



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 17th April 2026

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

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

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

## LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

Our Easter Holiday Camps were a great success this year, running over four fun-filled days packed with excitement and activity. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a wide range of sessions, including football, dodgeball, dance, art, basketball and cooking at the Kingsmead and Mandeville camp, and football, dodgeball, Arts and crafts, TAG rugby & table tennis at the Gayhurst and Grasmere camp. Each day brought new opportunities for them to try something different, build confidence, and develop new skills in a fun and supportive environment.

It was wonderful to see the children making new friends and children from both schools getting along so well.

Thank you to all the families for your continued support, and to everyone who took part and helped make the camp such a memorable and enjoyable event for all!

*"I loved taking part in the Easter egg hunt on the last day, it was so much fun."* **Ahmet-Mandeville**

*"My favorite activities were cooking and dance. I made a spinach lasagna and took it home for my dinner. I really enjoyed performing our dance routine on the last day to all the other children."* **De'kiyah Mandeville**

*"I attended camp every day. It was great fun and I enjoyed playing football as we had a mini tournament."* **Archie-Lee - Mandeville.**

*"We loved hunting for the Easter Eggs on the last day! -* **Calisa & Marayam Yr 3 Kingsemad**

*"My favourite thing about the camp was playing Dodgeball"* - **Marty Yr 3 Kingsemad**

*"The football was organised like a tournament—it was really good"* - **Gabriel Yr 6 Kingsmead**

*"We had such fun dancing everyday with our friends"* - **Aheli, Yr 3 Kingsmead**

*"It was very entertaining, I only went for one day but I wish I came for the week."* - **Romilly, Gayhurst**

*"I really loved getting to spend time with my new friends from Grasmere"* - **Chanelle, Gayhurst**

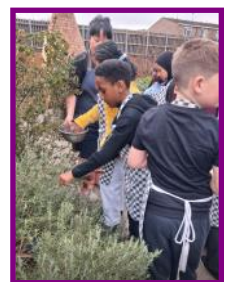
*"There were lots of choice with activities. Everything was set up good."* - **Mia, Gayhurst**

*"I had a lot of fun; the lunches were nice too. I wish it ran longer!"* - **Zebedee, Gayhurst**

*It was really fun, I enjoyed all of the activities and making new friends.* - **Ricki-Leigh, Grasmere**

*It was fun.* - **Benjamin, Grasmere**

*I really enjoyed the food and meeting new people.* - **Eleni, Grasmere**



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### MAYOR OF LONDON'S TEAM FILM AT MANDEVILLE

Just before the end of last term, Mandeville school was excited to welcome a professional filming team to the school as part of a very special project marking ten years of Sadiq Khan's time as Mayor of London. Mandeville children were invited to take part in a video reflecting on what London looks like through the eyes of a 10-year-old. As part of this, a group of year 5 children- **Jayden, Farrah, Zayd and Ariam** worked collaboratively to write a thoughtful letter to the Mayor, sharing their experiences of growing up in Hackney and the changes they have seen in their city. The letter highlighted issues that matter most to them, including free school meals, caring for the environment, growing their own food, and safer streets. Each child then had the opportunity to take part in the filming, reading sections of the letter on camera. It was a fantastic experience for them to see how a real production works and to have their voices heard in such an important project.

We are incredibly proud of how confidently and articulately the children represented Mandeville. The filming team also commented on how brilliant the children were throughout the process. The final video has now been shared publicly, showcasing the children's perspectives and celebrating their role in shaping our city's future. You can watch it here:

[Instagram link](#)

[YouTube link](#)

*"I really enjoyed filming the video. I felt like I was famous, and it was nice to do it with my friends."*-  
**Jayden**



*"Thank you so much, Mandeville. Everyone was brilliant, including the children, very professional."*-  
**Elizabeth, videographer**



### MAYOR'S TEAM FILM AT MANDEVILLE CONTINUED.....

*"I am incredibly proud of the way Jayden, Farrah, Zayd and Ariam represented Mandeville School, sharing their thoughtful reflections on the impact of Sadiq Khan. It is so important that children feel empowered to use their voices, and I was especially proud to see ours contribute so confidently to this special project."* -

**Marc Thompson, Mandeville's Headteacher**



### KINGSMEAD PUPIL'S ART TRAIL PROJECT ON NEWS!

Niovi, a Kingsmead Year 6 pupil, has caused quite a storm with an intriguing creative project she's secretly created. Over a period of weeks, under the name **Talking Tree Collective**, she created a trail on Hackney Marshes inviting those passing through to step into a world where trees have stories to tell...



Niovi & her Dad often walk on the marshes



A Talking Tree Collective mystery sign

This lovely informal art trail features small signs nestled among the trees—each one revealing the imagined inner thoughts and secret lives of the woodland. Word spread and her creation was covered first by the [Hackney Citizen newspaper](#) and then by [BBC local news!](#)

Niovi's classmates in Kingsmead's Year 6 have already enjoyed a walk on the Hackney Marshes reading the trees' stories. Make sure you make time to go and explore them over the coming weeks. Well done Niovi for this imaginative and creative project.



### HACKNEY'S 10x10 OFFER

Hackney Education's 10x10 programme have developed new resources to support families to support every child in Hackney to achieve 10 activities by the age of 10.

[10x10 Padlet for Families and Children](#)

Hackney Education aim to help all of our Hackney children experience a broader range of skills, interests and opportunities. They believe the 10x10 activities will help every child to improve their emotional, physical and social wellbeing, developing a strong sense of identity and feel a valued part of Hackney.

### HACKNEY'S 10x10 OFFER CONTINUED.....



### HACKNEY MUSIC SERVICE FREE CHOIR TASTER SESSION

Do you have a child who loves to sing? Hackney Music Service are holding an absolutely free of charge Taster Session for the **Hackney Borough Youth Choir (Yrs 4-6)** and the **Senior Vocal Ensemble (Yr7+)** on **Wednesday 22 April**.

The sessions will take place after school. Please contact Hackney Music Service in advance, if you are interested in your child taking part in the taster session—so they can capture all necessary emergency contact details, and share all details of venue and timings.

The Hackney Music Service are working on a programme with the London Community Gospel Choir this term so this is a fantastic time to get involved.

They are especially keen to involve more boys from both primary and secondary schools.

## Do you love to sing?

We are recruiting young singers to join the Hackney Borough Youth Choir (Yr4-6) & Senior Vocal Ensemble (Yr7+)

HBYC is an inclusive musical community that brings together singers from Hackney schools to regularly perform joyful, uplifting and diverse repertoire.

Join us for a free of charge taster session after school on **Wednesday 22 April 2026**.

For venue details & times, please call 020 3076 1535 or email [xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk)

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## 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)	Rabbit/	82	River 98.6% Venus 98.5%
Phase 2	Ocean	294	
Phase 3	Jupiter	299	



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Rabbit class** (2-3 Nur) Reuben  
**Hedgehog class** (3-4 Nur) Saint  
**Squirrel class** (Rec) Lenny  
**Owl class** (Rec) Eliz Sade  
**Ocean class** (Yr 1) Nova & Ethan

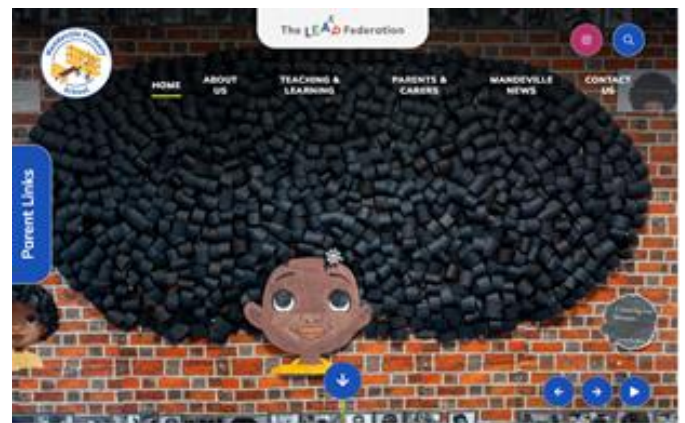
**River class** (Yr 2) Madiha & Hamid  
**Jupiter class** (Yr 3) Starlia-Jae & Io  
**Mercury class** (Yr 4) Kaitlyn & Deniz  
**Mars class** (Yr 5) James Christopher & Kyla-Rose  
**Venus class** (Yr 6) Samantha Rose & Swafaa

## DRUMMING & DANCE PERFORMANCES

Our drumming and dance performances at the end of last term, were a true celebration of skill, teamwork, and joyful creativity. The children showcased fantastic rhythm, co-ordination, and dedication, impressing everyone with their confidence and enthusiasm. It was clear how much effort they had put into practising, and their hard work shone brightly on stage. Staff, families, and fellow pupils were all incredibly proud of their achievements and the vibrant energy they brought to each performance.

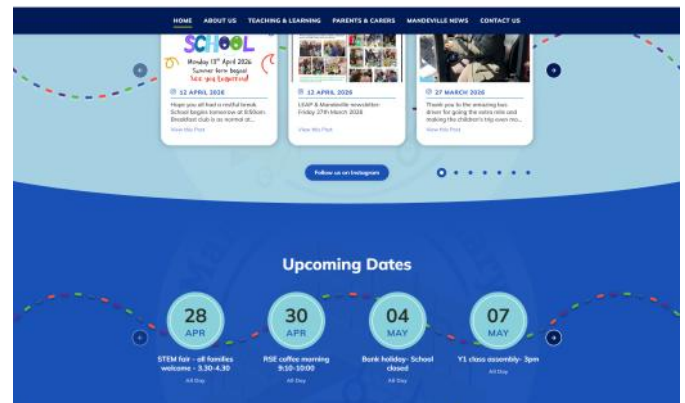


## MANDEVILLE'S NEW WEBSITE



Welcome to **Mandeville Primary School**

As some of you may already have noticed, Mandeville has an updated new school website. The new website is on a more up to date platform which will hopefully be much easier to access and read on mobile phones. There are quick parent links on the top left side of the Home Page which take you straight through to School Lunches, Newsletters and Term Dates pages. We also have an Upcoming Dates area on the Home Page which links through to the school website calendar, which we hope parents and carers will find helpful.



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Please remember to inform the main office of any changes to your contact details i.e: home number, mobile phone number, address, or if your child has a medical condition.



### RECEPTION CLASS NEWS



This week, Reception began exploring their artist for the term, Henri Matisse. They created beautiful snail collages inspired by his work, before taking a stroll to the marshes to make spiral snails using natural materials they found. Working collaboratively in teams, the children produced some truly lovely artwork.



### MANDEVILLE PTA NOTICE

Mandeville Primary School Community will have a group of children from the school taking part in the **Hackney Schools Challenge @Hackney Marshes on Saturday 16th May** (part of Hackney Moves Festival—[www.hackneymoves.com/schools-challenge](http://www.hackneymoves.com/schools-challenge)).

The school are arranging a group of runners for children in Yr 3—6 - please contact Ellie Abel (Assistant Headteacher) if you want to find out more.

The Mandeville PTA would also like to arrange for a group of interested Yr 1 & 2 children. Please contact the PTA through the WhatsApp group or [PTAmandeville@outlook.com](mailto:PTAmandeville@outlook.com) with your child's details (name and year group) if you would be interested in them taking part. Deadline for registering interest is **Wednesday 22nd April**. Places will be given on a first come, first served basis.

This is a PTA led activity and we will support the meet-up on the day and have adult runners supporting the kids on the run. All parents would be responsible for their children on the day prior to and after the run. A small group of parents can run with the kids. You will be able to collect your child right after the run finishes.

### PARENT WELLNESS GROUP

**Parent Wellness Course**  
Being, Mindful & Kindful to Yourself

8<sup>th</sup> May - 26<sup>th</sup> June, Fridays 10 - 12 pm  
at Rushmore Primary School in the Music Room

6-week course run by Dr Su Batuwitige Psychologist

This wellness group is for parents/carers who would like a nurturing space for their wellbeing and to develop a practice of mindfulness and compassion to support them with caring for themselves and their families

This group is designed to help you to develop your own self-care practice, to make time for yourself and to meet other parents/carers who also want a space to recuperate and rest

Use the QR code or the weblink to access the Eventbrite page to register for this course:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-wellness-course-hackney>  
or [su.batu@nhs.uk](mailto:su.batu@nhs.uk) or [02030118228](tel:02030118228)




City & Hackney Alliance NHS East London NHS Foundation Trust

A new parent wellness course is starting at nearby Rushmore Primary School, open to all local parents, from 10—12 on Friday mornings from 8th May to 26th June. If you 'd like to sign up or get more information please use [this link](#).

### YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP PARENT MEETING

A reminder that there is a Residential Trip meeting for Year 6 parents and carers at 5pm on Wednesday 22nd April, next week.

### KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Wed 22 April** Y6 Residential trip parent meeting 5pm
- Tues 28 April** STEM fair - all families welcome 3.30-4.30
- Thurs 30 April** RSE coffee morning 9:10-10:00
- Mon 4 May** Bank holiday
- Thurs 7 May** Y1 class assembly
- Thurs 21 May** Y2 class assembly
- 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
- Thurs 11 June** Y3 class assembly
- Thurs 9 July** Summer BBQ
- Mon 13 July** Drumming & dance performance (timings TBC)
- Tues 14 July** Sports Day for Rec to Y6
- Weds 15 July** Y6 production, 5pm
- Thurs 16 July** Y6 leavers disco (after 3.30, exact timings TBC)
- Fri 17 July** Last day of Summer Term - **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**