

How do I join?

- Register online: <https://bagsoftaste.org/students>
- Call/WhatsApp **07701 304 555**
- Email hackney@bagsoftaste.org

Once we've confirmed your registration we'll contact you to arrange your delivery



LEARN TO COOK EAT LESS TAKEAWAYS SAVE MONEY IMPROVE HEALTH HAVE FUN

*For qualifying participants only



SPRING TERM 2026

1st half of term: 05.01.26 - 13.02.26

Half term: 16 - 20 Feb 2026

2nd half of term: 23.02.26 - 27.03.26

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Owl	54	Ocean 97.8 % Venus 98%
Phase 2	Ocean	265	
Phase 3	Jupiter	301	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Reuben, Nelaiyah & Zion
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Brinelle
Squirrel class (Rec) Nino
Owl class (Rec) Destiny
Ocean class (Yr 1) La'Kye & Violetta

River class (Yr 2) Kalel & Evie
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Helen-Marie & Jayden
Mercury class (Yr 4) Opemipo & Iqra
Mars class (Yr 5) Alias & Melike
Venus class (Yr 6) Courage & Louie

YEAR 5 NEWS

Year 5 have hit the ground running this term! We've been tackling some tricky maths concepts, including challenging division and fractions, and diving into **Kensuke's Kingdom** – an exciting adventure story that has sparked lots of discussion and imagination.

However, the real highlight so far has been in Design and Technology. We explored mechanisms and what makes a strong, stable structure before putting our knowledge into practice by designing and building our very own miniature playgrounds! Using everyday classroom materials like straws, lolly sticks, cardboard, Blu Tack, and more, the children showed incredible creativity and problem-solving skills.

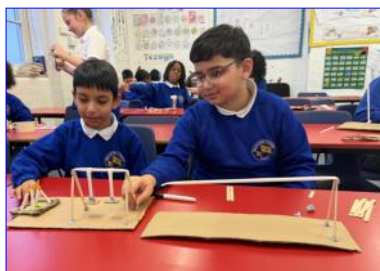
Here's what some of our young designers had to say:

Melike: "Making our playgrounds was tricky at first, but as I learnt from my mistakes, I used the techniques to help build my playground and it made me take an interest in architecture."

Alias: "Before I started, I figured out how to create a slide and then monkey bars... it was difficult at first, but me and my partner Jayden helped each other to make our own park."

Phoebe: "It was super fun, creative and adventurous. I loved making my own swings!"

It's been a brilliant start to the year, and we can't wait to see what other exciting learning opportunities lie ahead!



YEAR 5 NEWS CONTINUED....



MANDEVILLE LIONESSES 5 a-side LEAGUE

Last week, the Mandeville Lionesses participated in their first 5-a-side league competition and delivered a fantastic performance. After a slow start with a loss in their opening game, the girls showed great determination and resilience, winning their next two matches. To reach the final, they needed a win in the last game, which ended in a hard-fought draw.

Well done to all the girls who took part, you should be very proud of yourselves. A big thank you to Coach Freddy for supporting the team from the sidelines and to Kaltum, their manager.

"It was a tough start, but we worked together, swapped positions and started communicating. Well done to all the girls." - Rejoice, captain.



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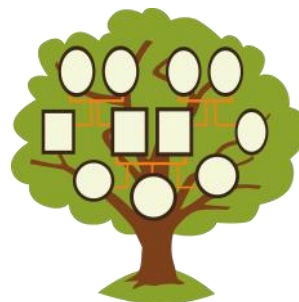


COST OF LIVING CRISIS EVENT

The Cost-of-Living Project in partnership with Cocreate have a Cost of Living Support in Hackney Event on **Friday 30th January 2026 from 10.30am - 2.30pm** at the New Kingshold Community Centre Ainsworth Road, Hackney E9 7LP.

It includes advice from various agencies all in one place including warm clothes and food, benefit and debt advice, cost saving tips for daily living and bills - which families facing difficulties with the cost of living may find helpful.

COME ALONG TO OUR SPECIAL MY STORY PARENT WORKSHOP



On **Thursday 22nd January**, we will be holding a special parent workshop at the following times:

9:10–10:00 am
and
2:40–3:30 pm.

Parents are invited to come along and create a My Story poster, sharing any part of their family's story they would like. To take part, please bring 5–7 photos, which we can photocopy for you to use on your poster. Alternatively, photos can be emailed to the school office in advance of the session.

Please let Kaltum or the school office know if you are interested, as there will be a sign-up sheet at the office. Everyone is welcome to what we hope will be a fun and creative session. Refreshments will be provided.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Thurs 22 Jan** JTP My Story Workshop for parents at 9.10—10am or 2.40—3.30pm
- Thurs 12 Feb** **Rec class** (Owl & Squirrel) Lunar New Year production 9.30am
- w/c **Mon 9 Feb** Creativity Week
- Mon 16—Fri 20 Feb** Half term break
- Wed 18 March** Parent & Carer consultations — **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**
- Wed 25 March** Mandeville's International Evening 4.30 - 7pm
- Fri 27 March** Last day of Spring term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**

The Cost of Living Project

Join us at

Cost of Living Support Hackney

Friday 30th January 2026

10.30am - 2.30pm

New Kingshold Community Centre
Ainsworth Road, Hackney E9 7LP

Wheelchair access

warm clothing and food

benefit and debt advice

cost-saving tips for daily living and bills

free activities information

support to keep warm and eat well

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POET AT MANDEVILLE

Zohab, a former slam poetry champion, will be working with the children on **28th, 29th, and 30th January** for an exciting experience focused on creativity and imagination, linked to the JTP My Story project.