

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Nos vemos en septiembre..... See you in September.....

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

MESSAGE FROM LEAP'S EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

As another busy and successful school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone across LEAP Federation, to thank our wonderful staff, governors, parents and carers for everything you have done to support our children throughout the year.

Schools are built on partnerships. The dedication of our staff, the encouragement and trust of our families, and the commitment and challenge provided by our governors all play an essential part in creating the nurturing, ambitious and inclusive communities that make our schools such special places. Together, we have celebrated successes, overcome challenges and, most importantly, ensured that our children have continued to thrive.

This year we also say goodbye to two exceptional members of our school community whose dedication and service have helped shape our federation over many years.

After twenty one years of outstanding service, **Ruth** will be leaving Kingsmead. Since joining the school in 2005, Ruth has served as Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo with unwavering commitment, exceptional professionalism and an unfailing belief in every child. Ruth has worked tirelessly to ensure that children receive the care, support and opportunities they deserve. She has been a source of wisdom, reassurance and strength for countless families and colleagues, always leading with humour, kindness and absolute integrity. For those of us fortunate enough to have worked alongside her, she has been a constant source of encouragement and a true tower of strength, offering calm guidance even through the busiest and most challenging of times. Ruth has helped shape the culture and values of Kingsmead itself, leaving a legacy that will continue to benefit the school community for many years to come. While we will miss her enormously, we are deeply grateful for her remarkable contribution and wish her every happiness in the next chapter of her life.

We also bid a fond farewell to **Gill Brady** as she steps down as Chair of Governors. Gill has dedicated over 17 years to improving education for children in Hackney, first as a School Improvement Adviser and later as a governor and, most recently, as Chair of Governors. Throughout that time she has worked across all of our schools, guiding and supporting them through significant change and playing a pivotal role in the growth and success of the LEAP Federation.

Leadership in schools depends not only on those who work in them every day but also on governors

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who generously give their time, expertise and wisdom because they believe in making a difference for local



Gill (L) with LEAP co-chair Shanielle (R)

children. Gill exemplifies the very best of school governance. She has always placed children at the heart of every decision, never losing sight of why schools exist and reminding us that our purpose is to give every child the very best start in life. Her clarity of vision, unwavering sense of purpose, thoughtful challenge and steadfast support have been invaluable to me personally and to the leadership teams across our federation. We owe her an enormous debt of gratitude for her years of dedicated service and the lasting impact she has made on the lives of so many children, families and staff. Thank you, Gill, for everything you have done for LEAP Federation and for the children of Hackney.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we do so with confidence and optimism, knowing that the strength of our federation lies in the people who make it what it is. Thank you once again to every member of our school community for your kindness, commitment and support throughout the year.

I wish you all a wonderful, restful summer break and hope you enjoy some well-deserved time with your family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year together.

Louise Nichols

LEAP's Executive Headteacher

A MESSAGE FROM LEAP GOVERNORS

Dear LEAP families, Staff, and Community

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding year, I want to reflect on what has been another remarkable chapter for the LEAP Federation.

It has been a privilege to see the continued growth and strong sense of community across Gayhurst, Grasmere, Kingsmead and Mandeville. A particular highlight for me was visiting all four schools to see the Justin Thompson Project in action. It has been inspiring to witness how the project is strengthening belonging, celebrating diversity and bringing children, staff and families together.

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I would also like to congratulate Grasmere on its first inspection under Ofsted's new framework, where it achieved the new grading strong standard across all areas. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the dedication of the staff, leadership, children and families. Across all four schools, our staff should also be incredibly proud of this year's excellent academic outcomes, particularly for our Year 6 pupils. Despite the national delays to SATs results, the achievements of our children stand as a testament to the exceptional teaching, care and commitment shown across the federation.

These successes are only possible because of the commitment of everyone in our school community. Thank you to our staff for your dedication and care, to our parents and carers for your continued support, and to our wonderful children for your enthusiasm, kindness and determination to do your very best.

To our Year 6 pupils, congratulations and good luck as you begin the next stage of your education. We are incredibly proud of you and wish you every success in secondary school.

Finally, I would like to thank our governing board for the time and commitment they give so generously. This term we say farewell to several governors, including my co-chair, **Gill**. Her years of dedicated service, wise leadership and unwavering commitment to the LEAP Federation have made an enormous contribution, and she will be greatly missed.

I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer break, and look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year.

Shanielle (Sha-nee-yel) Shrouder
Chair of Governors

HACKNEY SUMMER QUEST - LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE

The Great Hackney Libraries Quest is back to celebrate the National Year of Reading: Reading is Magic!

For the third year Hackney are running their own Hackney version of the Summer Reading Challenge at all Hackney Libraries, from 18 July to 12 Sept.

Sign up at any library from 18 July to collect your booklet and start collecting stamps for reading books & taking part in activities.

This year there are two certificates – one for reading books, and one for doing activities. There are even bonus stickers to collect! There are lots of fun free activities happening all summer. [Click here](#) to find out what's on, where.



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GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS

The government is cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on family days out — from cinema and theatre tickets to attractions, and children's meals out. Less to pay, more summer to enjoy.

Real savings on days out

A 15-percentage-point VAT cut on eligible tickets and meals, passed on at the till. Ten weeks of school holidays to make the most of summer.

Cinemas, attractions & meals

Family and children's tickets for shows and attractions, plus kids' meals eaten out, wherever you are in the UK.



Free bus travel for kids

For the whole month of August, kids age 15 and under in England will get free bus travel, supporting families to choose public transport.

More information [click here](#):

[Find your family's summer offer](#)

FREE MORRISONS CAFÉ BREAKFAST FOR FAMILIES

Families visiting their local Morrisons Café between 29th June to 6th September can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too. Both kids and adults can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

LEAP HOLIDAY CAMPS

We're looking forward to seeing lots of LEAP children at the two holiday camps that LEAP are running (one at Gayhurst and one at Kingsmead school) from **Monday 20th July to Friday 7th August** from 10—2pm daily. These camps are open to children from Reception to Year 6 and will be staffed by adults from our schools who know the children. Everyone attending will be offered a hot meal freshly prepared every day. There will be lots of great activities from including sports and physical games, arts & crafts, gardening & Forest School fun, cooking at the School of Food, ice skating trips as well as other trips which are being planned. Don't forget to book your child's place.



AUTUMN TERM 2026

1st half of term: 03.09.26 - 23.10.26

Half term: 26 - 30 October 2026

2nd half of term: 02.11.26 - 18.12.26

INSET day - Weds 2 Sept 26

GREEN POINTS

Phase 1 (EYFS)

Phase 2

Phase 3

Class

Points

TOP ATTENDANCE



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur)	River
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur)	Whole class
Squirrel class (Rec)	Whole class
Owl class (Rec)	Whole class
Ocean class (Yr 1)	Whole class

River class (Yr 2)	Whole class
Jupiter class (Yr 3)	Whole class
Mercury class (Yr 4)	Whole class
Mars class (Yr 5)	Whole class
Venus class (Yr 6)	Whole class

SPORTS DAY

Ready! Steady! Go! Mandeville's Sports Day was another great success, with children (and adults!) taking part in lots of fun activities. Of course, we also had our competitive running events, including the relay race. It was a glorious day, with plenty of cloud cover and a cool breeze.

Children took part in traditional events such as the egg-and-spoon race and the sack race. *"The egg-and-spoon race was the hardest because you had to have good balance," Sabrina (Year 3).*

The children also loved the water and bucket race, which provided a welcome splash of cold water! *"The water race was the best because people were splashing the water!" Jayden (Year 4).*

The obstacle race proved challenging, with children having to navigate tricky corners and jump over hurdles. *"The obstacle race was the best because you got to jump over things," Laila (Year 1).*

The javelin event was another favourite, with some amazingly long throws from children across all year groups. *"I was really good at javelin, so it was my favourite event," said Opemipo (Year 4).*

We enjoyed the relay races at the end of the day, with children showing determination, focus and excellent sportsmanship. *"At the start line, I was feeling really nervous, but once I started to run, I felt full of energy and I loved it," Iqra (Year 4).*

The whole event concluded with the Parents' Race, which was great fun and injury-free!



SPORTS DAY CONTINUED...



A huge thank you to **Freddy**, our PE coach, for organising the event, and to everyone who came along to support the children.

DRUMMING & DANCE PERFORMANCE

We were delighted to share our drumming and dance performance with families at the end of year celebration. The children worked incredibly hard throughout the term, showing enthusiasm, determination and teamwork in every rehearsal, and they were fantastic performing so confidently in front of all the families who came to watch. They were also incredibly supportive audience members, encouraging and celebrating each other's performances with kindness and respect. We are so proud of every child for their hard work and positive attitude. A huge thank you to all the families who came along to support the children, and to our wonderful drumming and dance teachers for inspiring, encouraging and helping the children shine.



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JTP CAREERS FAIR

Last Friday, our Justin Thompson Project (JTP) Careers Fair transformed the KS2 playground into a buzzing hub of inspiration and excitement!

A huge thank you to Kaltum for organising such a fantastic event, and to all of our wonderful parents, carers and family members who generously gave up their time to share their jobs and careers with our children.

Children had the opportunity to explore a wide range of professions, including software engineering, law, banking, finance, medicine, policing, government, the creative industries, construction, plumbing, hair and beauty, translation, animal welfare, professional sport & many more.

It was wonderful to see the children asking thoughtful questions, showing so much curiosity and discovering careers they may never have heard about before. We hope the event has inspired them to dream big and think about the many exciting opportunities that could be part of their future.

The Careers Fair is part of the JTP 'My Future Story', which aims to strengthen the partnership between home and school by bringing families into school to share their knowledge, skills and experiences. Events like this enrich our children's learning, broaden their horizons and showcase the incredible talents within our own school community.

Thank you once again to everyone who volunteered and helped make the afternoon such a memorable success. We are incredibly proud of our school community, and we can't wait to do it again next year!

"What a fantastic event! There were lots of inspiring jobs, and the children were all engaged and excited to find out more."

Katherine (Assistant Head)

I loved all the curiosity and questions the children had."

Francesco, Reception parent

"It was great to hear the children's curiosity and really fun to see what jobs the other parents do."

Nicky, Year 3 parent



JTP CAREERS FAIR CONTINUED.....

"I thought it was a great experience for the children to gain an insight into what people do and to find out more details, so they can be inspired." - **Jon**, Year 5 parent



YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

On Wednesday, Year 6 performed their end-of-year production, based upon the book 'Clockwork' by well-known children's author Philip Pullman. Year 6 had read the book as part of their English curriculum this year and, although the story is somewhat dark and macabre, enjoyed it so much that they decided to use it as the basis for their production. Involving multiple intersecting narratives, characters controlled by clockwork, and the infamous, sinister scientist, Dr Kalmenius, communicating this story to an audience was always going to be a challenge. Year 6, however, pulled it off with panache! From the singing to the acting, and even a dance number, the quality of the performing was top-notch throughout. Judging by the applause at the end, the audience agreed. And, to top it all off, there was a montage of photos & messages from staff wishing Year 6 all the best for the future. What a fantastic way to round off the year!





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GOODBYE YEAR 6

As another school year draws to a close, we prepare to say goodbye to an extraordinary Year 6 cohort as they take their next steps towards secondary school. Every year group leaves its own mark on Mandeville, but this one has been truly exceptional. From the moment they joined us, they have consistently set new standards, not only through their outstanding academic achievements, but through their leadership, creativity, resilience, kindness and ambition. They have helped shape the school we are today, and for that they should be immensely proud.

Year 6, it has been a privilege to watch you grow into the remarkable young people you have become. We have every confidence that you will continue to flourish, embrace new opportunities and make a positive difference wherever life takes you. While we will miss you greatly, we are excited to see what the future holds for each of you. Please remember that Mandeville will always be part of your story, so don't forget to come back and visit us.

This year has been filled with memorable moments. From exciting educational visits and sporting competitions to musical performances, leadership opportunities and the determination you showed in preparing for your Key Stage 2 SATs, you have approached every challenge with maturity, commitment and good humour. Your achievements, both inside and outside the classroom, have been nothing short of inspiring.

Your final production, Clockwork, was a fitting finale. Dark, dramatic, witty and brilliantly performed, it captivated the audience from beginning to end. You embraced every twist and turn of Philip Pullman's story with confidence and professionalism, delivering a performance that will be remembered for years to come. It was a wonderful reminder of the incredible talent that exists within this year group.

The celebrations continued at the Year 6 Leavers' Party, which was undoubtedly one of the best we have ever had. From the moment you arrived on the red carpet, dressed to impress, it felt like a truly memorable occasion. A huge thank you goes to **Stephanie** (Armani's mum) and Kaleigh (former Mandeville parent), whose generosity made it possible for everyone to enjoy a professional DJ, helping to create an incredible atmosphere and a night to remember. The laughter, dancing and sheer joy perfectly reflected the spirit of this cohort. Above all, what has stood out this year is the way you have supported one another. Your friendships, your teamwork and the genuine care you have shown each other have been a defining feature of your time at Mandeville. As you stood together for one final bow, it was clear that you leave not just with wonderful memories, but with lifelong friendships.

Thank you, Year 6, for everything you have given to Mandeville. You leave behind a legacy of excellence and a standard for future year groups to aspire to. We are immensely proud of each and every one of you & cannot wait to see the incredible things you will achieve next.

GOODBYE YEAR 6 CONTINUED.....



NEXT YEAR'S CLASS TEACHERS

Here is a list of the class teachers for next academic year

Year group	Teacher	
Nursery 2-3	Oyinda	Lucy M
Nursery 3-4	Jodie	
Reception	Selin	
Reception	Lucy R	
Year 1	Sam	
Year 1	John	
Year 2	Latifah	
Year 3	James & Jacob	
Year 4	Curtis	
Year 5	Izzy	
Year 6	Ellie & Katherine	

FREE FOOD SHOP OPEN DURING THE HOLIDAY



We are delighted to let you know that the Free Food Shop will be running for **the first three weeks of the Summer Holiday**, when the Kingsmead and Mandeville Holiday camp will be running—but will be at the Kingsmead School site for both Mandeville and Kingsmead families.

On **Monday 20th July, Monday 27th July and Monday 3rd August**, families will receive a text to let them know when the shop is ready for them to come and collect food.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mandeville staff would like to wish all our children and their families a very happy summer break. We look forward to seeing the children back in school for their first day of Autumn Term on **Thursday 3rd September.**