



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 22nd May 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta mirar las mariposas *I like to watch the butterflies*

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

EXCITING FILMING IN MANDEVILLE'S KITCHEN

This week Mandeville school were delighted to welcome the charity Chefs in Schools (with whom the LEAP federation work closely) into school to film some of the fantastic work taking place in our kitchen and dining hall. The filming also involved renowned chef Nicole Pisani, (who used to be the Head Chef at Gayhurst school) who worked alongside Mandeville's brilliant Head Chef, Hodan. The filming focused on the high-quality, freshly prepared food our children enjoy at Mandeville, and how our school is already showing what is possible in relation to the proposed School Food Standards. The team captured the kitchen in action, including food being prepared from scratch, the salad bar, finished dishes, and children enjoying their lunches.

A special thank you goes to Hodan, who showcased the care, skill and creativity that goes into school meals every day. The filming also highlighted the important role that school food plays in children's wellbeing, readiness to learn and wider school life. We are proud that Mandeville has been chosen to help share this positive message more widely. It is a lovely recognition of the work happening across Mandeville and the LEAP Federation schools, from the kitchen teams to staff supporting children at lunchtimes, and of LEAP's commitment to providing children with healthy, enjoyable food they want to eat.



"It was nice to work with Nicole again and to be one of the schools helping to improve school lunches for children. We are very proud that all of our food is cooked fresh every day." - **Hodan**, Mandeville chef

"I love the lunch because there are so many options on the menu and the salad bar is the best." - **Salma**, year 2

FILMING IN MANDEVILLE'S KITCHEN CONTINUED....

"It has been such a pleasure to see Hodan grow into the chef and leader she is today. She knows exactly what she is doing in the kitchen and brings a unique culinary flavour to the team; we had an okra salad that we couldn't get enough of and her leadership is kind as well as knowledgeable" - Nicole, Chefs in Schools



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FAMILY COACH SERVICE

The Family Coach Service are offering a number of different events in the next half of Summer Term to support Hackney parents of children with special needs (no formal diagnosis needed). All events are free and sign ups are on a first-come, first-served basis.

To sign up for any of the events please email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk with:

- Your name
- Child's school
- The name of the event(s) you would like to attend

A member of our team will then send a confirmation email.

Family Coach Service
Summer 2 Wellbeing Walks 2026*

For parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities.
No formal diagnosis or Educational Health Care Plan necessary.

<p>Wednesday 24th of June, 10 - 11 am A walk to connect Create something for others to connect with on their walks Meeting: Hackney Downs Mosaic Project</p>	<p>Monday 6th of July 1 - 2 pm A walk to focus Take notice to your surroundings whilst focusing on your own choices Meeting: New River Cafe, Clissold Park</p>
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To sign up please email: familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

Can't make the walks but still want to be part of the community? Please email us to be sent the walks to complete in your own time.

*We need a minimum of 3 parents attending to be able to go ahead. If we don't have at least 3 parents sign up, we may cancel the session the day before. Anyone who has signed up will be notified via email

FAMILY COACH SERVICE CONTINUED.....

The Family Coach Service
Cake, Coffee and wins

Friday 3rd of July 1 - 2pm

- Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, E8 1DY
- Open to any parent who's previously attended a Parent Empowerment Group
- Connect with the groups and share journeys, the highlights and the sticky bits!
- Celebrate you and think about how you continue to maintain the changes you made

To confirm your place, please email familycoachehackney.gov.uk

FELIX EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME



The Felix Project's Employability programme is open to receive applications. This programme offers 2 days per week across 8 weeks of building skills that employers

want to see in a friendly working environment with the possibility of getting qualifications e.g: Food & Hygiene Level 2, Manual Handling training etc.

Applications are open to **anyone over 18 who has the right to work in the UK.**

You can [find out more here](#) and the [referral form](#) can be found here.

The Felix Project is a charity that rescues good-to-eat surplus food that cannot be sold but would otherwise go to waste from across the food industry.

Their Employability Programme runs from their Poplar warehouse on Tuesdays and Thursday from Tuesday 16th June to Thursday 13th August.

If you are interested please apply asap.



Understanding Autism Training

Are you waiting for assessment or does your child already have an Autism Diagnosis?

Are you curious and would you like to know more about Autism?

"Helping to develop good autism practice"

Sign me up!
familycoach@hackney.gov.uk
Let us know which session you'd like to attend. We look forward to working with you!

Understanding Autism Training for Parents*
Tuesday 16th of June, 10 am - 12pm (ONLINE)

*We need a minimum of 3 parents attending to be able to go ahead. If we don't have at least 3 parents sign up, we may cancel the session the day before. Anyone who has signed up will be notified via email.

The Family Coach Service's 5 week Parent Empowerment Group

Finding tools to support your child's independence

@ Nightingale Primary School (E5 8NA)
Thursdays 9:15-10:45 am

All families with a child that has a need within any of the 4 areas of SEND are welcome. We are a needs based service. No EHCP or formal diagnosis is needed.

4 Areas of SEND Communication & Interaction Cognition and Learning Social, Emotional & Mental Health Sensory and Physical	11th OF JUNE 9:15-10:45AM Areas of independence	18th OF JUNE 9:15-10:45AM How do we learn to be independent?	25th OF JUNE 9:15-10:45AM Tools for independence
	2nd OF JULY 9:15-10:45AM Your capacity for their independence	9th OF JULY 9:15-10:45AM Maintaining the changes	

There are 10 spaces available. We ask that you're able to attend all 5 sessions. To sign up email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk with: Your name, Child's school



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)	Squirrel 68	Ocean 98.2% Venus 98.4%
Phase 2	River 310	
Phase 3	Mercury 242	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Reuben & Josiah
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Saint
Squirrel class (Rec) Dacre
Owl class (Rec) Safaa
Ocean class (Yr 1) Illiana & Tyler B

River class (Yr 2) Whole class
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Jah'kel & Destiny
Mercury class (Yr 4) Abigail & Jayon
Mars class (Yr 5) Phoebe & Tezayn
Venus class (Yr 6) Louie & Guilhermeo

LANGLANG INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FOUNDATION VISIT MANDEVILLE

On Wednesday, Mandeville had an exciting visit from the Lang Lang International Music Foundation (LLIMF), who provided our amazing piano lab. This was an opportunity for key figures from the foundation, including the CEO, **Leszek Barwiński-Brown**, the chairwoman, **Amy Lam**, and other partners of the foundation, to see the Mandeville's pianists in action and they were very impressed! All who attended were amazed by the piano skills of our Year 4 children, who have only been learning the piano since September. The visit was a testament to the impact of this piano lab on our school and the fantastic work that we can achieve in partnership with LLIMF.

"Since I started playing piano, I feel happier now." **Matthias**

"When I play piano, I feel joyful." **Kamari**



YEAR 5 GO TO BRITISH MUSEUM

Year 5 had a fantastic visit to the British Museum this week. A particular highlight was finally seeing the Benin Bronzes in person. Having studied the Kingdom of Benin in class, the children were excited to connect their learning to real artefacts and revisit the important discussions we have been having about where the bronzes should be kept.

Martin shared his excitement, saying, "I loved seeing the British Museum. I still can't believe how big it was!"

Ameerah was especially inspired by the African exhibits, commenting, "I loved seeing all the ancient African artefacts, especially the Benin Bronzes, although I believe they should be returned to Nigeria where they belong."

Connecting our classroom learning to the exhibition created enthusiasm and excitement and truly brought our class debates to life.



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HACKNEY MOVES FESTIVAL

Last Saturday, 16th May, our brilliant children, including some of the MDV running team, took part in the Hackney Moves Festival 1.1-mile race and what an amazing morning it was! The Hackney Moves Festival is always a fun and inspiring event, filled with music, energy and a fantastic community atmosphere.

A huge well done to all of the children who completed the race with determination, enthusiasm and huge smiles throughout. The children and families were in fantastic spirits, and it was wonderful to see such dedication, hard work, teamwork and a massive sense of fun from everyone involved.

A special mention goes to Ellie, Kaltum, John and two of our parents, who also took part in the race and were incredibly proud of the whole running team. An extra congratulations goes to John, who then went on to compete in the adult 5K race later in the day - and came first place!

We would also like to congratulate everyone from our Mandeville community who completed the Hackney Half Marathon on Sunday, an incredible achievement! We are so proud of every runner and hope to see even more children joining us next year as we continue to grow the MDV running team!

'It was so special to see so many runners from Mandeville taking part, enjoying themselves and pushing themselves. It was particularly special to see the runners from run club that have been training all year. We would love to have more of you join us ready for next year.' - **John**

'The whole morning was so much fun, even with the early Saturday start! Seeing children from across the school all supporting each other was really special. I felt very, very proud to be part of the Mandeville team. Anyone who isn't already signed up but loves to run, join the MDV Run Club - we'd love to have you!' - **Ellie.**



HACKNEY MOVES FESTIVAL CONTINUED.....

"Well done to all our runners, especially some of our youngest children who pushed until the very end. A huge thank you to the families who cheered us on!" - **Kaltum**



KEY DATES FOR THIS 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
- Tues 2 -Fri 5 June** Y6 Residential trip
- Thurs 11 June** Y3 class assembly 3pm
- Thurs 9 July** Summer BBQ 4.30—7.30pm
- 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**