LEAP NEWS

Friday 16th October 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

las hojas caen de los árboles….. *The leaves fall from the trees….*

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

CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING RESULTS ACROSS OUR LEAP SCHOOLS!

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about how well our children across the four LEAP schools performed in last summer's Year 6 SATs tests. The results show that all four of our schools are among the highest-performing primary schools in Hackney, with achievements well above both borough and national averages.

Across LEAP, an impressive 88% of children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, compared with 73% across Hackney and 63% nationally. That means almost nine out of every ten children across our federation reached the expected standard in all three subjects!

There were some particularly fantastic achievements:

Grasmere achieved 90% in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, placing it joint top in Hackney.

Gayhurst achieved 89%, placing it joint second in the borough, with an exceptional 96% of children reaching the expected standard in Maths.

Mandeville achieved 86%, including an outstanding 96% of children reaching the expected standard in Reading.

Kingsmead achieved 83%, with 90% of children reaching the expected standard in Maths.

We are particularly proud that all four schools performed so strongly, reflecting the benefits of working together as a federation, sharing expertise and maintaining high expectations for every child.

Helping Every Child Achieve Their Best

It isn't just the number of children reaching the expected standard that makes these results so impressive. We also have exceptionally high numbers of children achieving the higher standards in their tests and assessments, showing that we are successfully challenging and stretching children to achieve their very best.

At Kingsmead, an extraordinary 76% of children achieved the higher standard in Reading — the highest percentage of any Hackney primary school! Grasmere also achieved outstanding results, with 63% reaching the higher standard in Reading and 50% in Maths. At Mandeville, 29% achieved the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, while Gayhurst achieved an impressive 42% at Greater Depth in Writing.

Across all four schools, the proportion of children achieving the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined was above the Hackney average.

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Success for All Our Children

One of the things we are especially proud of across LEAP is our commitment to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed, whatever their individual needs or starting point.

Our results show that children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) are achieving exceptionally well, with outcomes significantly above those of similar pupils nationally. At Kingsmead, children from disadvantaged backgrounds consistently achieve in line with, and sometimes better than, their classmates. At Mandeville, an impressive 86% of disadvantaged pupils achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, with almost a third also achieving the higher standard.

We are equally committed to ensuring that children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) receive the support and challenge they need to flourish. At Gayhurst, for example, outcomes for children with SEND compare favourably with those of children with similar needs across Hackney.

These achievements reflect something we believe very strongly across LEAP: inclusion and high academic expectations go hand in hand. We want every child to feel valued, supported and challenged, and to experience the pride and confidence that comes from achieving their best.

Strong Foundations from the Very Beginning

Success in Year 6 doesn't happen overnight. It is built on the learning, encouragement and support children receive throughout their primary school years.

Our youngest learners are also doing brilliantly. In the Year 1 phonics assessments, which check children's early reading skills, all four LEAP schools achieved results above both Hackney and national averages, with between 86% and 93% of children reaching the expected standard.

These strong foundations help children develop the confidence and skills they need as they move through school.

So Much More Than Test Results!

Of course, we know that a great primary education is about much more than SATs results. We want our children to be happy, curious, creative and confident, to enjoy learning, develop friendships and discover new

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interests and talents.

We believe that high academic standards and a rich, exciting and inclusive education go hand in hand. Our children benefit from interesting, creative and challenging teaching throughout their time with us, and these results are one important reflection of that work.

Behind every percentage is a child who has worked hard, overcome challenges, made progress and grown in confidence. These achievements are also a real credit to our wonderful staff, whose dedication, expertise and teamwork make such a difference every day.

A huge congratulations to all our children and staff across Gayhurst, Grasmere, Kingsmead and Mandeville. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved together!

And a big thank you to our families for the encouragement and support you give your children throughout their learning journey.

THE FAMILY COACH SERVICE WELLBEING WALKS

These walks are for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities. No need for a formal diagnosis or EHCP to joing the group. If you'd like to take part email **familycoach@hackney.gov.uk**



HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD AUTUMN TRAIL

Friday 6 November 2026, 4.30–7pm

The School of Food's much-loved annual Autumn Pumpkin Trail is back! Tickets sell out fast, so book early to join us for an evening of glowing pumpkins, firelight and good food in our kitchen and garden.

Follow the pumpkin trail after dark, vote for your favourite carving, settle in for storytelling by the fire and get creative with nature crafts. There'll be sparklers, freshly made pizza, cakes, mulled wine and cider, plus HSoF honey and preserves to take home.

A warming bowl of pumpkin soup and fresh bread is included with every ticket.

Whether you're a regular visitor or have never been through our kitchen door before, bring your family, friends or neighbours and come and explore Hackney School of Food.

Tickets are £8.50 for adults and £4 for children. We also have 100 pay-what-you-can/free tickets so that more local families can join us.

Money raised from the evening supports our cooking and growing activities for children and families across Hackney.

You can book your ticket using the QR code on the poster or on this link.



MANDEVILLE NEWS

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)	Owl	85	
Phase 2	River	102	**Mountain** 99.2%
Phase 3	Mars	319	**Jupiter**98.8%

WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Reuben & Evalina
Hedgehog class(3-4 Nur Autumn
Squirrel class (Rec) Adam
Owl class (Rec) Zoia
Ocean class (Yr 1) Lloyd
Mountain class (Yr 1) Martha

River class (Yr 2) Nova & Tyler B
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Jonathan-Junior & Kalel
Mercury class (Yr 4) Mille-Grace & Ayaaz
Mars class (Yr 5) Kamari & Suri
Venus class (Yr 6) Sasha & Hanif

MANDEVILLE COMES TOGETHER FOR A SPECIAL 3KM WALK & RUN

Last Friday, our Mandeville community came together to mark World Mental Health Day. Parents, staff, and children gathered for a special 3km walk/run event held in memory of John.

John was a deeply valued member of our community, and bringing everyone together through sport was something he was passionate about. The afternoon began with our Year 6 children releasing balloons. The entire school—from our youngest children in the Nursery all the way up to Year 6—set off on the 3km course.

It was a great team effort. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support, cheer, or participate.













MANDEVILLE'S WALK & RUN EVENT CONTINUED.....











RABBI RONI VISIT

Year 6 had the pleasure of welcoming Rabbi Roni into our classroom this week. We have been learning about Judaism, so it was a fitting end to the unit of work. Through his religious garments, including his Tefillin, Tallit and Tzitzit, Roni brought the topic to life. He even sang from his pocket-sized Torah and read prayers in Hebrew. The session ended with children asking relevant and thought-provoking questions. Thank you to Rabbi Roni for taking the time to visit our class.



"I enjoyed the Rabbi's visit because I always wanted to know why some Jewish people wear a Kippah" **Aliza**

"Rabbi Roni spoke about his favourite religious celebrations like Hanukkah & I liked how he showed us how he puts on his special religious items" **Darragh**







PTO

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.

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COFFEE MORNING REPORT

Pathways to Parental Well-being workshop

On Tuesday 13th October, we welcomed Dr Natalie Bailey to lead our parent wellbeing and mental health workshop. The session was well attended, with parents actively engaging throughout and sharing how useful they found it.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and to Dr Bailey for leading such a valuable session.

Dr Natalie Bailey will be holding parent workshops every term, so please look out for details of the next one. We look forward to welcoming you!

Parent of year 4 child" *Dr Natalie delivered a great session. It was a helpful reminder that making small, consistent efforts to look after ourselves can help us be the best parents we can be. I will definitely be attending the next work-shop"*



COFFEE MORNING REMINDER



NURSERY SNACKS REMINDER

Please be reminded that we are a **nut free school** so any snacks sent in must not contain any trace of nuts.

SCHOOL FOOD SURVEY

Parents, carers and staff are being asked to complete a short survey on Mandeville's school food. The PTA would like to get as many responses as they can before their meeting with the school meals team next week. Please click on the QR code below or use this link for the survey.



SNACKS AT ACTIVITY CLUBS

Children attending after-school activity clubs may bring **a piece of fruit only** as their snack. **Sweets, chocolate, chocolate bars, biscuits, cakes, crisps & other confectionery or snack foods are not permitted. Children will not be allowed to eat these items during clubs.**

Thank you for supporting our healthy eating expectations.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Tues 20 Oct Coffee Morning: Year 1 families Phonics workshop 9-10am

Thurs 22 Oct Year 5 class assembly 3pm

Sat 31 Oct Deadline for Secondary School admissions

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 6 class assembly 3pm + Book Fair delivered (will be at Mandeville for one week)

Weds 25 Nov Parents Consultation evening - **School closes early at 1.30pm for children**

Friday 18 Dec Last day of Autumn Term **School closes early at 1.30pm for children**