



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 20th June 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Juego al fútbol con mis amigos..... *I play football with my friends.....*

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

## LEAP SPANISH AMBASSADORS

This week the Spanish Ambassadors from across LEAP visited the new Sadler's East theatre in Stratford. The children went on a tour of the theatre and got to explore the professional stage and rehearsal rooms. Our guide, Elina, taught us new vocabulary in Spanish about el teatro during our visit. We were even lucky enough to be taken into a rehearsal to watch some professional dancers!

Next, we met Sonia who is a professional Flamenco dancer. She introduced us to the costumes and props used in Flamenco dance, which the children later used in their performances. They learnt a routine following instructions entirely in Spanish! Well done to all the Spanish Ambassadors from LEAP for representing your subject and school so well on this trip.

**Taeyah-Mae, Mandeville** - *'It was really fun learning about a new culture. We learnt about their dance styles.'*

**Dave, Mandeville** - *'I was very happy to learn some new Spanish words. We learnt ensayo, derecho, bailarín, and teatro.'*

**Saeeda, Kingsmead** - *'We can teach our classes new words when we go back to school!'*

**Sonny, Grasmere** - *'I loved trying all the props out!'*

**Romi, Gayhurst** - *'I had a really fun day. I would go back to Sadler's East'*



## LEAP HEAR BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

LEAP year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the Hackney Empire last Friday. Through the BBC symphony orchestra, the children were immersed in the natural world spectacular Wildlife Jamboree. They prowled with tigers, stamped in the snow and heard the desert wind through music and song. **Hassan, Gayhurst:** *'I really enjoyed watching this show and seeing all the different wildlife animals.'*

The children met **Duggee, Bluey** and the **Octonauts** from CBeebies.

**Joud, Kingsmead:** *'I knew the characters because I have seen them on TV. I liked singing with my friends.'*

**Daya, Grasmere:** *'I liked how they made the music in the orchestra match the movement of the animals'*

The show included music from Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Vivaldi and Alberto Ginastera.

**Janelia, Kingsmead:** *'I really loved seeing a live orchestra play.'*

**Destiny, Mandeville:** *'I've never visited the Hackney Empire so it was cool to go inside!'*

**Reuben, Grasmere:** *'My favourite thing was when a random man chased a wallaby across the stage'*

**Kevin, Gayhurst:** *'My favourite part was when we earned the new badges.'*



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## OPINION PIECE IN HACKNEY GAZETTE

Louise Nichols, LEAP's Executive Headteacher, has written an opinion piece about falling school rolls and the impact on communities, for the Hackney Gazette.

You can find a link to the online copy of the article, that was printed in last Friday's Hackney Gazette, [here](#).

### MANDEVILLE & THE LANG LANG PIANO LAB



On Tuesday, Mandeville hosted a very special event to launch their state-of-the-art new piano lab. Introduced with the support of the **Lang Lang International Music Foundation**, founded by the world-famous

classical pianist Lang Lang, this piano lab consists of 21 digital pianos that can be used for whole-class piano teaching. Particularly exciting is that Mandeville's piano lab also comes equipped with the brand-new 'ONE Classroom' app, providing an online platform that supports children's learning through a carefully sequenced series of activities, games and challenges. Mandeville is the **first school in Europe** to receive this system, providing them with an unprecedented opportunity to raise standards in music education.

The event on Tuesday was organised in order to celebrate this new venture and was attended by a range of visitors who had supported the project. These included the chairwoman of the Lang Lang International Music Foundation, **Amy Lam**, representatives of the **Pan family**, whose support made the creation of this piano lab possible, and **Oli Rose**, the foundation's global development director.

After some brief introductions, the children in attendance were rewarded with a trio of jaw-dropping performances. First up were **Sofia and Louis Pan** who, at only 9 and 10 years old respectively, dazzled everyone with

pieces by Mozart and Mendelssohn. Following them, the children were treated to a performance by one of the foundation's musical



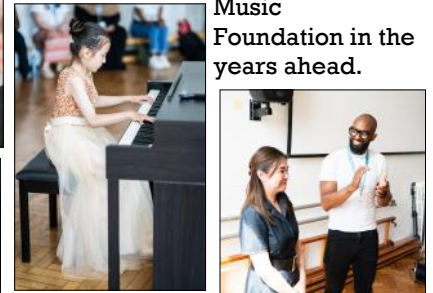
ambassadors, **Zara Williams**. A student at London's prestigious Royal Academy of Music, she played music by Chopin and the 20th-Century African American composer Margaret Bonds, a piece based on the traditional spiritual 'Wade in the Water'. Having performed, Zara answered questions from the children; it was genuinely inspiring to hear about her passion for and dedication to playing piano at the highest level.

Finally, a group of children from Year 4, who have been learning piano with Mandeville's music lead, James, since the beginning of Summer term,

### MANDEVILLE'S PIANO LAB CONTINUED.....

demonstrated the piano lab in action. Everyone commented on how focused and engaged they were throughout: a sign of great things to come! This was only the beginning of what is sure to be a productive

partnership between Mandeville and the Lang Lang International Music Foundation in the years ahead.



### KINGSMEAD AWARDED ECO SCHOOL GREEN FLAG

We are proud to announce that Kingsmead has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag with **Distinction!**

This internationally recognized award celebrates the school's commitment to environmental education & sustainability.



Receiving the Green Flag with Distinction means that Kingsmead went above and beyond in their efforts to create a greener, more sustainable school. From reducing waste and conserving energy, to growing their own plants from cuttings and raising awareness about climate issues, Kingsmead's students and staff have worked incredibly hard to make meaningful changes.

A huge thank you goes out to Kingsmead's Eco-Warriors and teachers Shenaz & Hang - Kingsmead's Sustainability Leads, whose passion and leadership helped drive many of the school's amazing initiatives this year. This award is a reflection of the whole school community's dedication to making a positive difference for our planet.

We will proudly fly our new Green Flag as a symbol of our ongoing commitment to building a brighter, greener future—one step at a time!



## 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	109	River 97.9% Jupiter 98.1%
Phase 2	Ocean	67	
Phase 3	Mercury	85	



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Jaguar class** Kubra  
**Lion class** Thomas  
**Panther class** Charlie & Nova  
**Ocean class** Whole class  
**Mountain class** Whole class

**River class** Millie & Ayaaz  
**Forest class** Dave & Teddy  
**Mercury class** Jayden & Jaspreet  
**Mars class** Damilare & Ayhan  
**Venus class** Kazel  
**Jupiter class** Amirah

## YEAR 6'S CHESSINGTON TRIP

Year Six had an absolutely brilliant time at Chessington World of Adventures this week. They left school bright and early to start off the day's adventures. When they arrived, everyone split into their groups (according to what size ride they liked).

Some groups went on a hunt to find the biggest, scariest, fastest ones and others opted for a more chilled experience - everyone loved the water ride though as it was a very hot day!

A few groups went spinning around at fast speeds on Dragon's Fury, some tested their sensations of gravity on the Crop Drop and others soared into the air on Elmer's Flying Jumbo.

Two particularly lucky groups got to go on a mini holiday at Zafari safari experience, where they met a rhinoceros and a few giraffes! After a hugely successful Fun Run fundraiser, all children got an ice cream or ice lolly to round the day off. We were really proud of how polite and fun the children were. They definitely deserved those treats!



## YR 6'S CHESSINGTON TRIP CONTINUED.....



## KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 23 June** 2C Hackney Music Dance performance at Roundchapel 1.15—2.45pm
- Wed 25 June** 2C Hackney Singing performance at Roundchapel 10.45-11.45am
- Fri 27 June** Rec class Hackney Music Singing performance at Roundchapel 9.30—10.15am
- Tues 24—Fri 27 June** Year 6 school journey
- Fri 27 June** Year 5 cake sale
- Wed 2 July** Mandeville PTA AGM 4—5.30pm
- Fri 4 July** Sports Day Rec—Yr 6
- Mon 7 July** Nursery Sports Day 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**
- Mon 21 July - Fri 8 Aug** LEAP Summer Camp

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### MANDEVILLE PTA NEWS

#### CAKE & PLANT SALE

Thank you to everyone who's contributed so far to the cake and plant sales! A total of **£186** was raised last week - all proceeds go towards supporting the school with enhancement projects.



The final cake and plant sale of the school year will be held by **Year 5** on **Friday 27 June**. Please do come along and, if you child is in Year 5, we would be grateful for donations of sweet or savoury nut free food to sell.

The plants that will be on sale are vegetables and herbs grown from seeds by Mandeville children in their classrooms.

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.

**MDV Helping Hands**

All welcomed to Mandeville's PTA open meeting and annual general meeting (AGM)

COME ALONG!  
GET INVOLVED!  
HAVE YOUR SAY!

When is it?  
**WEDNESDAY  
2 JULY 2025  
4-5.30PM**

### YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY

Ocean and Mountain class worked together to create an assembly about two of their favourite lessons.... Science & Forest School.

They shared all the information they knew about vertebrates, reminded us of our Forest School rules and



### YR 1 ASSEMBLY CONTINUED ....

recited a poem about how wonderful trees are.

*'I like doing down dog yoga in Forest School'* -

**Issa.**

*'I love to climb trees'* -

**Halima**



### MANDEVILLE SUMMER BBQ

**Friday 11th July from 4.30 - 7.30pm**

Don't forget to 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, side and dessert. With lots of delicious food, drinks, music, performances, bouncy castle, raffle, dancing, face painting and more.

Don't miss this great celebration of our wonderful Mandeville community!

**Summer Barbecue**

SERVING A TASTY SELECTION OF GRILLED MEATS & VEGGIES WITH DELICIOUS SALAD OPTIONS!  
(VEGAN OPTIONS TOO)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 4:30-7:30pm**

**£5 adults  
£2 kids  
More on the day!**

ALSO FEATURING A BOUNCY CASTLE, MUSIC, RAFFLES, DANCING, ROLLER-SKATING, FACE PAINTING & PLENTY MORE...

**BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

TICKET INCLUDES A MAIN, SIDE AND ICE CREAM!