

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Qué ves en la primavera?..... *What do you see in Spring?.....*

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

## POLKA DOT SISTERS 360

Polka theatre company from south London brought their play Sister's 360 to perform at both Mandeville and Kingsmead last week. Grasmere years 4, 5 and 6 and Gayhurst's year 5 attended the performances as well.

The play was inspired by real-life skateboarding sisters Layna, Maysa and Amaya, and their hero Sky Brown. The play was about determination and having a big dream. The actors, Farah Ashraf and Sara Abanur were brilliant as the skateboarding sisters and the whole show and workshop was fantastic.

**Teddy (Y6):** *'It was great, the whole thing!'*

**Saeeda (Y6):** *'The acting was amazing.'*

**Aisha(Y6):** *'It was very entertaining.'*

**Orlando:** *'It was good because I like skateboarding'*

**Swafaa (Y6)** *"It was really nice seeing women, wearing hijabs leading the show. It was a lot of fun."*

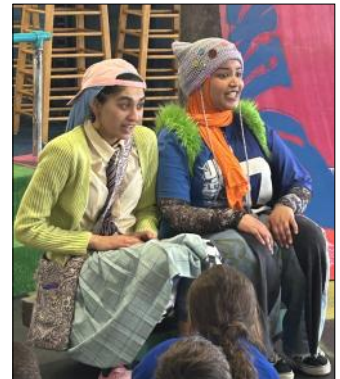
**Shiloh (Y4)** *"I enjoyed the show, especially the skating part. I wanted to join in."*

**Marnie (Y5) -** *"I liked Fatima and Salima's special handshake."*

**Sianna (Y5) -** *"I liked how creative it was."*

**Lily (Y5) -** *"I thought the children at Kingsmead were very welcoming."*

### POLKA DOT SISTERS CONTINUED.....



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### TV SHOW LOOKING FOR FAMILIES

The makers of Cooking with the Stars, Freddie Flintoff's Field of Dreams & DIY SOS are making a brand-new show, Home For The Weekend (wt) the exciting home makeover competition show.

They are looking for fun, outgoing families that would love to redesign their home with a budget that will be provided by us. They would compete against another family and the family judged to have the best re design wins a fantastic prize!



Filming will last for 48 hours in May – August. Anyone interested should email [hftw@southshore.uk](mailto:hftw@southshore.uk)



### RED NOSE DAY @ LEAP



It was wonderful to see so many children and staff come to school today wearing something red to support Red Nose Day and help raise funds for Comic Relief. You can see how much everyone enjoyed taking part in these photos from all four of our schools.



### LEAP SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS

#### MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER YOUR CHILD!

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.



## 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	87	Ocean 98.3% Venus 97.8%
Phase 2	River	216	
Phase 3	Venus	319	



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

<b>Rabbit class</b> (2-3 Nur)	Evalina
<b>Hedgehog class</b> (3-4 Nur)	Mayane
<b>Squirrel class</b> (Rec)	Amelia
<b>Owl class</b> (Rec)	Jake
<b>Ocean class</b> (Yr 1)	Charlie & Tasvir

<b>River class</b> (Yr 2)	Ali & Ohana
<b>Jupiter class</b> (Yr 3)	Azaria & King
<b>Mercury class</b> (Yr 4)	Suri & Archie
<b>Mars class</b> (Yr 5)	Jaspreet & Marley
<b>Venus class</b> (Yr 6)	Alfie & Alvin

## PIANO LAB AT MANDEVILLE

It's hard to believe that it has been almost a year since Mandeville's state-of-the-art piano lab was first up and running for use by our children. The time has flown by, and this is an excellent opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved so far.

When this overwhelming array of boxes and packaging arrived in December '24, it wasn't clear how or when we would be able to turn this into something that could be used by the school. Thankfully, due to the hard work and efforts of everyone from parents to teachers, the premises team and even our IT support, we were able to get the piano lab up and running.

Since then, we have been able to offer weekly piano lessons to entire year groups. Beginning with Year 4, now including Year 5, and shortly - from September - to include Year 6, we have seen more and more children develop a passion and skill for playing the piano. Long gone are the days of playing middle C over and over, making sure that we were using the right fingers. Now, through regular lessons, enrichment groups and after-school clubs, we have children who are playing an incredible array of repertoire and even starting to practice more independently at home.

Going forward, we can't wait to see how these young pianists continue to grow and develop. Soon, we are hoping to be able to offer keyboards for children to borrow if they want to practice at home, and we are continuing to think of ways that we can provide time, space and teaching that will support these children further. There's lots more to do, but we're so proud of everything that we and the children have achieved to this point.



## YEAR 6 VISIT V&A STOREHOUSE

Last Friday, Year 6 went on an exciting trip to the recently-opened V&A East Storehouse in Stratford. Located in a modern glass and steel building, the museum acts as a working storage facility for the V&A's collection of over 250,000 objects. On display was a selection of interesting and unusual objects from this collection, arranged so that visitors can see the amazing breadth of items owned by the museum.

When we entered the gallery floors, the first thing we were all struck by was the glass floor - you could stand on it and look down! The whole space had been designed to feel open and spacious, so you could see up and down to objects on all of the different floors from wherever you stood. Some of our personal highlights, other than the building itself, included a carved wooden ceiling that had been reconstructed from Spain, an office designed by renowned architect Frank Lloyd-Wright, and an entire German kitchen. On top of this, we were able to find objects that linked to some of our curriculum learning, particularly our History unit looking at protests and our Art unit looking at Art Nouveau designer Charles Rennie-Mackintosh.

Having the opportunity to visit such a unique and inspiring space, a mere 30-minute walk from our school, was such a treat. We all want to go again!



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### YEAR 6 PROTEST WORKSHOP

Our Venus Class pupils took part in a fascinating Protests Across Time workshop led by a wonderful facilitator from Hackney Museum. The children listened beautifully throughout the session, showing real curiosity and respect. They impressed the facilitator with their thoughtful and insightful answers, drawing on their prior learning about significant protests such as the Salt March, the suffragettes, the Soweto Uprising and apartheid. Their ability to make connections between different historical movements made for rich and meaningful discussions.

Working in groups, the children explored a series of intriguing "protest boxes" filled with artefacts and both primary and secondary sources linked to demonstrations in Hackney over time. They handled objects, examined evidence and even had the chance to dress up in period clothing, which sparked plenty of excitement! The hands-on nature of the workshop made the experience both fun and highly engaging, and the children came away with a deeper understanding of how people have used their voices to create change throughout history



### INTERNATIONAL DAY & EVENING

On **Wednesday 25th March**, we will be celebrating International Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed in traditional clothing that reflects their culture and heritage, instead of wearing school uniform.

Our International Evening will take place from 4:30pm to 7pm.

Tickets are now available: Adults £2, Children £1. Please buy your ticket in advance—as on the door prices will be higher.



### DRUMMING & DANCE PERFORMANCES

On Monday, there will be drumming and dance performances for Years 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6.

14:00- Performances for Years 3, 5, and 6 (families are invited to attend)

14:45 - Performances for Years 1 and 2 (families are invited to attend)

Please ensure children bring the following clothing to school in a bag so they can change:

- Year 1: PE kit
- Year 2: Brightly coloured clothing
- Year 3: Brightly coloured clothing
- Year 5: Army colours (green, black, or grey)
- Year 6: PE kit

### KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

**Mon 23 March** Drumming & Dance performances:  
2pm - Years 3, 5 & 6, 2.45pm - Years 1 & 2

**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