



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 9th May 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar al aire libre, es genial en primavera.....  
*I like to play outside, it's great in the Spring.....*

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

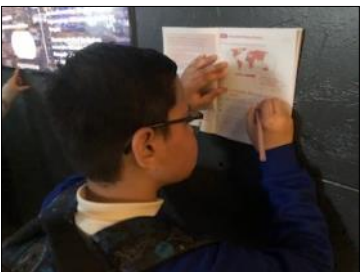
## GEOGRAPHY AMBASSADORS VISIT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Last week the Geography ambassadors from **Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville** and **Grasmere** went on a special trip together. After meeting throughout the year in their ambassador teams at their respective schools, all of the LEAP geography team finally got to meet each other for the first time at the Natural History Museum. The ambassadors were given books with clues and had to go on a fact hunt through the Active Planet gallery. Later, we all went to a special workshop on Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We saw a demonstration of how a seismometer works, learnt how volcanoes form and some of us even got to take part.

**Laria** was invited up to show how lava flows (don't worry, it was wax, not real lava!) **Bilisan** and **Millie May** got to rescue some of the residents living nearby a model volcano from an imminent eruption. After that, we had just enough time to experience the earthquake simulator before heading home. It was great to make new friends across LEAP and share our passion for geography during the day!



**Hanif** - "Seeing the waves on the seismometer when we all banged our feet was crazy!"



**Bilisan** - "I liked when I had to rush to save the toys from the eruption!"

**Teddy** - "The trip was great, I loved taking part in the workshop."



## EARLY ADOPTERS BREAKFAST SCHEME

Some parents have been asking questions about the Early Adopter Breakfast club scheme because some media circulated a false list of schools that were participating in this scheme. Grasmere was incorrectly listed as taking part.

The scheme is a new government pilot which involves offering 30 minutes of free childcare to schools in the 30 minutes before school, the idea is that all schools will eventually take part in this scheme but for now only the schools on this list are taking part.

[Breakfast clubs early adopters: schools in the scheme - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/breakfast-clubs-early-adopters-schools-in-the-scheme). Mandeville is one of the schools and will pilot the scheme and feed back on how it works.

## FEDERATION: LATEST NEWS

The Governors from both Governing Bodies (Grasmere and the Leap Federation) met this week and agreed that Grasmere and the LEAP schools would join together to form a new federation from September 2025, on a permanent basis.

The governors will be in touch with more details soon but we thought everyone should know as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the consultation - your views and thoughts will help guide us to create our new structure.

## FREE SWIMMING LESSONS MAY HALF TERM FOR YEARS 5 & 6

**Are there children in year 5 & 6 who aren't yet confident swimmers?** Hackney Council want to help support children to gain this important life skill! They are offering the opportunity for children in Years 5 & 6 to have one week of funded intensive lessons during May Half Term at Kings Hall Leisure Centre.

The offer includes free costumes, goggles and swimming cap and child membership to the local pool funded by Sports England in partnership with Better and Hackney Council's 10x10 programme

<https://forms.office.com/e/9T5fcqKxHm>

**Places are on a first come first served notice and families need to sign up their children by 11th May.**

You can see a short film about how the sessions will run by clicking [this link](#):





**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)	Lion/Jaguar	55	Mountain 97.6% Mars 98.5%
Phase 2	Ocean	109	
Phase 3	Venus	148	



**WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS**

**Jaguar class** Riley  
**Lion class** Linora  
**Panther class** Findlay & Zoya  
**Ocean class** Kalel  
**Mountain class** Halima

**River class** Taylor & Starr  
**Forest class** Ruben & Taynara  
**Mercury class** Merita & Melike  
**Mars class** Jaedon & Alvin  
**Venus class** Sofia  
**Jupiter class** Samuel

**STEM FAIR**

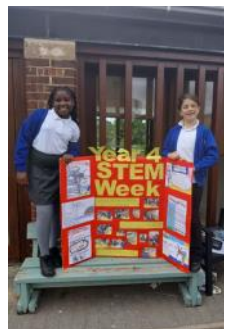
STEM fair took place this week at Mandeville, with a focus on sustainability. Children in **Nursery** explored bubbles by making their own lava lamps and the **Reception** children explored ice and how it is formed. **Year 1** children showed off their recycled planters for growing plants and in **Year 2**, the children designed and made their own bug hotels. **Year 3** designed and created bird feeders which they plan to keep in the school garden. Children in **Year 4** proudly presented their wind turbines to families and were able to explain which blade harnessed the wind most effectively. In **Year 5** the children designed and built flood proof houses and the **Year 6** children collectively built a model sustainable city. The children were proud to explain what they had learnt during the week. Families had a chance to explore other investigations such as using code to fly drones, extreme explosions caused by chemical reactions and how refraction works.

*"I liked learning about what everyone else had done during STEM week, especially how to make wind turbines." – Ellie May.*

*"In the Extreme Explosion investigation, I tried adding more mentos sweets to see if it would make a bigger explosion but it didn't!" – Muhammad*

*"My favourite thing was the refraction investigation. I made a really cool design and then when I put it in the water the light made it look like it had disappeared." – Kelsey.*

**STEM FAIR CONTINUED.....**





### AI CLASS VISIT

On Thursday, year 5 had a workshop exploring the world of artificial intelligence. Volunteers from a company specialising in AI came to Mandeville and explained the benefits of using AI. The children even had an opportunity to create drawings using AI, along with various other activities. "We learnt about technology and artificial intelligence" -Amirah.



### YR 3 VISIT SCHOOL OF FOOD

On Tuesday, Year 3 visited the Hackney School of Food. The children were very excited to get to work with Chef Tom again and this time they learnt how to prepare their own bread and bean stew! Year 3 kneaded and shaped their bread. Whilst it baked, they worked in groups to prepare the stew. Each child got the chance to improve their knife skills and learnt how to work safely in the kitchen. We had a great time and can't wait for our next visit!

**Iqra** - 'My stew smelt so good!'

**Jayden** - 'We learnt that it's important to season our food but too much salt can be bad for your health.'



### BREAKFAST CLUB

Mandeville has been selected for the Early Adopter new government breakfast club scheme. This will change the way our breakfast club is funded and organised. We have changed the last half an hour of our breakfast club - from 8.20 to 8.50am, to be free to all (year 1 to year 6), but children must arrive **at 8.20am** to gain access to the club.

As with before, food will not be served after 8.30am

The first thirty-five minutes from 7.45am to 8.20am will cost £1 (or 50p if your child is eligible for FSM) .

### YEAR 6 SATS NEXT WEEK

Next week, from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May, Year 6 will be completing their SATs. Our Year 6 pupils have been diligent and focused so far this year and worked tirelessly and with complete determination to ensure they are well prepared for the upcoming statutory tests. To support their preparation we are offering free breakfast club places for every year 6 pupil from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May. We will have healthy snacks, refreshments and a calm and supportive atmosphere - children can come along anytime from 8:00am. Food will stop being served at 8.40am.

It is especially important that ALL CHILDREN are in school by 8.55am. Please make sure Year 6 children get lots of sleep and go to bed early so they are rested and ready to reach their full potential.

We are all very proud of all their hard work and preparation and we are looking forward to many reward trips and fun activities in the forthcoming weeks

### KEY DATES THIS TERM

<b>Fri 16 May</b>	Year 2 cake sale
<b>Thurs 22 May</b>	2C Class assembly
<b>Fri 23 May</b>	PTA Plant Sale
<b>Mon 26 - Fri 30 May</b>	Half term break
<b>Mon 2 June</b>	INSET day (school closed to children)
<b>Fri 6 June</b>	Year 3 cake sale
<b>Fri 13 June</b>	Year 4 cake sale
<b>Fri 20 June</b>	Year 5 cake sale
<b>Fri 27 June</b>	Year 6 cake sale
<b>Fri 4 July</b>	Sports Day Rec—Yr 6
<b>Fri 11 July</b>	Nursery Sports Day (2 & 3 yr olds) + Mandeville's Summer BBQ
<b>Fri 18 July</b>	Last day of Summer term - <b>school closes early at 1.30pm for children</b>