



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 21st November 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Me puede ayudar con esto? ..... Can you help me with this?.....

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

## LEAP R.E. AMBASSADORS TRIP

Our LEAP Religious Education Ambassadors recently had the opportunity of visiting the stunning BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden. The trip provided an inspiring opportunity to deepen their understanding of Hindu faith, culture and traditions.

The visit began in the Arti Hall, where pupils observed an intricate arti session led by highly skilled Pandits. They were able to watch Pandits chanting holy prayers around "Murti's" of various Hindu Gods.

The ambassadors then explored the informative temple exhibition, which brought key aspects of Hindu history and belief to life. A particular highlight was learning about the story of Rama and Sita, a central narrative of courage, devotion and the triumph of good over evil. The visit was a reflective and enriching experience for all involved, and our ambassadors returned with a deeper appreciation of the spiritual heritage celebrated within the Mandir.

**Louie** from Mandeville said,

*"This was the best trip I have been to! My favourite part was the exhibition*

*centre where we got to see different instruments."*

**Maryam** from Kingsmead said, *"The Gods looked beautiful with all of their elaborate clothes and jewellery."*



### LEAP RE AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED....



**Edith** from Grasmere said *"I really liked learning about how all of the individual pieces*

*were carved in India and then transported over to England to be put together. There were also lots of tiny statues that were beautiful."*

## CALLING MASTER BAKERS...

Have YOU got what it takes to be the next Star Baker? Love Productions are looking for a new batch of bakers for the next series of The Great British Bake Off and they want to hear from you!

If you or someone you know is a talented home baker, then apply now at [www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk) or email us on

[applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk) or call 0117 456 8530 for an application form.

Closing date for applications is 1pm on **Monday 15th December 2025**.



## ARCHITECT OR SURVEYOR?

A callout to our LEAP parent body for anyone who could help us with layout drawings for a possible premises development capital grant application at one of the school's within the LEAP Federation. If you are able to help please email [admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk)

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### JUSTIN THOMPSON PROJECT— INTRODUCING MY STORY

**Celebrating Identity, Building Belonging**

We're excited to share that we are moving onto the next phase of the Justin Thompson Project - My Story, a celebration of the stories that shape who we are and connect us to one another.



Rooted in the belief that personal storytelling can transform children, families, and whole communities, we will be exploring how sharing lived experiences builds emotional resilience, strengthens family bonds, deepens cultural identity, and nurtures wellbeing & belonging.

All four schools will be engaged in a variety of activities and projects around this central theme. The activities and ideas are designed to help children and families tell their stories with confidence, creativity, and joy. From Story Circles and Memory Maps to spoken-word poetry, digital storytelling, and intergenerational projects, My Story offers accessible ways for everyone, children, parents, carers, and staff, to take part.

At its heart, My Story reminds us that every voice matters, every experience has value, and every family has a story worth telling. Together, we can build classrooms and communities where belonging grows through the simple, human act of sharing who we are.



#### The Justin Thompson Project @ LEAP

Celebrating the Power of Story to build Connections, Empower parents and communities and change lives.

**JTP**

#We are LEAP

**My Story: Celebrating Identity, Building Belonging**



### 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!

We have LOADS of incredible prizes on offer...

**7-course tasting menu at Apricity (Chef Chantelle Nicholson)**

**2 x Guest Area Passes to All Points East 2026**

**2 x Tickets to Cooking Workshop with Star Chef Ixta Belfrage**

**£150 feast at Hawksmoor**

**Signed Loyle Carner merch**

**Meal for two + drinks at Dalton's Dalla Restaurant**

**Italian feast at Noci (up to £150)**

**Meal for two at Shake Shack**

**£100 Wahaca dining voucher**

**Two tickets to any gig at Earth Hackney**

**£120 Belazu luxury food hamper**

**Month of gut-health goodies from Agua de**

**Madre worth £185**

**Membership to Castle Cinema, Dalton**

**£100 PlantHood voucher**

**A brilliant bundle of brilliant cookbooks**

**Book Vouchers from Pages of Hackney**

...and lots more generously donated by our community.



## 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)	Owl	50	River 98.1% Venus 98.3%
Phase 2	Ocean	213	
Phase 3	Jupiter	195	



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Rabbit class** (2-3 Nur) Saint  
**Hedgehog class** (3-4 Nur) Hawa  
**Squirrel class** (Rec) Lenny  
**Owl class** (Rec) Abel  
**Ocean class** (Yr 1) Pip & Laila

**River class** (Yr 2) Cindy-Anna & Issa  
**Jupiter class** (Yr 3) Jayden & Phoebe  
**Mercury class** (Yr 4) Abigail & Marley  
**Mars class** (Yr 5) Emily-Rose & Jameyi  
**Venus class** (Yr 6) Elliott & Swafaa

## JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS

We are delighted to announce our newly appointed Junior Road Safety Officers, **Ameerah** and **Farrah**, who have already impressed us by delivering a fantastic assembly to launch Road Safety Week. Their role is vital in helping everyone stay safe on the roads.



Key responsibilities include maintaining and updating our road safety notice board, giving talks in assemblies and classrooms, organising fun competitions such as poetry and poster design, promoting walking, cycling, and "Park and Stride" schemes, and working closely with a supporting teacher and the local council's road safety team. We look forward to seeing their creative ideas in action!

## SUPPORTING CHILDREN MANAGING EMOTIONS PARENT WORKSHOP

On Thursday **Pel**, our Education Mental Health Practitioner hosted a parent workshop for our families. The workshop was designed to help parents understand child emotional regulation and how best to support. The workshop was well attended and lots of information and advice was shared amongst families.

If you would like any information about this subject or would like to book an appointment to see Pel, please see Natalie our Inclusion Manager. Pel is at Mandeville school every Thursday morning.

Pel will be hosting another parent workshop in December. More information to follow.



## COFFEE MORNING

All are welcome to come along to next week's Coffee Morning on Monday 24th Nov at 9.10am.



## KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 24 Nov** Coffee Morning: SEND & meet Jon our school counsellor. All welcome 9.10-10am
- Wed 26 Nov** Coffee Morning: Maths parent workshop: embedding number. Yr 3 & 4 parents 9-10am
- Tues 2 Dec** Panto comes to Mandeville + Yr 3 Parent consultations (normal school finish time)
- Wed 3 Dec** Parent & Carer consultations  
**school closes early at 1.30pm for children**
- Wed 10 Dec** Gymnastics performance Rec - Yr 5 2.45—3.20pm
- Thurs 11 Dec** Yr 1 Nativity performance 2.30pm
- Thurs 11 Dec** Festive Jumper day
- Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term -  
**school closes early at 1.30pm for children**