



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 23rd May 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Las flores son bonitas..... *The flowers are beautiful.....*

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

WONDERMATHS COMPETITION

On Tuesday, Kingsmead hosted one of the first heats of the Wondermaths Competition. There were nine schools in total and they included the three LEAP schools

Kingsmead, Mandeville and **Gayhurst**. Teams worked relentlessly all afternoon on lots of problem-solving activities. All teams did amazingly well and we are waiting to hear if any of us have gained a place in the final at the end of June.

Watch this space for more information on this.....



GAYHURST & GRASMERE TAKE PART IN HACKNEY SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

Last Saturday, Grasmere and Gayhurst children took part in the Hackney Moves, Schools' Challenge Run. Children have been The Hackney Schools' Challenge is an initiative open to primary school children and encourages students to run 12 miles in the lead up to the event, by breaking it down into half a mile or mile distances at home or at school. Grasmere and Gayhurst children showcased all their brilliant training by running the final celebratory mile course which finishes on the Hackney Half finish line! Huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support and also take part in the run! Well done to the 60 Grasmere and Gayhurst children for taking part and representing our schools!

Sonny, Grasmere Year 4 said, "There were a lot of people there and it was great being able to challenge myself during the run!"

Axel, Gayhurst Year 5 said, "It was so much fun, I loved the warm ups and being able to run with my friends!"



GRASMERE'S CHESS TOURNAMENT

Grasmere is extending an invitation to children from **Kingsmead, Mandeville & Gayhurst** who are keen chess players, to come and take part in their annual Chess Tournament which takes place at Grasmere School* on **Friday 6 June from 3.45—6pm**. International Chess Master and Grasmere parent Ruth Sheldon, will be battling against up to 12 players at once.

Children can play on their own or form teams. Tickets costs £5 – and be bought from the Frogs (Grasmere's PTA) [online shop now](#). There will be cakes and drinks on sale, as well as fun activities and games for everyone.

New for this year: our Fancy Dress Competition! If they want to, children can dress up in their best black-and-white creations; there will be prizes for the best chess-themed costumes!

* Grasmere School address:

92 Albion Rd, London N16 9PD

GRASMERE SCHOOL'S CHESS TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY 6 JUNE 3.45-6PM

Calling all chess players! This is your chance to compete (solo or as part of a team) against our very own International Chess Master, Ruth Sheldon, who can play up to 12 teams at once

CHESS FANCY DRESS COMPETITION!

Cakes and drinks - Children's activities - Great prizes! Tournament ticket: £5. Places are limited, so get your ticket now on [friendsatgrasmere.com/shop](#)



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	89	River 98.5% Jupiter 98.7%
Phase 2	River	206	
Phase 3	Forest	201	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Jaguar class Annie
Lion class Amayia-Rae
Panther class Whole class
Ocean class Heleta
Mountain class Khloe

River class Whole class
Forest class Nana & Dave
Mercury class Phoebe & Yusuf
Mars class Courage & Rejoice
Venus class Jennifer
Jupiter class Ishall

EGGTASTIC NEWS

Last week, the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes were thrilled to receive a batch of duck eggs – and just two days later, the egg-citement grew as the eggs began to hatch into adorable ducklings!

Since their arrival, the children have demonstrated wonderful care and responsibility. They've taken turns cleaning the cage, adding fresh straw, changing the water, and feeding their feathery new friends. A real highlight has been watching the ducklings splash and play joyfully in the water tray!

A special thank you goes out to all the families for your generous contributions – without your support, this fantastic experience would not have been possible.

This hands-on opportunity has been a memorable way for the pupils to explore life cycles and learn the importance of caring for living things. It's safe to say, it's been a quacking success!



EGGTASTIC NEWS CONTINUED....



INSET DAY & FREE FOOD SHOP

Although school is not open to children on **Monday 2nd June** as we have an INSET day, **the Free Food Shop will still be running in the usual way on that date.**

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 26 - Fri 30 May** Half term break
- Mon 2 June** INSET day (school closed to children)
- Fri 6 June** Year 3 cake sale
- Fri 13 June** Year 4 cake sale
- Tues 17 June** Piano Lab launch event 2 - 3pm
- Wed 18 June** Year 1 assembly 10am
- Fri 20 June** Year 6 cake sale
- Tues 24—Fri 27 June** Year 6 school journey
- Fri 27 June** Year 5 cake sale
- Fri 4 July** Sports Day Rec—Yr 6
- Mon 7 July** Nursery Sports Day (2 & 3 yr olds) 10-12
- Wed 9 July** Gymnastic Performances at 2.45pm for Rec, 1S, 1J, 2C
- Fri 11 July** After school clubs end today + Mandeville's Summer BBQ 4.30—7.30pm
- Mon 14 July** Drumming & Dance performances
1.45pm for Yrs 1, 2 & 3 2.30 for Rec, Y4 & Y5
- Wed 16 July** Year 6 production (pm—time tbc)
- Thurs 17 July** Year 6 leaving party
- Fri 18 July** Last day of Summer term - **school closes early at 1.30pm for children**



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MANDEVILLE PTA NEWS

PTA Cake Sales

Thank you to everyone who's contributed to the cake sales this term! So far, we have raised £99.50 from Nursery and Reception, £152.50 from Year 1 and £117.50 from Year 2 - a total of **£369.50!** We are excited to see the other year groups take part after the half term break.

The remaining cake sales will be on:

Friday 6 June - Year 3

Friday 13 June - Year 4

Friday 20 June - Year 5

Friday 27 June - Year 6.



Please donate sweet or savoury nut free food for your year group to sell. Anyone who would like to help out with setting up and/or selling can get in touch with the PTA via the class WhatsApp groups or let the office know.

All proceeds go towards supporting the school with enrichment projects.

VISIT TO WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY HEAD OFFICE

On Wednesday, the Mandeville Coding Club children visited the head office of World Wide Technology (WWT) in Liverpool Street for an exciting drone coding competition. The event was organised by Dylan Aupetit, a senior global partner at WWT, who, along with his team, has been a passionate supporter of our pupils' journey into real-world tech. WWT—one of the largest technology companies in the world—generously donated the drones used by the children.

Our young coders had the chance to demonstrate their skills in front of WWT's top executives, flying their drones with precision and confidence. They also enjoyed an immersive AI experience, an inspiring tour of the state-of-the-art offices, and a well-earned pizza feast!

The children wowed the executives with their technical knowledge, creativity, and enthusiasm for all things tech. Winners of the competition received fantastic trophies and everyone was thrilled to bring back a set of AI robots for our schools.

"It was the best day ever!" — **Farrah**

"I definitely want to work in the tech industry now – thank you, Dylan and WWT!" — **Courage**



VISIT TO WWT HEAD OFFICE CONTINUED.....



CRICKET REPORT

Year 4 were really lucky to have weekly cricket workshops this term. Coach Itty came every Thursday after lunch this summer term to teach the children the fundamentals of cricket. We learned how to bat, bowl, field and everything in between. After a couple of weeks, we really started to get the hang of it and some potential future stars started to emerge. After the half term, Coach will pick a Mandeville team to compete in a London-wide tournament. Well done year 4, howzat!

Melike - *"Running between the wicket was so fun, you have to know where the ball is!"*

Kamara - *"I like cricket because it was fun to run after the ball!"*





2C CLASS ASSEMBLY

Yesterday Year 2 performed an assembly on what they have been learning in art lessons over the year. They started with ancient art where we met some Ancient Egyptians carving cartouches into a tomb. They then moved on to Renaissance art and welcomed a special guest from Italy - Giuseppe Arcimboldo. He explained why he used fruit and vegetables in his paintings. Next up was Vincent Van Gogh who explained that all his paintings are symbolic. We were also introduced to the Ukrainian artist, Janet Sobel. She told us that the faces in her pictures were of people she had known and loved. We were then introduced to surrealism and met Max Ernst, who was the first artist to use the method of frottage (French for rubbing) in his art work.

Year 2 gave an outstanding performance, they sang 3 songs amazingly and recited a poem by heart! Well done - you are all super stars!

'I like art because it makes me happy'
Millie



'I love art because we get to use paint and pastels'
Amelia

'I like learning about all the different artists, my favourite is Max Ernst'
Azra



'I love art because you get to use paint and try new things'
Taylor

'I like art because you make mistakes and sometimes the mistakes make your work even better!'
King



YEAR 6'S SPONSORED FUN RUN

On Wednesday, Year 6 completed a fun run to raise money for their trip to Chessington World of Adventures on June 18th. The children completed laps of a 200-metre course on Hackney Marshes, with each child being sponsored based on the number of laps that they completed. After some gentle warmups, and a reminder to pace themselves, they spent 20 minutes trying to see how many laps they could complete. The effort and determination displayed by all was outstanding! Some children ran, some walked, but everyone kept moving in a bid to raise as much money as possible.

The money raised will go towards the cost of hiring a coach and may even enable us to subsidise the ticket price, therefore reducing the costs for our families.

We are so proud of the Year 6s for their efforts on the track and finding sponsors in advance of the event. Now bring on Chessington!

