

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta el otoño..... I like Autumn....

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

HACKNEY CALENDAR COMPETITION SUCCESS!

Last April, children from across the federation had the opportunity to enter the annual Hackney Religious Education (RE) Calendar Competition. This borough-wide competition includes entries from both primary and secondary schools. Every year, the LEAP federation schools have had winning entries, and this year is no exception.

Congratulations to **Angela**, a former Year 6 pupil at **Kingsmead**; **Harleen**, a former Year 6 pupil at **Grasmere**; and **Kate** (Year 6) and **Daya** (Year 4) from **Grasmere**, who have all been successful in this year's Hackney RE Calendar Competition.

The theme of this year's competition was "Sacred Stories" and children were invited to create artwork inspired by stories that are important to different faiths. All four pupils produced thoughtful and creative designs, showcasing both their artistic talents and their understanding of the theme.

We are especially proud that Angela's artwork was selected for both the front and back covers of the calendar, which is an outstanding achievement.

Well done to Angela, Harleen, Kate, and Daya on this fantastic success. We are incredibly proud of their



Harleen's design



Daya's design



Kate's design

CALENDAR COMPETITION CONTINUED....

creativity, hard work & achievement. What a wonderful way to celebrate and share their talents with the wider community!

We look forward to entering next year's RE Calendar Competition and hope that even more pupils from across our federation will be inspired to take part and showcase their creativity.

"I was really surprised and happy when I found out that I had won the RE Calendar Competition. I enjoyed taking part because I got to be creative and use what I had learnt in RE. I tried my best with my design and spent time making sure I was happy with it. I didn't expect to win, so when I found out, I felt really proud and excited. It was a great experience and I'm really glad I took part."

Kate



Angela's design

HACKNEY BOROUGH YOUTH CHOIR

Free taster session on **Wednesday 23 September**, for children in Years 4, 5 & 6 who might be interested in joining the Hackney Youth Choir.

For more details please contact **02030761535** or email **xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk**

Do you love to sing?

We are recruiting young singers to join the Hackney Borough Youth Choir (Yr4-6) & Senior Vocal Ensemble (Yr7-9)

HBVC is an inclusive musical community that brings together singers from Hackney schools to regularly perform joyful, uplifting and diverse repertoire.

Join us for a free of charge taster session after school on Wednesday 23 September 2026. Ongoing fully funded places in the choir available for eligible families.

For venue details & times, please call 020 3076 1535 or email **xanthe.sarr@hackney.gov.uk**



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	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Rabbit/	51	River 99.7% Mercury 99%
Phase 2	Ocean	204	
Phase 3	Mars	316	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Tammy-Lee
Hedgehog class (3-4 Nur) Josiah
Squirrel class (Rec) Eva
Owl class (Rec) Leandro
Ocean class (Yr 1) Amayia-Rae
Mountain class (Yr 1) Nolan

River class (Yr 2) Laila & Qismat
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Ahmet & Salma
Mercury class (Yr 4) Nylah & Jayden
Mars class (Yr 5) Mischa & Shiloh
Venus class (Yr 6) Aaqil & Farrah

ECO DRAMA WORKSHOPS

This week, children in Years 1, 2 and 3 took part in a fantastic Superheroes Save Planet Earth drama workshop led by Perform Theatre.

The children met Supa Dupa, a superhero from Planet Hero, and were recruited for a very important mission – to help protect the Earth from waste and pollution! Through lots of energetic games, movement, storytelling and role-play, the children became superheroes themselves and learnt about the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling. They had great fun developing their superhero characters, travelling to Party Land and working together to help change the ways of the mischievous Bad Boppa. The sessions were a lovely opportunity for the children to use their imaginations, build confidence and practise teamwork, while thinking about the part we can all play in looking after our planet.

"I really liked it. It was a lot of fun! I enjoyed investigating and using my imagination to go around the space"
Marlowe Year 3

"It was really fun because I found it hilarious! The teacher was really funny and I learnt about how to be a hero"
Jordan Year 2



'WELCOME TO THE YEAR AHEAD' EVENT- NEXT WEEK

A reminder that our Welcome to the Year Ahead event will take place next week on **Wednesday 23rd September** from 4–5:30pm. Please arrive via the school office.

This is an informal, drop-in event where families can meet their child's teacher, mingle with other parents and explore what children will be learning and experiencing throughout the year. There will be an opportunity to look at books and curriculum information, chat with staff and ask general questions about the year ahead.

There is no formal presentation or individual appointment – simply drop in, have a look around and meet our school community. We hope you can join us!

KEY DATES THIS TERM

w/c Mon 21 Sept After School Clubs start
Wed 23 Sept Welcome to the Year Ahead (Meet the teacher)- 4 - 5:30pm
Tues 29 Sept Coffee Morning: Empowerment Framework 9-10am
Fri 2 Oct Mandeville Helping Hands AGM 9.10am
Mon 5 Oct School Photographer in for individual & sibling photos
Tues 6 Oct Coffee Morning: Reception families Phonics workshop 9-10am
Thurs 8 Oct Year 6 class assembly 3pm
Fri 9 Oct World Mental Health Day - Hello Yellow - option to wear something yellow to school
Thurs 13 Oct Mental Health parent workshop with Dr Natalie Bailey 9 - 10am
Tues 20 Oct Coffee Morning: Year 1 families Phonics workshop 9-10am
Thurs 22 Oct Year 5 class assembly 3pm
Mon 26—Fri 30 Oct Half term break
Fri 13 Nov Children in need day—option to wear PJs
Mon 16 Nov Anti-Bullying Week starts—option to wear odd socks to celebrate difference
Thurs 19 Nov Year 4 class assembly 3pm
Friday 18 Dec Last day of Autumn Term

School closes early at 1.30pm for children

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HOME LEARNING

Mandeville loves reading! We encourage children and parents/carers to read together every day. Reading at home supports children's imagination, vocabulary, knowledge and understanding, and helps them become successful learners.

Nursery to Year 2: Nursery, Reception and Year 2 children take home a book each week. Year 1 children take home one decodable phonics book and one DSR book. Book bags should be brought to school on the day set by the teacher so books can be changed weekly.

Year 3 to Year 6: Children choose an Accelerated Reader book at their reading level. After reading, they take a quiz on the book at school. This helps develop a love of reading, vocabulary and comprehension. Year 3 and 4 children should aim to read for around 20 to 30 minutes a night. Year 5 and 6 children should aim to read for around 30 to 40 minutes.

Spellings: Spellings are taught at school & children are encouraged to practise their weekly spelling list at home.

Maths: We encourage children to practise maths every day. For younger children, this can include counting objects, steps or claps forwards and backwards, recognising numbers and linking quantities to written numbers. From Year 1 to Year 6, children can use Mathletics at home to practise fluency, complete activities, play games and watch maths videos. Children are encouraged to use Mathletics for at least 20 minutes a day. Mathletics is a fun, curriculum-aligned online platform designed to help children with their times tables & maths confidence through games and live challenges. Children will receive their Mathletics login cards next week.

Maths Fluency: Strong number fluency builds confidence & achievement in maths. Children should practise addition & subtraction facts, times tables and related division facts daily. Times Tables Rockstars can be used to support this practice.

A WONDERFUL START TO THE YEAR FOR NURSERY!

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year in Nursery! We have loved welcoming back our returning children and getting to know all of our new children who have joined us this term. The first couple of weeks have been all about settling in, building relationships and getting to know our Nursery environment. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming more confident each day as they familiarise themselves with our routines, their teachers and their new friends.

There has been lots of fun, laughter and exploring throughout Nursery! The children have enjoyed choosing where they would like to play, investigating our different areas and getting stuck into a wide range of activities. From creative and sensory experiences to construction,

A WONDERFUL START FOR NURSERY CONTINUED....

small world, imaginative play and lots of outdoor adventures, there has certainly been plenty going on!

We have been particularly enjoying watching the children begin to develop new friendships. There have been lots of opportunities for children to play alongside one another, share, take turns & learn how to be part of our Nursery community.

For some of our youngest children, starting Nursery has been a brand-new experience, and we are incredibly proud of how they have grown in confidence. For our returning children, it has been lovely to see them settling back into familiar routines and helping to make our new children feel welcome.

We are so proud of how brilliantly all of our children have settled and we are looking forward to a fun-filled term ahead, full of new experiences, friendships & adventures!



WELCOME TO MANDEVILLE HELPING HANDS!

Mandeville Helping Hands is our school's PTA—a dedicated group of parents, carers, and staff working together to raise vital funds. Our efforts directly support the extra-curricular sports, arts, and enrichment activities enjoyed by every child at Mandeville. We are thrilled to welcome all new and returning families this term!

How to Get Involved

Joining in is a fantastic way to meet other families. You can do as much or as little as you like—from helping at a school fair, sharing unique skills, or simply attending our meetings to share ideas.

Say Hello at 'Meet the Teacher'

We will be at the Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday, 23rd September. Come introduce yourself & find out more!

Save the Date: AGM

Join our Annual General Meeting on **Friday 2nd October** at 9:10am. Everyone is welcome!

To join us or join your class group, contact us via email at PTAmandeville@outlook.com or on WhatsApp via the QR code below.



Volunteers at Christmas