



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 24th April 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

No necesito mi chaqueta..... *I don't need my jacket.....*

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

LEAP STEM WEEK

Learning, Creativity and Sustainability in Action

Last week, LEAP was buzzing with excitement as children across the federation took part in our annual STEM Week. Through hands-on projects, teamwork and creative problem-solving, children explored science, technology, engineering and maths in meaningful and enjoyable ways – all with a strong focus on sustainability and caring for our planet!

In Nursery and Reception, our youngest learners delighted in scientific discovery as they experimented with bubbles and ice. Children explored questions such as What makes bubbles strong? and How does ice change as it melts? Through play, observation and discussion, pupils developed early scientific vocabulary and a sense of curiosity about the world around them.

'The ice melts really fast!' - Jeremiah (Rec, Mandeville)

'It all just looks brown.' - Zayn (Rec, Mandeville)

'My tower is melting fast'—Mya (Rec, Mandeville)



Year 1 turned their attention to sustainability by creating recycled planters. Using reused materials, children learned about reducing waste and the importance of plants for our environment. They proudly designed planters that combined creativity with care for nature.

In Year 2, children became mini conservationists by constructing bug hotels. They explored habitats and learned why insects are so important for biodiversity. The finished bug hotels are a wonderful example of practical science supporting wildlife.

Year 3 focused on helping birds, designing and building bird feeders. Pupils investigated what birds need to survive and how humans can support local ecosystems, linking design and technology with environmental responsibility.



"I enjoyed making the bird feeders and I felt excited that birds were going to come" - Immanuel(Y3 Kingsmead)

LEAP STEM WEEK CONTINUED...



Year 4, our enthusiastic "Wind Warriors", explored renewable energy by making wind turbines. Children tested different blade designs to see how efficiently they could capture wind energy, learning about forces, engineering and the importance of clean energy sources.

In Year 5, pupils tackled the challenge of climate change head-on by "Beating the Flood". They designed and built sustainable houses on stilts, considering real-world flooding risks and how thoughtful design can protect communities while working with the environment. *"I loved using recycled materials to create a flood-proof home. Ours survived the flood (testing in water!)" – Sianna (Y5, Grasmere)*



Finally, Year 6 took on the ambitious task of designing a sustainable 'green' city. From renewable energy and transport to green spaces and waste management, pupils created detailed models and wrote a city charter, setting out the values and rules their city would live by. This project combined science, geography, citizenship as well as leadership skills.



"Our city uses renewable energy and has lots of green spaces. The city charter helps everyone live fairly and look after the planet." – Mohammed (Y6, Gayhurst)

STEM Week was a fantastic example of learning coming to life. We are incredibly proud of the curiosity, creativity and teamwork shown by children across the federation – and we hope they enjoyed sharing their ideas and creations with you at home too!

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LEAP & BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

This week all four LEAP schools were treated to an amazing concert at the Hackney Empire. Performed by musicians from the BBC Symphony Orchestra, and presented by renowned saxophonist and broadcaster Yolanda Brown, the concert presented pieces from the BBC 10 Pieces collection. The pieces in this concert represented the history of classical music from Hildegard of Bingen, writing 1000 years ago, to Margaret Bonds, responding to 20th Century struggles for civil rights in America. Each piece, all of them performed fantastically, was full of wonder and inspiration. There was even the opportunity to create a musical Time Machine, learn a dance, and sing a 3-part round! It was a fantastic afternoon of listening and learning.

“The music and lights were really calming” **Shiloh** (Mandeville Y4)

“The orchestra played their instruments so well!” **Archie** (Mandeville Y4)

“The music helped me to imagine stories in my mind” **Echo** (Gayhurst Y4)

“I loved watching the lights change as they performed” **Rufus** (Gayhurst Y4)

‘I really liked how they time travelled from music from 1 thousand years ago to now. It made me so excited.’ **Romi** (Gayhurst Y4)

‘I liked how funny the show was ad I really liked how they played lots of music from all over the world and time-lines.’ **Cecelia** (Gayhurst Y4)

‘I really enjoyed going to Hackney Empire and one of my favourite pieces was by Beethoven’. **Sasha** (Gayhurst Y4)

“One of the pieces reminded me of playing video games with my brothers” **Ziggy** (Grasmere Y4)

‘I really enjoyed the orchestra because I love listening to classical music’ - **Emir** (Grasmere Y4)

‘The colours looked cool and matched the music very well. I liked how they told us about the music that was popular from different generations, starting in 1770’ - **Gideon**, (Kingsmead Y5)

‘It was fun and I liked the way they were playing together, it sounded good. I liked the cellos best’ - **Skye**, (Kingsmead Y5)



BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT CONTINUED.....





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)	Owl	68	Ocean 98% Mars 98.9%
Phase 2	River	201	
Phase 3	Mars	254	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

- Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Josiah
- Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Eshal
- Squirrel class (Rec) Dion
- Owl class (Rec) Destiny
- Ocean class (Yr 1) Akuol & Paloma

- River class (Yr 2) Sully & Khloe
- Jupiter class (Yr 3) Phoebe & Lenni
- Mercury class (Yr 4) Isabel & Shiloh
- Mars class (Yr 5) Alias & Farrah
- Venus class (Yr 6) Anayah & Courage

YEAR 4's ROMAN ART TRAIL WORKSHOP

Earlier this week Year 4 participated in part of the Roman Art Trail Project, creating pieces of artwork that will eventually be displayed around London. They made self-portraits inspired by Roman art by using paper. *"I feel really proud of mine!" - Jayden.*

Different children used different techniques and shared ideas with others. It was inspiring to see how creatively year 4 tackled tough tasks!

"I figured out that you can trace the back of the image to find the rough shape of each part." -Mal.



YEAR 6 FUN RUN

Last week, Year 6 organised an exciting fundraising event. To help raise money for their school residential to Kench Hill in June, all of the children completed a 'Fun Run' on Hackney Marshes. Supported by Ellie, James and our families, they ran as many laps of a 150m circuit as they could in twenty minutes. Everyone was asked to find family and friends who could sponsor them per lap, so the more laps they ran, the more money we would raise. It was amazing to see how each and every one of them pushed themselves to complete as many laps as possible. Hats off, Year 6, and let's hope we can raise enough to make Kench Hill really special!





NETBALL CHAMPIONS!

On Monday 16th March Hackney borough had a competitive finals to decide who would be crowned Hackney's best for Bee Netball.

A huge congratulations to Mandeville for winning the competition, and a massive well done to the other schools for competing and getting to the finals stage.

Freddy said *'I'm so proud of the netball team, they spent a lot of time practicing and were able to overcome any challenges they faced during the tournament.'*

We are all really proud of the Mandeville Netball team for their achievement



STEM FAIR REMINDER

A reminder that next week on Tuesday, after school, from 3.30 - 4.30pm we'll be holding our STEM Fair for parents to come and see all the great work the children carried out during STEM week.



EDUCATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER



Hello Mandeville Community! I'm **Anna** and I am an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) from City & Hackney Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). I will be working collaboratively with Mandeville Primary school, including teachers and parents, to support pupils who may be experiencing common low-level mental health difficulties. I will be offering support in understanding and managing anxiety, low mood

and behaviour difficulties. These can be delivered via individual one to one parent work, group work for pupils or parents. I will be based at Mandeville Primary School on Thursday mornings. I look forward to working with many pupils and parents soon!

If you would like to access support from the Mental Health Support Team, please speak to Natalie the Designated Mental Health Lead.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

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| Tues 28 April | STEM fair - all families welcome 3.30-4.30 |
| Thurs 30 April | RSE coffee morning 9:10-10:00 |
| Fri 1 May | PTA Cake Sale after school |
| 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 |