LEAP NEWS

Friday 20th November 2026

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

We look after our friends…… *Cuidamos a nuestros amigos y amigas …..*

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

ODD SOCKS & ANTI-BULLYING WEEK ACROSS LEAP

On Monday this week, to launch Anti Bullying Week, children and staff across all four LEAP schools wore odd mismatched socks to school as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion by recognising and embracing what makes each of us unique.

This year's Anti Bullying theme was - 'Break the Silence' - encouraging children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together .

Grasmere- Throughout the week, at Grasmere children explored this year's theme, 'Break the Silence', during their PSHE lessons, discussing the importance of speaking out, telling a trusted adult and supporting others if they experience or witness bullying. The children also created colourful posters reflecting the theme, sharing powerful messages about using their voices, showing kindness and making sure nobody feels alone. Together, we explored how we can all help to create a safe, supportive and inclusive school community where everyone feels heard.



"If someone is being bullied, you should tell a adult."- **Bailey** (Year 2)

"We should always be kind and make sure nobody feels left out."- **Liam** (Year 2)

"It's important to speak up because everyone deserves to feel safe and happy."- **Eleni** (Year 5







Mandeville - In our whole school assembly, we talked about why it's important to speak up and encouraged children to remember three simple steps: Notice, Speak Up and Get Help. Every child was also given a kindness challenge to put what we talked about into practice.

Our Mental Health Ambassadors took part in a training session with Dr Natalie Bailey to build their confidence

ODD SOCKS & ANTI-BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED…

and develop the skills they need to support other children in our school.











Gayhurst— We started the week with Odd Socks Day to remind us that we are all unique. Our differences make us special and everyone deserves to be accepted for who they are.

We spent time in our assemblies talking about the Anti-Bullying Alliance pledge. We also thought about how to ensure our school community is a place where everyone feels valued, support and that they belong.

We encourage families to talk about the importance of kindness and celebrating differences. By working together, we can help children develop empathy, confidence and respect for others.





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ODD SOCKS & ANTI-BULLYING WEEK CONTINUED…



Kingsmead—We held a whole school Anti-Bullying Week Assembly about how, at Kingsmead, we work together to ensure that no one feels left out, alone or worried. Our assembly focused on the Anti Bullying theme of 'breaking the silence'. We made a pledge, that we intend to carry forward with us, to ensure that everyone at Kingsmead feels happy, safe and free from bullying:





· When we see something wrong, we won't ignore it.

· When someone needs support, we will help them find it.

· When we are worried, we will speak to someone we trust.

· It is all of our responsibility to together, Break the Silence

We celebrated the fact that Kingsmead children are really good at looking out for each other, making the right choices and supporting each other.





WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Hackney School of Food have a Community Wreath Making Workshop on **Saturday 5th December** 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.

Click here to book.



HELP TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCE OF MOVING INTO RECEPTION

Marc Thompson, Mandeville's headteacher, is leading work on behalf of Hackney Education to improve the experience of starting Reception for children and families across Hackney.

Marc would like to hear from parents and carers across LEAP, whose children are getting ready for Reception or have recently started. You all know what the move was like for your family. Sharing what helped, what was difficult and what support would have made a difference will help shape how future families are supported.

Families from any LEAP school are welcome to join an in-person session at Mandeville or Grasmere. There's also an online session for anyone who can't attend in person. Please see the session details below for how to take part.

- **Wednesday 2nd December: 2.30-3.30pm -**
In person session at Mandeville School

- **Tuesday 8th December: 6-7pm -**
On line session open to all LEAP settings:
Click here for link for those wanting to join online

- **Thursday 10th December: 9-10am**
In person session at Grasmere School



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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** 98.2%
Phase 3	Jupiter	281	**Mercury** 98%

WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Whole class
Hedgehog class(3-4 Nur Safaa
Squirrel class (Rec) Hasib
Owl class (Rec) Lucien
Ocean class (Yr 1) Zayn
Mountain class (Yr 1) Dilara

River class (Yr 2) Ethan & Zoya
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Quban & Yusuf
Mercury class (Yr 4) Taylor & Nylah
Mars class (Yr 5) Marley & Isabel
Venus class (Yr 6) Ameerah & Berat

CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

Mandeville was full of excitement this week as we hosted our annual Book Party! Children from Nursery to Year 6 had the opportunity to visit our Children's Book Project and choose books to take home and keep.

The children spent time browsing through a selection of books, from fiction to non-fiction and picture books to chapter books. With so many exciting titles to choose from, there was something for everyone. It was lovely to see the children sharing recommendations with their friends, discovering new authors and taking such care in choosing their books.



"*It took me ages to pick a book, but I love the two I chose!*" **Deniz** Yr5

"There were a lot of books to pick from. I decided the go for a nonfiction text and a Jacqueline Wilson book." **Merita** Yr 6

"I have already finished one of my two books" **Ethan,** Yr 2

The Book Party was a wonderful celebration of reading, and we hope the children enjoy sharing their new books with family and friends at home.

A huge thank you to the charity Children's Book Project for their incredibly generous donation of books and for helping us inspire a love of reading across Mandeville!













YEAR 6 CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week, our Year 6 children have been busy preparing for and then performing their Windrush assembly! Through acting, storytelling and music, the children brought to life the experiences of the Windrush Generation, exploring their journey from the Caribbean to Britain and the challenges they faced.

The children really enjoyed learning their lines and taking part in rehearsals, with the final performance giving everyone a chance to put their hard work into practice.

"*I really enjoyed learning my lines and playing Delroy. The dress rehearsal was exciting because we got to see everything come together*!" – **Jayden**





"My favourite part was practising with my friends and getting into character. I was nervous at first, but then I got into the role." – **Ariam**





A huge well done to all our Year 6 performers for their hard work, enthusiasm and wonderful performances. And a thank you to all the families who came to support.





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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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YEAR 3 NEWS

It's been an exciting Autumn term in Year 3. Moving into Key Stage 2 brings new opportunities, challenges and growing independence, a broader range of subjects (and a new playground!), but Year 3 have taken to it like ducks to water. This term has focussed on developing positive relationships, establishing a team-based approach to our behaviour, and doing some fantastic learning as a result.

We began the year learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in History. This involved our unforgettable trip to Epping Forest, where we learned survival skills that really put us 'in the shoes' of prehistoric people. We got to make our own pneumatic toys - toys that move using the power of air - in Design & Technology. It was a great opportunity to work in groups and use our creative problem-solving skills. In Art, we studied bronze masks from the Ancient Kingdom of Benin, culminating in us carving and painting our own masks out of clay. We've also completed some thought-provoking experiments in Science, particularly when learning about light, colour and reflection. Since half term, we have begun studying Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in English. It's a classic for a reason and we can't wait to see what happens to poor little Charlie Bucket.





So much progress has been made already this year and it looks set to continue in the weeks and months ahead. Bring on the rest of Year 3!









PARENT & CARER CONSULTATIONS REMINDER

Parents Evening Consultations will take place next **Wednesday, 25 November**. **Please note that school will close early at 1.30pm on this day.** To book a meeting with your child's teacher, please log in to Arbor. Full booking instructions were sent to you via email earlier this week. If you experience any issues making your booking, please contact the school office for assistance.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Exciting news! The Scholastic Book Fair has arrived at Mandeville! Families are invited to visit the library next week to explore a fantastic selection of books. The Book Fair will be open **Monday to Thursday, from 3.45pm to 4.15pm,** and during Parents' Evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

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KEY DATES THIS TERM

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**