LEAP NEWS

Friday 6th November 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Me gusta jugar con mis amigos….. *I like to play with my friends….*

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

LEAP STAFF GET PUMPKIN CARVING

On Thursday after school, LEAP staff from across all four schools met at Mandeville and got creative - at a special pumpkin carving session. The Hackney School of Food's Autumn Trail takes place today (Friday 6th November) and LEAP staff provide carved pumpkins for the trail, which families visiting the event are able to vote for their favourite pumpkin. A winner and runner up for each school is selected with a prize for each school's winning design. Look out in next week's newsletter for photos and a news story on the Hackney School of Food's Autumn Trail event and announcements on the winning pumpkins!

























KAMPALA BUZZLINE & KINGSMEAD'S SUPPORT

Kingsmead Primary School's Year 6 class recently created felt bag gifts and a supportive video message for children in Uganda, participating in the Kampala Buzzline project, as they were holding a community Bee Run and Greenest School competition. Kingsmead is twinned with the New Brain School in Kampala, a relationship that came out of both schools' work supporting pollinating insects through both the Hackney and Kampala Buzzline projects. The gifts were very well received and Gerry, from EcoACTIVE, the sustainable education charity who set up the Hackney Buzzline, shared some lovely photos and film clips from the event in Kampala which he attended. Year 6 were delighted to see the photos and short videos of the children receiving their gifts.

You can read more about this story [in this Hackney Gazette article.]















CHILDREN IN NEED - PJ DAY

Don't forget next **Friday 13th November** is Children in Need day and we are encouraging all LEAP children and staff to **come to school in pyjamas** and bring some coin donations to school, to help raise funds for Children in Need.

BBC Children in Need

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Follow us on Instagram: @leapfederation @kingsmeade9 @gayhurste8 @mandevillee5 @grasmeren16

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)	Rabbit/	84	
Phase 2	River	158	**Ocean** 98.1%
Phase 3	Mercury	302	**Mercury** 97.9%

WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Jesse & Metehan
Hedgehog class(3-4 Nur Nemaru
Squirrel class (Rec) Oscar
Owl class (Rec) Esoie
Ocean class (Yr 1) Louis
Mountain class (Yr 1) Amelia

River class (Yr 2) Rihanna & Akuol
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Ali & Lilian
Mercury class (Yr 4) Jah'Khel & Dallas
Mars class (Yr 5) Archie & Jayon
Venus class (Yr 6) James & Sh'Mya

YOUNG V&A MUSEUM TRIP

Year 1 braved a wet and windy day for an exciting trip to the Young V&A museum. The adventure began with a journey on local buses, with the children doing a fantastic job spotting local landmarks through the rain-streaked windows. Once inside the museum, our young learners were spellbound by the exhibits and interactive, hands-on games that sparked their curiosity across the gallery floors.





A real highlight of the day was a specialised workshop where the children designed and built a custom habitat for an animal. Using a variety of creative materials, they carefully considered what their chosen creature needed to survive, demonstrating wonderful team-work, design skills, and engineering creativity.









Thank you so much to all of our parent volunteers who helped us navigate the buses and kept every-one safe and dry—we couldn't have done it without you!







YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have had a busy and creative start to the year!

In Design and Technology this term, we have been learning how to sew. Using our new skills, we then designed and created our very own finger puppets.



During Forest School, we explored the signs of autumn by using leaves and other natural materials to create faces and numbers. We were amazed by the wonderful creations we made using the world around us.

'We used the leaves for hair' Finley R and Findlay GS

In Art, we had the opportunity to work with air-drying clay to create our own Egyptian cartouches. We carefully engraved our names using Egyptian hieroglyphics and were very proud of the finished results.





' *The clay feels very smooth'*- Paddy

What a great start to the year, and we are looking forward to many more exciting and creative learning opportunities in the months ahead!









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.

RECEPTION FAMILIES JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

It was lovely to welcome our Reception families into school to enjoy lunch with their children last term.

The children proudly showed their families our lunchtime routines, from lining up and washing their hands to collecting their meals. Families then sat down together and enjoyed a delicious variety of dishes, including mac and cheese, spaghetti bolognese, jerk chicken with jollof rice, and vegetarian lasagne.

It was a wonderful opportunity for families to experience what lunchtime looks like at school and enjoy a meal alongside their children.



A big thank you to all the families who joined us and to our fantastic kitchen team for preparing the delicious meals!

Here's what some of our families had to say:

"Delicious food, very high quality. Kids all happy and eating well."- **Susanna, parent of Quinn**

"I really liked the encouraging approach from staff to try new foods. Good to know what the green tokens are for and they work!"- **Sarah, parent of Mekhi**



"I was surprised at the fact that he ate all his vegetables and mince meat because he is really different at home and doesn't eat anything green!"- **Jema, parent of Leandro**

"Very tasty food, loved having the salad to boost a rounded meal – not shy on flavour. We need the recipe!"- **Candice, parent of Evander**



"He ate the food, including the vegetables, and cleared his plate! He is completely different at home, so it was lovely to see how independent he is at school. Thank you for the opportunity!" - **Farzana, parent of Zacki**

RECEPTION FAMILIES JOIN US FOR LUNCH CONTINUED…





TOY DONATION REQUEST



KEY DATES THIS TERM

Fri 13 Nov	Pyjama Day - come to school wearing PJs with £1 to donate to Children in Need
Mon 16 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week starts—option to wear odd socks to celebrate difference
Thurs 19 Nov	Year 6 class assembly 3pm + Scholastic Book Fair delivered (will be at Mandeville for one week)
Weds 25 Nov	Parents Consultation evening - **School closes early at 1.30pm for children**
Wed 9 Dec	Panto comes to Mandeville
Thurs 10 Dec	Save the Children Festive Jumper day
Friday 11 Dec	Christmas Lunch (wear a festive jumper again if you want!)
Wed 16 Dec	Gymnastics performances
Friday 18 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term **School closes early at 1.30pm for children**