

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Es un día hermoso..... *It's a beautiful day.....*

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

JTP: PARENT & CHILD COOKING SESSIONS

As part of our ongoing Justin Thompson Project (JTP) we have been really fortunate to have been able to run some parent and child cooking sessions at the Hackney School of Food, over the last month. These have focused on Caribbean and Turkish/Kurdish dishes and have been a lovely opportunity for mums, dads, grandparents and carers to enjoy cooking with their child, in a mixed group of families from across all four of our schools. A few more sessions will run at the start of the summer term, which will include two sessions with Irish inspired dishes, to which we're hoping to welcome some of the Irish and Irish Traveller families from our LEAP schools.

Thanks to the team at the Hackney School of Food for hosting these lovely sessions. We've had some really nice feedback from parents & carers who've taken part so far.

We very much hope to be able to continue to offer these parent and child cooking sessions next year.



"I enjoyed the communal spirit. It was lovely to be cooking with others. It was a nice skill to share with the children." - **Annieth- Gayhurst parent**

"It was great cooking with my son and others because this is not the norm. I learned how to cook fish differently." - **Jamel - Gayhurst parent**

"I really enjoyed spending time with my son and cooking one of my favourite dishes- Jollof. This experience was a great bonding time." - **Alvan, Grasmere parent**

"I had a wonderful experience with my son. This helped to build confidence and learn a new skill." - **Zariyan's dad, Grasmere**

PARENT & CHILD COOKING SESSIONS CONTINUED....

"I couldn't believe how delicious the food we made was. I had a fun time with my grandson." - **Irene, Mandeville**

"I really liked spending time with my daughter and creating a core memory. I learned how to dice properly and loved cooking with my mum." - **Taeyah-Mae and mum, Mandeville**

"It was really exciting for my daughter and gave her lots of confidence. She enjoyed chopping all the ingredients." - **Elizabeth and Rebecca, Kingsmead**

"I learned how to be careful when cutting and also flavouring the food. It's a lovely bonding experience between parent and child." - **Malachi and mum, Kingsmead**



PARENT & CHILD COOKING SESSIONS CONTINUED...



END OF TERM MESSAGE FROM LEAP GOVERNORS

As the Spring Term draws to a close, we've been blown away by the achievements across all four schools. It has been a term where the shared vision of our schools has truly come to life, and as Co-Chairs, we are incredibly proud of the progress we have witnessed.

A highlight of this term has been seeing the ongoing success of the Justin Thompson project. It's been truly inspiring seeing the contributions from the children, families, staff and even the wonderful community from local poets to Hackney School of Food stepping in to share cultures, upbringings and identities that has fuelled meaningful connections.

Through governors recent school visits, we have had the opportunity to find out more about the project's impact firsthand, and it has been heartening to see such a high level of engagement and spirit. Alongside this, Creativity Week provided a spectacular showcase of talent. It was a privilege for the governing board to tour the schools and see such meaningful displays of self and belonging.

At governor visits across the curriculum this term, we've been incredibly pleased with the passions fuelling a rich and diverse education. Governors have also enjoyed meeting parents at the Parent consultation evenings which has been a great opportunity to directly engage with the school community. We'll keep attending these, so do pop along and visit us next time.

END OF TERM MESSAGE FROM GOVERNORS CONTINUED...

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributes to our school life. To our families, for your unwavering support; to our staff, for your energy and inspiration; and to our leadership teams, for your clarity of vision and pivotal direction that guide our schools daily, thank you.

We are immensely proud of our Federation. There is a unique strength in our partnership that allows us to share expertise, resources, and successes. As we look toward a strong and exciting Summer Term, we do so with great anticipation for the final months of the academic year. We wish you all a restful and joyful Spring break.

Shanielle Shrouder & Gill Brady
Co-Chairs of the Governing Board

FREE BOOKS FOR UNDER FIVES

Do you have a child under 5? If you do—did you know you can sign up to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which is open to any Hackney family with a child under five. You will

then receive free, age-appropriate books delivered straight to your home every month!

Registration is easy—click on this link:

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/uk/affiliate/HACKNEY/>



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.

If you haven't already booked, come along to the camp just before 10am and a member of staff will show you how to register....

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD HOLIDAY CAMP DATES

Hackney School of Food are running a cooking holiday camp for children aged 7+ on the following dates:

Mon 30th March, Thurs 2nd April, Tues 7th April, Wed 8th April from 10am - 3pm

Cost is £40 per day (with a limited number of free tickets for families on low income)

You can find out more and links on how to book [here](#).



SUMMER TERM 2026

1st half of term: 13.04.26 - 22.05.26

Half term: 25 - 29 May 2026

2nd half of term: 02.06.26 - 17.07.26

INSET days - Mon 1 June & Mon 20 July

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)			
Phase 2			
Phase 3			



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Liyana I & Annie
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Eli
Squirrel class (Rec) Whole class
Owl class (Rec) Phoenix
Ocean class (Yr 1) Finley & Anaya

River class (Yr 2) Anaiyah & Eli-Blu
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Navi & Soren
Mercury class (Yr 4) Maelle & Jayden B
Mars class (Yr 5) Amelia & Aaqil
Venus class (Yr 6) Azra & Rejoice

MANDEVILLE'S INTERNATIONAL EVENING 2026

Our International Evening is always a lovely opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the rich diversity within our school, and this year's event was no exception. It was a great evening filled with shared experiences, culture and connection. Families enjoyed an amazing selection of international dishes, generously prepared and brought in by members of our community. The range of food was wonderful, and we are so grateful to everyone who contributed. There was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the evening, with many families proudly wearing traditional dress, adding colour and vibrancy to the celebration. We were also treated to some brilliant performances from our children, including **Year 3's African drumming & dance**, **Paddy's** Irish-inspired song, and a performance from the Mandeville School Choir. We were delighted to welcome guest performers **Gulbahar** and **Paja**, who shared traditional Turkish music, as well as **Huong Tran**, who sang beautifully, accompanied on keyboard by her husband **Cang Ton** (Angelia's grandparents). A big thank you to Kaltum and Natalie, along with our staff team, for organising such a successful event. We are also very grateful to **Sergio, Hodan** and **the kitchen team** for keeping everything running smoothly; to **Kayode** from the premises team for preparing the school; to **Fatma** for helping organise the Turkish performances and food; and to all of our **parent volunteers** who supported on the evening. A special mention goes to **Latoya**, whose help throughout- cooking, serving and clearing up- went above and beyond. Finally, thank you to all of our families for your generosity, support and contributions. Events like this are only possible because of you, and you made the evening truly special.

"Such a good time! So lovely to see all the countries and cultures that make up Mandeville. And huge thanks to all the teachers and volunteers who organised it!" - **Matthew, Lilian's dad**

"As always, we had a great time." - **Gavin, Farrah's dad**

"It ran smoothly, families loved the new layout, and the food was delicious! Thank you to everyone that supported throughout the night!" - **Kaltum**

"This was so much fun. I really liked dancing on the stage with my friends." - **Marlowe, year 2**





INTERNATIONAL EVENING CONTINUED.....



SCHOOL OF FOOD'S PLANT, COOK, GROW CLUB REPORT

This week we celebrated the end of Spring Term's Plant Grow Cook after school club at Hackney School of Food which a number of Year 2 have been attending. The children who took part in these sessions, from Mandeville and Kingsmead schools, have been learning how to cook delicious recipes like kale chips, fish cakes and salad picked from our garden. We ended the term with a celebration event, enjoying pizza and black bean cup cakes with parents and families around a campfire in our garden. Next term some Year 5 students will be offered the opportunity to take part in this funded after school club.

Thank you to The Fishmongers' Company's Charitable Trust for supporting this initiative.



KEY DATES

- Mon 30 March to Thurs 2 April** - Mandeville & Kingsmead Spring Holiday camp 10 - 2pm daily
- Mon 13 April** Children return to school for start of Summer Term
- Mon 25 - Fri 29 May** Half term break
- Mon 1 June** INSET day- school closed to children
- Tues 2 June** Children return to school for second half of Summer Term

HAPPY SPRING HOLIDAYS

Mandeville staff wish all our children and their families a happy spring break and we look forward to seeing the children **back at school on Mon 13th April for the start of the Summer Term.**