



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 13th March 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Feliz Día de San Patricio!..... Happy St Patrick's Day!.....

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

DEPUTY MAYOR OF LONDON VISITS GRASMERE SCHOOL

On Tuesday this week, Grasmere hosted a visit from some important VIPs, including the deputy mayor of London, Joanne McCartney. She was visiting the school to see the impact of Universal Free School meals on schools and also because she had had a recommendation to try the Grasmere lunches and find out about how the children contribute to the menu design by meeting with the chefs and giving feedback.

She was joined by the mayor and deputy mayor of Hackney, Caroline Woodley and Anntoinette Bramble. They who all met with the Grasmere school council and ate lunch with the children in the hall, and also had the opportunity of meeting LEAP Federation's Executive Chef, Sergio, to talk with him about the impact of Free School meal funding on school kitchens.

Jacqueline and Bianca discussed the work across all LEAP schools on food policy and ensuring we use local produce to prepare and serve seasonal dishes all year round. Our children play a big part in our menu selection; they meet with our head chef to review menus and give direct feedback on what dishes children love and what they want more of on the menus. Food education is a big part of the work of our federation and we educate children and families through parent workshops and visits to the Hackney School of Food, giving opportunities to develop new cooking skills and create a love for cooking as a family.



DEPUTY MAYOR VISIT CONTINUED....



🍀 HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY 🍀

On **Monday 17th March** it is St Patrick's Day. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, whose symbol is the shamrock. St. Patrick's Day celebrations often involve parades, with lots of people wearing green and good luck charms.

COMIC RELIEF REMINDER

Next **Friday, 20th March**, it's Red Nose Day and we are encouraging children and staff across all four LEAP schools to come to school **wearing something red** and bringing coins to donate to Comic Relief.

Since its launch in 1985, Comic Relief has supported more than 35,000 projects, enabling over 1,000 community organisations to tackle poverty and social injustice in the UK and around the world by giving people access to food, shelter and safety.

LEAP SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

A four day Spring Holiday camp will be running at **Gayhurst**, for **Gayhurst** and **Grasmere** children and at **Kingsmead** for **Kingsmead** and **Mandeville** children on **Monday 30th March** through to **Thursday 2nd April**. The camps will run from 10- 2pm and will be staffed by school staff running a range of fun activities including sports and games, art activities, gardening sessions and more. The holiday camps will be for children from Reception class to Year 6.

Each school has shared information about the camps and how to register your child. If you have any queries or are having problems registering please contact your school's office, who will be happy to help you.



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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)	Squirrel	51	Ocean 98.2% Mars 98%
Phase 2	River	246	
Phase 3	Jupiter	51	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Annie & Therese
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Leandro
Squirrel class (Rec) Rudie
Owl class (Rec) Iris
Ocean class (Yr 1) Tyler M & La'ky

River class (Yr 2) Evie & Safwan
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Phoebe & Io
Mercury class (Yr 4) Kaitlyn & Jayon
Mars class (Yr 5) River & Zayd
Venus class (Yr 6) Ayaan & Ibadah

CREATIVITY WEEK DISPLAYS

The culmination of work from Creativity Week is now proudly displayed around the school. The artwork was inspired by Eleventh by Lina Iris Viktor and A Muse (Calliope?) by Cosimo Tura. Here is what the children had to say about their work.

'We like all the red and I like the two dragons on the chair' **Rio Nursery**



'I love printing them. We put a mask on it.' **Jonah & Myla Reception**



'I put some gems in my skirt and orange in my hair and a brown hair clip.' **Zineb Year 1**



'We painted the clay, made patterns for the background and we all added where we are from. We took feathers and made some detail for our masks' **Edie, De'Kiyah & Jesse Year 2**



'We got to put the paint on top of it to make our prints for the background' **Jah'Khel Year 3**

'It was my first time doing Creativity Week and it was amazing!' **Archie Year 4**



'I really liked the work on powerful women & learning about their culture during Creativity Week. I felt that we could express ourselves. I really enjoyed working in groups of four because we got to do different parts.' **Kara Year 5**



'I enjoyed painting and how it outlined our images of ourselves. We put the masks on our faces and used the purple material which was a great experience.' **Mary-Theresa Year 6**



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PLAYGROUND FRIENDS

Our Playground Friends play an important role in making break times happy and inclusive for everyone. They organise games and activities so that everyone has something fun to join in with. During playtime, they help set up games, explain the rules, and invite other children to take part.

A main focus for them is to help support the younger children who might not know what to do or who need a little encouragement to join a game. Their kindness and teamwork help create a friendly, welcoming playground where everyone feels included.

We are very proud of our Playground Friends for showing leadership, responsibility, and care for others. They help make our playground a place where everyone can have fun and feel part of the school community.



FOREST SCHOOL UPDATE

Owl and Squirrel Class have been exploring Hackney Marshes and the School of Food Garden in Forest School sessions. They all loved climbing the trees, looking out for the signs of Spring and connecting with nature.

We recently made sustainable bird feeders, hanging them on the playground trees to support local wildlife.

We used magnifying glasses to discover hidden worlds, inspect tiny insects and look at buds and petals up close.

We love Forest School!





International Evening 2026
Wednesday 25th March
4:30pm – 7:00pm

Adults: £2 Children £1

**If you provide a dish or perform,
you will receive a free ticket!**

Tickets Adults: £3 Children £2 on the day!

**Come together to celebrate the many
cultures and heritages that make up our
Mandeville Community. Dress up in
traditional clothes, sample different
foods, watch a range of performances
and socialise.**

MANDEVILLE'S INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Tickets are now on sale at the front office for Mandeville's International Evening, taking place on **Wednesday 25th March from 4:30–7:00pm.**

Tickets cost £2 for adults and £1 for children (more on the night). If you bring a dish to share or take part in a performance, you will receive a free ticket. Please note that tickets are limited, so we encourage you to purchase them as soon as possible.

There will be no after-school clubs on that day. Play Centre will run as usual.

PARENT WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 17th March at 9am Dr Natalie Bailey will be running a parent workshop on supporting parents to strengthen skills and build confidence in managing children's behaviours that challenge. Do come along for what we hope will be a very helpful session. All welcome!

PARENT & CARER

CONSULTATION REMINDER

Parents' evening is **Wednesday 18th March**. Please book your slot on Arbor. School will close early for children at 1.30pm. There will be no clubs or playcentre.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Tues 17 March** Parent Workshop at 9 - 10am
- 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**
- Mon 30 March to Thurs 2 April** - Mandeville & Kingsmead Spring Holiday camp 10 - 2pm daily

'Strengthening Skills and Building Confidence in Managing Children's Behaviours that Challenge'

Join us for a parent workshop on:
Tuesday 17th March 2026
9.10am.

Elevate Your Parenting: Tips, Tricks, and Triumphs Await!

By Dr. Natalie Bailey
Psychologist