



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 5th June 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**

## BLUE PETER BOOK CLUB EXPERIENCE FOR KINGSMEAD

Four Kingsmead pupils, **Aisha, Apollo, Teddy and Nylah**, were recently chosen to take part in a special Blue Peter Book Club feature, reviewing *The Adventures of Rap Kid* by MC Grammar. The programme aired on CBBC and is currently available to watch on BBC iPlayer. You can see the section featuring the children [here](#).

As part of the experience, the children met MC Grammar, who visited Kingsmead to lead an exciting rap workshop. Inspired by the book, the children worked together to create and perform their own original raps, developing their creativity, confidence and performance skills.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the filming and were fantastic ambassadors for their school throughout the project.

**Teddy** (yr 6) said, *"It was the best experience of my life."*

**Nylah** (yr 6) said, *"I really enjoyed recording our rap, it was so much fun."*

**Aisha** (Yr 6) said, *"It felt surreal filming for Blue Peter."*

We are incredibly proud of Aisha, Apollo, Teddy and Nylah for representing Kingsmead school so brilliantly. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading, creativity and self-expression, and one they will remember for many years to come.



### BLUE PETER BOOK CLUB CONTINUED.....



## JTP PARENT SURVEY

As this year's Justin Thompson Project draws towards an end, we would very much appreciate parent and carer feedback on their experience of participating in the project. Here's a short reminder of some of the elements of the project that you might have been involved in since September last year:

**My Name** - discussions with your child about the story of their name and why you chose it.

**My Story** - sharing elements of your families' story, your childhood memories, creating My Story posters using photos from your past, children's work with visiting poets, story jars, story stones etc

**Story Exchange** - child and parent cooking sessions at School of Food, sharing family recipes, phrases, favourite songs, multi-generational interactions and sharing of stories.

**My Future Story** - children thinking about their hopes and dreams.

Please do take a minute to complete this short online questionnaire so we can gather feedback from LEAP families about the project. Thank you.

JTP Parent Feedback 25-26





## 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/	68	Ocean 98.4% Mars 98.2%
Phase 2	River	209	
Phase 3	Mercury	174	



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Rabbit class** (2-3 Nur) Jahmarl  
**Hedgehog class** (3-4 Nur) Shaylan  
**Squirrel class** (Rec) Jamie  
**Owl class** (Rec) John Caesar  
**Ocean class** (Yr 1) Qismat & Pip

**River class** (Yr 2) Mason & Ahmet  
**Jupiter class** (Yr 3) Lulu & Esila  
**Mercury class** (Yr 4) Mischa & Jayden B  
**Mars class** (Yr 5) Yusuf & Mohammed  
**Venus class** (Yr 6) Whole class

## YEAR 6'S RESIDENTIAL TRIP

This week, Year 6 went on their residential trip to the Kench Hill Centre. Situated approximately sixty miles from Hackney, in the Kent countryside, Kench Hill has been used for decades as an outdoor education centre for schoolchildren. The trip was an opportunity for our Year 6s to gain new experiences, face a range of challenges, and develop greater independence as they approach the transition to Secondary School.

Setting off on Tuesday, the stay began with a chance to settle in, find rooms and unpack. After a delicious lunch, this was quickly followed by a country walk that included wading through a stream - trying not to get too wet on the way!

The next day included activities such as archery, pizza making and shelter building, all conducted in the premises and grounds of Kench Hill. Year 6 even got to eat their pizzas for dinner!

On Thursday, the final full day, there was orienteering, bouldering and a very windy trip to the beach at Camber Sands. After returning completely covered in sand, the evening was spent completing a Junior Taskmaster challenge and celebrating Jesse's eleventh birthday!

Finally, to conclude their stay, Year 6 participated in the Kench Hill Olympics. This involved a series of team activities that are designed to promote cooperation and resilience. Before they knew it, the coach had arrived and it was time to return to Mandeville.

Throughout the week, our Year 6s made sure to give us a reason to be proud of each and every one of them. What a memorable experience for all of the children & staff involved. Our guess is that everyone will sleep well tonight!

Finally, we would like to say an absolutely ENORMOUS thank you to the **Mandeville PTA** for the support with getting the Year 6s to Kench Hill! All your input has made a huge difference - thank you!

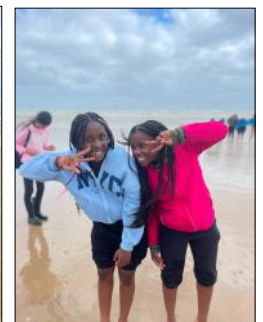


## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP CONTINUED.....

*'I loved it, my favourite part was just the free time and football, especially when I scored a goal.'* - **Zain**

*'School journey was incredible. The coach journey was really fun, we went on a lovely walk and ran down hills, the food was delicious and rabbits were so sweet.'* - **Amirah**

*'I was so excited to go to Kench Hill and see our rooms. I loved archery and going to the beach even though it was a bit windy. I'd definitely go again!'* - **Alvin**



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### YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP CONTINUED....



## FAMILY COOK –A-LONG AT SCHOOL OF FOOD

The Hackney School of Food has managed to secure funding to offer a series of three family cook-a-long sessions on Thursdays after school (see dates on poster). This is for families who qualify for Free School Meals or other means-tested support. Suitable for children aged 7 upwards - if you'd like to apply for a slot please [complete this form](#).

**HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD** **The Skinners COMPANY**

**FAMILY COOK-A-LONG**  
Cook, eat and learn together

SCAN ME TO SIGN UP

For families in receipt of Pupil Premium or other means-tested support

**15:45-17:45 THURSDAY**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Join our free three-session cooking programme and learn how to prepare healthy, affordable meals your whole family can enjoy.

Suitable for families, children age 7+  
Hackney School of Food, Oswald St, E5 0BT

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## JTP UPDATE

### WE NEED YOUR RECIPES!

As part of our Justin Thompson Project (JTP) strand, **Story Exchange: Connecting Cultures, Connecting Generations**, we are creating a school cookbook and would love your help.

We've already received some fantastic recipes, but we'd love even more families to get involved so that our cookbook reflects the wonderful diversity of our school community.

Please share a favourite family recipe and include:

- the name of the dish
- which country it comes from
- a few sentences about why it is special to your family

Recipe forms are available from the school office, or you can email your recipe to

[mdvoffice@mandeville.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:mdvoffice@mandeville.hackney.sch.uk)

Thank you for helping us celebrate the cultures, traditions and stories that make our community so special!

### MY FUTURE STORY: HOPE AND DREAMS

This term, children will be taking part in the final section of our JTP project, **My Future Story: Hopes and Dreams**. Through a range of creative activities, discussions, storytelling, and artwork, children will explore who they are, what makes them unique, and their hopes for the future. They will have opportunities to reflect on their families, interests, cultures, strengths, and aspirations, while also learning about and celebrating the diversity within our school community.

The project aims to help children develop confidence, self-belief, and a strong sense of belonging. It will also support important skills such as expressing thoughts and feelings, listening respectfully to others, and building positive relationships.

As the project progresses, children will create a personal piece of work that represents both their identity and their hopes and dreams for the future.

We look forward to sharing more information next week about how families can become involved in this exciting part of the project.

## KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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**