



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 25th April 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Hace buen tiempo.....*The weather is good.....*

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

LEAP STEM WEEK 2025

We have started this term off with one of our favourite weeks of the year: STEM Week! Children across LEAP have been immersing themselves in science, technology, engineering and maths. Our theme this year has been sustainability. Sustainability is the idea that humans must interact with the environment in a way that ensures there will be enough resources left for future generations.

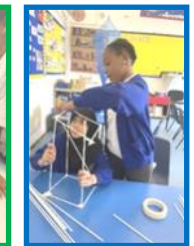


In nursery, the children became fluid scientists exploring bubbles. **Jake** observed, *"You blow in the bottle and the bubbles come out of the sock."* Did you know that bubble barriers can stop rubbish from going into the sea? Reception became glaciologists exploring the properties of ice. **Abe and Nova** in Reception said, *"We've got an idea! We can warm up the ice with tissue!"*

Meanwhile in key stage 1, year 1 made recycled planters. **Ray** said, *"I'm making a rainbow garden planter. It is good to recycle plastic, that means we are not wasting materials."* Year 2 made bug hotels to encourage biodiversity in the schools' green areas. **Eren** in year 2 said, *"If we attach flowers the bees will come."* **Lili** said, *"My favourite part of my design is a plant that we have put in: a hollow bamboo stick. I think this will be fun for the bugs to crawl around in".*

In Key Stage 2, year 3 made bird feeders. **Victor** said, *"Luka and I made our bird feeder together and made it so it would balance in the tree. We mostly used recycled plastic, masking tape and lolly sticks."* **Ope** said, *"I'm going to put mine outside my house, I can't wait to see the birds come!"* Year 4 explored wind power as a sustainable source of energy and made their own wind turbines. **Sh'mya** said, *"We chose a curved rotor because we thought it would capture more air."* Meanwhile **Edith** commented, *"I loved cutting the plastic bottles and adding weights to make sure it didn't topple over. I enjoyed making the blades too, we had to get them just right to make sure they rotated."* **Anya** said, *"Our project is to make wind turbines and investigate which shape blades will be most effective. We have learnt what wind is - when the sun heats up the cold air, the hot air rises. The cold air then takes its place and it keeps repeating."* Year 5 put their engineering skills to the test as they planned and designed shell structures that could withstand floods. **Max** said, *"My favourite part of STEM week was working as a team and helping build the structure together."* Finally Year 6 became architects and designed and built their very own 'Green Cities'. **Caleb** said, *"I'm loving it! I am enjoying that we are getting to be really creative with our work, it's fun and I've learnt a lot about how to make a city sustainable and better for the environment."*

LEAP STEM WEEK CONTINUED.....



We would love to share all of our hard work with you at our upcoming STEM Fairs. Please see the dates and times below to find out more!

LEAP STEM Fairs

Gayhurst – Tuesday 6th May 4:00-5:00pm

Mandeville – Wednesday 7th May 3:30-4:30pm

Grasmere – Wednesday 7th May 4:00-5:00pm

Kingsmead – Thursday 22nd May 3:30-4:30pm

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R.E. AMBASSADORS TRIP

Our various subject ambassadors are representative groups of children from across our schools who have a special focus on a specific subject and speak to their peers and their teachers about the teaching & learning in those subjects.

On the first day of Summer Term, our Religious Education (R.E.) Ambassadors from **Kingsmead**, **Grasmere**, **Mandeville** and **Gayhurst** had the incredible opportunity to visit the **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir** in Neasden, one of the largest traditional Hindu temples outside of India. The visit was both inspiring and educational, offering a unique insight into Hindu beliefs, practices, and the stunning architecture of the Mandir.

The Ambassadors were welcomed warmly and guided through the beautifully carved stone and marble temple. They explored the inner sanctum, observed a traditional arti ceremony, and learned about the importance of prayer, devotion, and community in Hinduism. The visit also included a tour of the exhibition, which provided a deeper understanding of Hindu values, deities, and the global work of the BAPS organisation.



Our students asked thoughtful questions and represented the schools with great respect and curiosity. The trip has deepened their understanding of religious diversity and the role of faith in people's lives. It was a meaningful experience that they look forward to sharing with their peers in future RE lessons.

We are grateful to the Mandir for their hospitality and look forward to more enriching visits in the future.

Nehir, Yr4 Grasmere, "The arti was really interesting to watch".

Maryam Yr 5 Kingsmead, "It was fascinating learning about Hinduism, a religion I didn't know a lot about."

Ayza, Year 6 Kingsmead, "I was really impressed by the architecture and intricate marble carvings that were everywhere in the temple."



Arlo, Yr 5, Gayhurst "It was fascinating to learn about all the gods."

Nitish, Yr 4, Gayhurst "As a Hindu myself, I found it interesting to learn about the various gods."

Hamza, Yr 6 Mandeville, "The building was so amazing! It felt like we were in India!"



R.E. AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED.....



HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Join Hackney School of Food's cooking after school club this term! Learn simple and seasonal recipes each week. Every **Tuesday 3:45-5:15pm** with pick up from Hackney School of Food. **Ages 7+.**

Sessions are £15 each and there are discounts available for children registered for free school meals. [Book here.](#)



FAMILY COACH SERVICE NEW PARENT EMPOWERMENT GROUP

The Family Coach service have a new Parent Empowerment Group we have running for 4 weeks in May happening at Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman St, London E8 1DY. To sign up email

familycoach@hackney.gov.uk with your child's school and confirm you can attend all sessions.



The Family Coach Service's 4 week Friday's 10-11:30 am @ Hackney Service Centre E8 1DY Building a toolbox for parental wellbeing STARTING FRIDAY 2ND OF MAY

All families with a child that has a need within any of the 4 areas of SEND are welcome We are a needs based service. No EHCP or formal diagnosis is needed.



2ND MAY	9TH MAY
What's already in your wellbeing toolbox?	Bringing awareness to your strengths
16TH MAY	23RD MAY
Catching unhelpful thoughts	Creating a space for you

"Coming to the group helped me realise I'm not alone in this"

There are 10 spaces available. We ask that families are able to attend all 5 sessions. To sign up send an email to familycoach@hackney.gov.uk



SUMMER TERM 2025

1st half of term: 22.04.25 - 23.05.25

Half term: 26 — 30 May 2025

2nd half of term: 03.06.25 - 18.07.25

INSET days: Mon 2 June 2025,
Mon 21 & Tues 22 July 2025

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Lion/Jaguar	55	River 98.1 Mars 88.4%
Phase 2	River	104	
Phase 3	Forest	86	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Jaguar class Evander
Lion class Mayane
Panther class Tyler & Laila
Ocean class Evie
Mountain class Orla

River class Taj & Azaria
Forest class Kaitlyn & Ashley
Mercury class River-Amoy & Sasha
Mars class Neveah & Anayah
Venus class Kamali
Jupiter class Yasmine

MANDEVILLE & KINGSMEAD'S SPRING HOLIDAY CAMP

It was wonderful to see so many children from Mandeville & Kingsmead attending the 4 day Spring Holiday Camp this year, which took place on the site of Kingsmead school.

We were blessed with fantastic weather so the children could be outside engaging in lots of activities. Lots of children especially enjoyed taking part in Forest school activities with Rod, exploring the local marshes and Kingsmead gardens.

Children also loved the art activities on offer: T-shirt dying, wooden Easter egg designing and lots of sewing.

Lots of competitive sports activities were enjoyed, such as football, dodgeball and rounders which the children loved and the dance sessions were also very popular and we all got to watch a dance performance, created by the children, on the last day. The children worked very hard and put on a great show for the rest of the camp children.

Every day we enjoyed a delicious lunch with lots of variety, thanks to Shernnett (Kingsmead's school chef), and Sulania. Children also enjoyed doing their own cooking at the School of Food, where they took part in cooking sessions and made some delicious dishes.

Thanks to all the staff who ran the Camp as they were a key part of making it so successful and enjoyable.

Gifty -Mandeville school: "Camp was great this year. We had so many new activities and I got to perform our dance routines on the last day".



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 28 April** After School Activity clubs start
- Fri 2 May** Workshop for year 6 parents - Supporting children with SATS delivered by PeI our EMHP 9-10am + Nursery/Reception cake sale
- Mon 5 May** Bank Holiday
- Wed 7 May** STEM Fair 3.30-4.40pm
- Fri 9 May** Year 1 cake sale
- Fri 16 May** Year 2 cake sale
- Thurs 22 May** 2C Class assembly
- Mon 26 - Fri 30 May** Half term break
- Mon 2 June** INSET day (school closed to children)
- Fri 6 June** Year 3 cake sale
- Fri 13 June** Year 4 cake sale
- Fri 20 June** Year 5 cake sale
- Fri 27 June** Year 6 cake sale
- Fri 18 July** Last day of Summer term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**



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HELLO VETS VISIT

Year One and Two really enjoyed the visit from Christian the vet on Chatsworth Road. He brought his team with him and his cat Bertie who is 17 years old! We learnt about all the different jobs that a vet does like listening to pet's heart beats, bandaging injuries, taking x-rays, making sure pets eat the right food and visiting schools.

"A cat's heart beats three times faster than a human heart" **De'jhari** Y1 Mountain

"It was brilliant because they talked about animals and how to look after them" **Salma** Y1 Ocean

"It was tricky to bandage the dog's leg!" **Azra** Y2



DRONES AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are opening the drones club to all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. If your child would like to attend this club, please sign up on Arbor. The club will be running **every Thursday 3.30-4.30pm**. This is an exciting new club which will introduce the children to programming drones to fly using block-based coding.

MANDEVILLE PTA

Toy and Second-hand Uniform Sale

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Toy and Second-hand Uniform Sale during the parent/teacher consultations last term! A total of **£207** was raised from the sale and the proceeds have now funded new phonics books for Reception and Year 1.



Lost Property/Second-hand Uniform

This is a reminder to please name all of your children's belongings – the lost property box by the front gate is already full and any unclaimed or unnamed items will be sorted by the PTA for re-sale at the next Second-hand Uniform sale or in the Second-hand Uniform WhatsApp group, so please do check if anything there is yours!

MANDEVILLE PTA CONTINUED.....

Cake Sales

Following the success of last terms Cake Sales, please put the following Cake Sales in your diaries:

- Friday 2nd May – Nursery/Reception
- Friday 9th May – Year 1
- Friday 16th May – Year 2
- Friday 6th June – Year 3
- Friday 13th June – Year 4
- Friday 20th June – Year 5
- Friday 27th June – Year 6



For those new to the school, the Cake Sales for this term are organised by school year groups and we are grateful for any food contributions to the sale (savoury or sweet but nut-free) that corresponds to your child's year group. All proceeds will be going to support the school by providing needed supplies and funding enhancement projects.

Seed-sowing and Plant Sale

The seed sowing events at the end of last term were a great success and precede an exciting Plant Sale that is planned for **23 May 2025**. This will raise money for the school, as well as providing an opportunity for our children and community to get green-fingered!



Reminders of all these events will be going out via text message and also in the Year WhatsApp groups – please do join our WhatsApp community if you haven't already:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/H9KU7exIAWc02WvS5j4kwb>

COFFEE MORNING REPORT



Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Relationships and Sex Education coffee morning this week. It was an opportunity for all parents and carers to engage with the resources we intend to teach the children in the second half of the Summer term. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the school office to speak to a member of SLT.