



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 2nd May 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Vamos a hacer un picnic.....*Let's have a picnic.....*

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

LAUNCH OF SCHOOL OF FOOD'S NEW GARDEN ROOM

Yesterday saw the official opening of the new Hackney School of Food Garden Room. The Garden Room is a vibrant, inclusive hub designed for hands-on garden education, shared meals, and community-centred events. It is a fantastic addition to the Hackney School of Food and Mandeville school offer and will help deliver 'seed-to-spoon' food education for the whole community.

In the morning, the Mayor of Hackney - Cllr Woodley; Deputy Mayor, Cllr Bramble; and Cllr Young, were on hand to cut the flower ribbon to officially open the doors. The councillors enjoyed a seed planting lesson with a class of Mandeville children and were very impressed with the children's knowledge and commented that sowing seeds had never been more fun!

*"The lessons in the garden room are great, i can't wait until my broad bean grows" - **Courage**, Y5*

"The HSoF garden is literally integral to the growth of the minds and bodies of Mandeville children. We have seen a significant improvement in children's knowledge & understanding of the world; of food, nutrition & health; & their understanding and sense of responsibility for the environment.

The new Garden Room facilitates hands-on garden education and is a wonderful addition to the resources the children can access."

Marc Thompson – Mandeville Headteacher



LAUNCH OF NEW GARDEN ROOM CONTINUED.....



Then in the evening the Hackney School of Food held a launch party celebrating the official opening of the Garden Room with friends and supporters of the School of Food and it's gardens. Donors, supporters and volunteers were invited to come and take part in a range of activities in the gardens, including pesto making, butter churning and the construction of a hut bug hotel in the sensory garden area.

Delicious food and drink was served in the Garden Room and several children from Mandeville spoke about what they love about the School of Food and recent sessions they've enjoyed in the Garden Room.

Here are some quotes from some of those who were at the evening party:

Victoria –who is the volunteer recruiter for HSoF: *"I am the first point of contact for volunteers and organise their induction. We have two great volunteer opportunities and are really keen to recruit local people from the nearby community:*

Kitchen Assistants: *who help with the cooking classes as an extra pair of hands.*

Gardening Volunteers: *we are helped by volunteers in the School of Food garden every Friday between 10am — 12noon. Any local people who ideally have a little experience with gardening, but if not just lots of enthusiasm are welcome apply.*

The HSoF Volunteer page where you can find sign up forms [can be found here.](#)

More photos and further quotes from guests can be found overleaf.....

LAUNCH OF HSOF NEW GARDEN ROOM CONTINUED.....

Merinda from Infoysy - *"It is fantastic to see the launch of the Garden Room, and the opportunities it will offer for the expansion of the School of Food's Garden Education programme. It's a great space for private hire too—so a call to action - friends, parents book the space!"*



Lucy from We are Grow "This is an amazing experience to sit here and make fresh pesto using herbs and leaves from this very special garden!"



D.T. AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED.....

The magical exhibition showcased the entire career and creative output of the film-maker and illustrator. It was incredible to see his design process, from original idea in sketchbooks, through to model making and film and learn more about the different types of film making that he has used in his career such as stop motion. The children were fascinated by his work and surprised at how creepy some of it was!

We talked a lot about the different types of design and after lunch we visited the Designer, Maker, User exhibition to think more about the design process and how design focusses on solving problems for the end user. Finally, we got to see a 3D printer in action. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and said that design is 'creative' and 'functional'!



D.T. AMBASSADORS TRIP

On Tuesday the Design & Technology ambassadors from **Kingsmead**, **Gayhurst**, **Mandville** and **Grasmere** came together to visit the excellent **Tim Burton** exhibition at the Design Museum in West London. It was a long journey to get there on the overground, but it was well worth it.



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)	Panther	95	Ocean 98% Mars 88.7%
Phase 2	River	227	
Phase 3	Mars	182	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Jaguar class Therese
Lion class Leandro
Panther class Tasvir & Qismat
Ocean class Ohana
Mountain class Khloe

River class Destiny & Phoebe
Forest class Ope & Suri
Mercury class Ali & Aliza
Mars class Elliott & Taeyah-Mae
Venus class Esther
Jupiter class Ricky Martin

YEAR 5 NEWS

REIMAGINE LONDINIUM PROJECT

It's been a busy start to Summer Term in year 4! In week one, we continued our workshops with Reimagine Londinium. In Autumn term, we visited the remains of Roman London's amphitheatre underneath Guildhall Art Gallery and found out we would be creating art that would be on display around the City of London. We were visited by Jo who started the artwork-side of the project last week. All of us made 3D self portraits using card, so when our final art piece is made, our self-created portraits can be placed next to it. We had a really good (and messy time) making our hair and fashioning Roman togas to wear.



Kamara - "I loved that Jo had so many shades of skin tone to match each person!"

HSOF SESSION

Yesterday, we visited the School of Food as part of our Cooking and Nutrition module in Design and Technology. After learning all about the Eatwell Plate and having a nutritious, balanced diet, it was time to actually make a healthy meal! Chef Yvonne talked us through the ingredients and their seasonality - some of the ingredients had even been grown



in the School of Food gardens! After looking at the ingredients we finally found out the healthy dish we would make: Frittata, pesto and flatbread. We took it in turns to chop up our red pepper, courgette, spring onion and broccoli flowers and then put them into a pan.

YEAR 5 NEWS CONTINUED.....

While they cooked we made pesto with fresh basil, parmesan and olive oil. Once the veg had cooked we added them to our ramekins and seasoned some whipped egg with paprika, salt and pepper and put them in the oven along with our freshly made flatbread dough. The dishes were very healthy, balanced across food groups but most importantly - delicious!



MANDEVILLE'S STEM FAIR

All are welcome to our STEM Fair which will be held next week on **Wednesday 7 May 3.30-4.30pm**. Come and find out about what your child has been learning during their STEM week projects and take part in some fun experiments and activities!

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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
- Fri 23 May** PTA Plant Sale
- 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 4 July** Sports Day Rec—Yr 6
- Thurs 10 July** Summer BBQ
- Fri 11 July** Nursery Sports Day (2 & 3 yr olds)
- Fri 18 July** Last day of Summer term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**