LEAP NEWS

Friday 13th November 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

We wore our pyjamas today!….. Hoy llevamos puesto el pijama!….

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

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD AUTUMN TRAIL 2026

A huge thank you to all the families and guests who joined us at last week's Autumn Trail! We had an absolute blast welcoming you into our gardens for what turned out to be our biggest and smoothest event of the year. The standard of the pumpkin carvings was out of this world, and we owe a massive thank you to our LEAP teachers for handling the carving duties and to everyone who cast their votes. We were delighted to see such creativity at the crafting table in the Garden Room, the joy on everyone's faces with the sparklers, and the wonderful story telling by the fire pit with Ben.

An event of this scale simply isn't possible without the incredible dedication of our friends, staff, and volunteers. We want to extend an enormous amount of gratitude to every volunteer who gave up their Friday night to host activity workshops, serve behind the bar, and keep everything running seamlessly.

Special thanks also go to the LEAP SLT team, whose insight and hard work over the last few years have helped refine our working model to make this sixth edition an absolute triumph.

We hope you all had a fantastic evening together. We are already looking ahead to our next big community gatherings in the spring and summer, so keep your eyes peeled for upcoming details.








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PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Following last Friday's fantastic Autumn Trail at the Hackney School of Food, the votes for most popular carved pumpkin have been counted! Families who attended the event had the chance to vote for their favourite pumpkin, choosing from the wonderfully creative designs carved by staff across our LEAP schools. The competition was fierce, but we are delighted to announce the winners! Congratulations to our winning pumpkin carvers.

A huge thanks to everyone who took part and to those who voted too!



Gayhurst: David



Mandeville: Kaltum



Kingsmead: Ben



Grasmere: Barley

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LEAP'S PJ DAY

RAISING FUNDS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Thanks to all the children and staff who took part today!




















LEAP'S PJ DAY CONT...




THURSDAY NIGHTS WITH PE

PE Hackney are offering an after-school fitness class for 8–14 year olds. Each session starts with stretching and mobility, then moves into fitness such as skipping, games, a bit of strength work, challenges and team exercises. We finish with a warm snack and a short reflection together in a circle.

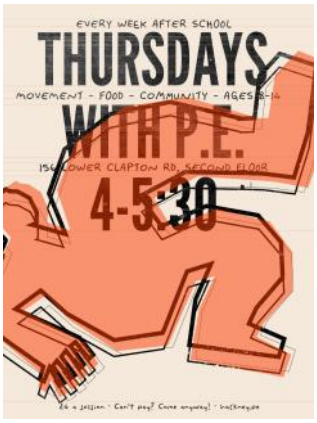
Beginners very welcome.

Thursdays 4.00–5.30pm

Venue: Above Palm 2, 156 Lower Clapton Road, London E5 0QJ (second floor)

Cost: £4 a session. Can't pay? Come anyway, no questions asked.

More info at hackney.pe or I nstagram @pehackney



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Hackney School of Food have a Community Wreath Making Workshop on **Saturday, December 5th**, from 2pm - 4pm. **Tickets are pay what you can.**

This workshop offers the chance to do some festive crafting together with your neighbours, whilst working with beautiful foliage and berries from the garden to make a festive wreath to take home.

https://www.ticketsource.com/hackneyschooloffood/community-wreath-making/2026-12-05/14:00/t-plyxplo



PRIORITY SERVICE REGISTER

(for Gas, Electricity and Water supplies)

Families with children aged 5 or under are able to be on the Priority Service Registere in the case of electricity, gas or water supply interruptions.

You can find out more information and how to get yourself added to the Priority Service Register here.

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)	Squirrel & Owl	199	
Phase 2	Mountain	199	**River** 98.1%
Phase 3	Jupiter	281	**Mars** 98.6%

WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Coskun
Hedgehog class(3-4 Nur Saint
Squirrel class (Rec) Shaylan
Owl class (Rec) Orlando
Ocean class (Yr 1) Ariella
Mountain class (Yr 1) Thiago

River class (Yr 2) Pip & Violetta
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Chloe & Paddy
Mercury class (Yr 4) Io & Azaria
Mars class (Yr 5) Kaitlyn & Malu
Venus class (Yr 6) Kamara & Marley

CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

We are delighted to let you know that our Autumn Term Discovery Programme launches next week. Run in partnership with the Children's Book Project, a charity dedicated to promoting children's literacy, the Discovery Programme gives every child the exciting opportunity to choose and take home six books of their own over the course of the school year. All books are completely free and are for children to keep, enjoy or pass on to friends.

As part of the programme, we will hold three book-gifting events throughout the school year, one each term. Every child will have the opportunity to take part in each event and choose two books to take home. We will let you know when each event takes place so that you can talk to your child about the books they have chosen and perhaps enjoy reading them together.

Over the coming weeks, your child will bring home their first two books.

We look forward to seeing which books the children choose and hope they bring lots of enjoyment and inspire a lifelong love of reading!



YEAR 1 UPDATE

The children in both Year One classes have had a wonderful time diving into our maths curriculum lately, showing real enthusiasm as they tackle new concepts and build their problem-solving skills. In art, we have also started learning about the famous Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer, with the class eagerly exploring his style and practising their careful brushwork skills. Alongside all this hard work in the classroom, excitement is building as we prepare for our upcoming Nativity performance. Everyone is thoroughly enjoying learning the festive songs, practising their lines, and working together to bring the story to life on stage. Watch this space for the date!













REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday, children and staff at Mandeville came together to mark Remembrance Day with a two-minute silence. This was an opportunity to remember all those who have lost their lives or suffered as a result of war and conflict, both past and present.

It was a thoughtful and respectful moment, reminding us all of the importance of peace, kindness and understanding.

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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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SPORT INSPIRED FESTIVAL

This week, Year 3 and Year 4 had an amazing opportunity to participate in a day-long festival of sport. Organised by the charity Sports Inspired, the day involved the children participating in groups to complete a range of sporting challenges. From cricket to taekwondo and tennis to netball, with some dance thrown in for good measure, there was something for everyone to enjoy. As well as earning points for completing each challenge, there were also 'Team Spirit' points on offer for the teams that displayed outstanding sportsmanship. At the end of the day, we discovered that one of our teams had won the Team Spirit award. We're very proud that we'll be able to display the trophy here at Mandeville. What a fantastic way to experience the fun and benefits of sport!











'I loved taekwondo because we got to try a spin kick.' **Dejhari**

'I love dancing so that part was lots of fun!' **Khloe**

'Netball was great because you had to work well as a team.' **Taylor**

'Even if you weren't sure what to do you could just try your best and it was still fun.' **Lulu**

'We worked together as a team and never gave up, which is why we took home the trophy!' **Hamid**





SPORTT INSPIRED FESIVAL CONTINUED....





TOY DONATION REQUEST



KEY DATES THIS TERM

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