LEAP NEWS

Friday 26th June 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me siento en la sombra cuando hace sol….*I sit in the shade when it's sunnny…*

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

THANK YOU!

Thanks to every one for bearing with us this week, the staff and children have been wonderful this week adapting to the temperatures in our school buildings and playgrounds. Thanks to all the parents who had to collect early, we know this is not easy for some of you.

Our buildings were not designed for these kind of temperatures and we will be looking to improve this in the future but we get £7,000 per year for a one form entry school for our buildings and about £11,000 a year for our two forms. Air conditioning even for one floor would run to £80,000.

If any parents have any experience of installing and or managing air to air heat pumps we would be very interested in speaking to you. Or alternatively if we were to focus all our fund raising efforts we might be able to raise the necessary funding!

In the meantime, stay cool out there!

LEAP AT HACKNEY DANCE FESTIVAL

This Monday, LEAP schools participated in the annual Hackney Music Service Dance Festival. This long-running event is an opportunity for children from across the borough to come together and celebrate the power of dance within their musical learning. We had children from all four LEAP schools involved as dancers, sharing performances that had been developed under the supervision of Ms Harley, who is also involved in organising this unique event. Each school wowed the audience with the quality and variety of their dances, with classes from across Key Stages 1 and 2 being represented. Sadly, due to the heat, none of our children were able to attend the singing and instrumental events scheduled for later in the week, but it was fantastic to see LEAP putting our best foot forward to show the rest of Hackney what we can do!

"I liked all the different costumes and colours." - **Maia,** Gayhurst

"I enjoyed listening to all the lovely music. It made me want to dance." - **Coco**, Gayhurst

"It was really cool to see the different dances from each school." - **Sienna,** Grasmere

"My highlight was the professional dancers doing flips!" - **Sonny A**, Grasmere

"We saw a lot of great acts and had so much fun." **Aisha,** Kingsmead

"I really enjoyed dancing with the Dynamix and this is our last performance together." **Nylah,** Kingsmead

LEAP AT HACKNEY DANCE FESTIVAL CONTINUED..

"I enjoyed the part when we did our own dance moves." - **Rafferty,** Mandeville

"I enjoyed being on a big stage." **Nova**, Mandeville









LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

We're delighted to confirm that we will be running two camps for three weeks of the Summer Holidays this year. The holiday camp at Kingsmead school will cater for children at Kingsmead & Mandeville and the camp at Gayhurst will cater for children at Gayhurst & Grasmere.

The camps will run from **Monday 20th July to Friday 7th August** from 10—2pm daily and are open to children from Reception to Year 6. The camps will be staffed by adults from our schools who know the children, and everyone attending will be offered a hot meal freshly prepared every day. There will be plenty of great activities for children to choose from at both camps including lots of sports and physical games, arts and crafts, gardening and Forest School fun and cooking at the School of Food, as well as some trips which are being planned. More information about how to register your child for the holiday camp will be shared with families on **Monday 29th June** and booking will be live from **9am Tuesday 30th**

MANDEVILLE NEWS

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 1June & Mon 20 July

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Squirrel	82	
Phase 2	River	201	
Phase 3	Jupiter	156	

WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur)	River
Hedgehog class(3-4 Nur	Kubra
Squirrel class (Rec)	Naia
Owl class (Rec)	Myla
Ocean class (Yr 1)	Whole class
River class (Yr 2)	Henry & Marlowe
Jupiter class (Yr 3)	Sidney & Taylor
Mercury class (Yr 4)	Kamari & Mischa
Mars class (Yr 5)	Labelle & Aaqil
Venus class (Yr 6)	Amirah & Elliott

OUTDOOR LEARNING & PLAYING



As part of our ongoing commitment to providing engaging, inclusive, and high-quality outdoor play experiences, we are excited to share that a new range of play-based activities will be introduced in the playground during break and lunchtimes.

These developments are designed to further promote creativity, physical wellbeing, collaboration, and imaginative exploration for all pupils.



The School Council surveyed children to find out what is working well during breaktimes and what could be improved. Based on their feedback, they created a list of activities and equipment that would enhance outdoor play. The Junior Leadership Team then met to develop and plan these ideas for the play-ground.



To support this exciting development, we are asking for donations of scooters that are no longer needed to help create a new scooter track. In addition, any old tyres would be greatly appreciated.

JTP CAREERS FAIR

As part of the Justin Thompson Project (JTP), we are planning a Careers Fair on **Friday 10th July, 1:45pm - 3:20pm,** and would love our families to get involved. If you would be interested in volunteering to share your career with our children, please email the school office.

JTP CAREERS FAIR CONTINUED.....

We are particularly looking for volunteers from professions such as: lawyers, doctors, nurses, police officers, firefighters, artists, filmmakers, sports professionals, engineers, architects, construction workers, scientists, vets, chefs, transport and logistics professionals, IT and computing professionals, and business owners. If your profession isn't listed, we'd still love to hear from you.

More information will be provided next week!



KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Thurs 9 July	Summer BBQ 4.30—7.30pm
Friday 10 July	Nursery (Hedgehog class) Sports Day-9:30-11am +
	JTP Careers Fair 1.45—3.20pm
Mon 13 July	Drumming & dance performance Year 3, 4 & 5- 1:45 pm and Year 1 & 2- 2:45 pm
Tues 14 July	Sports Day for Rec to Y6
Weds 15 July	Reception Graduation 2:30 pm + Y6 production, 5pm
Thurs 16 July	Class parties + 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**

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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.

MANDEVILLE SUMMER BBQ

Thursday 9th July from 4.30 - 7.30pm

Come and buy your tickets for our fabulous Mandeville Summer BBQ. They are on sale now at the school office and at the gates:

Adults £5 Children £2. More on the day!

Ticket price includes food: a main, a side and a dessert. With lots of delicious food, drinks, music, performances, a bouncy castle, raffle, dancing, face painting and more. Don't miss this great celebration of our wonderful Mandeville community!

