



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 27th June 2025

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¡Me encanta el verano!.....I love Summer! .....

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

## HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

All four schools, **Kingsmead**, **Grasmere**, **Gayhurst** & **Mandeville**, took part in the Hackney Music Festivals this week at the Round Chapel.

Dancers from the four schools and drummers from Kingsmead performed at the dance event on Monday 23rd. Year 2 from Kingsmead and Mandeville performed at the Infant singing event on Wednesday 25th. Year 4 from Kingsmead and Year 5 from Grasmere performed at the Junior singing event on Thursday 26th.

Today, Reception classes from Mandeville, Gayhurst and Grasmere performed at the EYFS event (which will be reported on in next week's newsletters).

**Ben**, the Music Lead across all the schools said, *'I have been so proud of the children's dedication leading up to this week and the performances WOW! ....they were all WONDERFUL..'*



### HACKNEY MUSIC FESTIVAL CONTINUED....



## MANDEVILLE AT GREAT BIG DANCE OFF NATIONAL FINALS

Earlier this year, Mandeville's Dance Squad qualified for the Great Big Dance Off Grand National Finals for the fourth year in a row - battling hundreds of schools to make it to the final thirty! The finals took place in Oxford on Monday evening, and we are



proud to let you know that they placed 12th. Our dancers are fierce competitors and were very disappointed not to have placed higher but being the 12th best in the country is an achievement to be proud of. Our dancers impressed the judges & audience with a fabulous performance and accepted the final decision with exceptional professionalism, resilience and grace; we are so proud of them.

Huge thanks to their dance teacher, Principal Marie-Reine Bouchereau from Storm the Stage Academy, for her dedication to Mandeville, committing time and energy to our dancers and transforming our dance club attendees into one of the best teams in the country!

Thanks to Jodie, Freddy our PE teacher, & the rest of the team who supported behind the scenes.



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### LEAP TAKE PART IN UEL SPORTS FESTIVAL

What an incredible day we had at the Sports Summer Festival at the University of East London SportsDock last week! The event was packed with excitement, as children from lots of schools, including our amazing four LEAP schools came together to enjoy a day full of fun, energy, and friendly competition.

Children eagerly tried their hands at skateboarding, jump rope, basketball, breakdancing, indoor rowing, boxing, and sitting volleyball, showcasing their skills, enthusiasm, and collaborative spirit. The event was not only a celebration of physical activity but also an opportunity for children to develop essential life skills. To recognise their efforts and dedication, the children were scored on three core attributes: teamwork, listening skills, and participation.

Our LEAP schools brought so much energy and enthusiasm to the festival, and it was great to see how excited everyone was to be part of the action. The positive vibes were everywhere, with children cheering each other on and giving their all in every activity.

A special congratulations goes to **Mandeville** and **Kingsmead**, who demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship, earning the top spot in a **joint first-place finish!** Both teams showed incredible teamwork and spirit throughout the day. A huge well done to everyone who took part. The organiser was very impressed with our LEAP schools!

*"I was really proud of all the children. It was a great opportunity for them to explore activities they wouldn't usually do, such as skateboarding and rowing- their behaviour was fantastic."* - **Kaltum**, Deputy headteacher at Mandeville

**Gayhurst:** *"It was a brilliant event, I liked the boxing!"* - **Chidi**, Year 5

*"I loved all of the activities, it was fun to do something different".* -

**Acai**, Year 4



#### UEL SPORTS FESTIVAL

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**Grasmere:** *"It was really fun and enjoyable, I loved every moment of it!"* - **Bell**, Year 5  
*'My favourite activities were breakdancing and basketball.'* - **Ahmed**, Year 6



**Mandeville:** *"My favourite activity was cricket because I was hitting the ball really far. The coach said I had a natural talent!"* - **Taynara**, Year 3

*"We got top marks in all areas because we worked as a team. We were very loud, cheering each other in rowing."* - **Armani**, Year 5



**Kingsmead:** *"We got to do some fun activities we haven't done before - breakdancing was brilliant and we got to do some cool moves!"* - **Elena**, Year 3

*"We worked well together and showed team spirit and that is why we won first place. I am really proud of my team!"* **Jontae**, Year 6



### GRASMERE SCHOOL JOINING FEDERATION FROM SEPTEMBER 1st 2025

The governors from both LEAP and Grasmere have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure a smooth transition this summer to the new LEAP federation that includes Grasmere. We are pleased to confirm that the new governing board will consist of existing governors from each governing board and that as always, governors will represent all the children across the federation equally. We will share details of the new governing board in September when the new federation starts, and we are grateful to Ian Quest and Gillian Brady, who are the current chairs of governors, who have agreed to act as shadow chairs until the first meeting of the new governing board when a new chair and vice chair will be elected.

Governors have roles including chair and vice chair. All governors have a link role, so each link governor looks at a particular element in each of the schools over the course of the year and then reports back to the full governing board. New chairs of the three specific committees (Curriculum, Resources and Standards) will also be proposed in September. So for example, if a governor is the link governor for Early Years, SEND, Creativity, Health and Safety, Attainment, Equalities or Sport (to name but a few possible link roles) they will meet with the staff in each school who lead that area and then will create a report for the FGB.

Parent workshops and surveys will take place in each individual school to make sure that parents' voices are heard by the leadership team for that school. Governors will receive termly reports from each of the 4 headteachers on an agreed schedule of development areas such as premises and safeguarding or staffing.

In September we will be holding elections for new parent governors and parents from all 4 schools are encouraged to apply. Once applications are received a parent vote will take place using an online voting system and 2 successful parent governors will be appointed following this process. Existing parent governors from each of the schools who wish to continue in their roles have been amalgamated into the new governing board as co-opted governors thereby ensuring that parents have a strong voice across all the schools. Once the new governing board has been able to meet for the first time in September the new chair and vice chair will be duly elected at that meeting.

We will keep you updated through the newsletter on any new developments in governance as we move through the process.

### YEAR 6 CREATIVE TRANSLATION WORKSHOP

This week groups of children from year 6 across LEAP met to take part in a special translation workshop led by the Stephen Spender Trust. We met Andy who is a professional translator to find out about his job. He then introduced us to the poem No Sé Por Qué Piensas Tú by Nicolás Guillén. The children worked in groups to make a literal translation of the poem, before then attempting a 'creative' translation. They had to think about the context, language features and poetic devices when amending their translation. Andy and the LEAP team were very impressed with the resilience and determination the children demonstrated throughout the workshop. They have gained key skills that will help them with their future linguistic studies at secondary school.

**Eliana (Kingsmead):** *'It was a challenge to translate a poem in particular. We had to think about the meaning of the word.'*

**Cormac and Pau (Gayhurst):** *'We enjoyed listening to the tone of the poem. It gave us a clue about the meaning.'*

**Nadia (Mandeville):** *'We started thinking about words from languages we speak at home. It was like a warm up!'*

**Alice (Grasmere):** *'I think I got better at translating today.'*



### TRANSLATION COMPETITION

The Stephen Spender Trust is also running a national translation competition. If your child would like to enter, they should select a published poem from any other language than English and then translate it into English. They should hand the translated poem, as well as a copy of the original poem, to their teacher by **Friday 11th July**.





## 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)	Panther	109	Mountain 98%
Phase 2	Mountain	102	
Phase 3	Jupiter/ Venus	250	Jupiter /Venus 99.7%



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Jaguar class** Tulisa  
**Lion class** Sammy  
**Panther class** Whole class  
**Ocean class** Diamond  
**Mountain class** D'zai

**River class** Starlia & Azaria  
**Forest class** Marley & Ciara  
**Mercury class** Mohammed & Ariam  
**Mars class** Humaira & Ibadah  
**Venus class** Whole class  
**Jupiter class** Whole class

## CLIMATE CHANGE FILM & EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT

**Samuel, Yasmine and Malakai** (yr 6) represented Mandeville at the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development on Monday. In front of over forty senior leaders from the EBRD, the children spoke about their 'Change CLIMATE CHANGE' film. The art project took place when the children were in year 4 and the film has now been shown to world leaders at the UN Regional platform for disaster risk reduction and at Glastonbury festival. Yasmine spoke confidently about the inspiration for the title of the film, followed by Samuel who spoke articulately about his feelings for the future. Malakai spoke eloquently about what he hopes the film and artworks might achieve in the future. The children then showed off their pieces of art and spoke about how they created them. The CEO of the EBRD ended by reflecting on the importance of resilience and adaptation and how it relates to the bank's activities and countries of operations. The event concluded with a networking event where the children enjoyed speaking to various people from the bank.

*"I enjoyed speaking to the people who asked what I wanted to be when I grow up"* **Samuel**



## CLIMATE CHANGE FILM & EBRD CONTINUED....

*The size and grandeur of the building was so impressive!"* **Malakai**

*"It was an inspirational visit because it felt like the adults were really interested in climate change and our work."* **Yasmine**



## SPORTS DAY REMINDER

Next Friday 4th July is sports day for Reception to Year 6, taking place in Daubeney Fields. The first event is at 9.30am, finishing roughly at 11.30 to 12 and the afternoon session will start at approximately 1pm, finishing at around 3.00 to 3.30. You are welcome to join us for the parents' race taking place at the end of the day! Please check your emails for more details.

## KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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 Mandeville Summer Camp at Kingsmead school 10am —2pm**

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### MANDEVILLE PTA NEWS

#### AGM— ALL WELCOME

We are looking for nominations of the committee for 2025/26. The positions we are looking to fulfil are:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Communications Officer
- Year Ambassadors
- Events/Project Coordinators as applicable

For further information on what is expected in the roles, those interested can refer to this link: <https://www.pta.co.uk/running-a-pta/managing-a-pta/pta-committee-roles-and-responsibilities/>



### MANDEVILLE SUMMER CAMP

Mandeville & Kingsmead will be running a joint summer camp at Kingsmead School (Kingsmead Way, E9 5PP) for children in Reception to Year 6 classes for the first three weeks of the summer holidays, **from Mon 21st July to Friday 8th August , from 10am to 2pm.**

Families will be receiving a letter next week, with details about how to sign up for the camp as there is a new registration process in place.

### JRSO END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

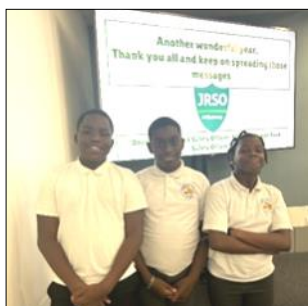
Our Junior Road Safety Officers, **Rejoice, Courage** and **Amadou** attended the Hackney JRSO End of Year celebration this week. Excitingly, it was attended by Cllr Sharon Patrick, Speaker of Hackney, who spoke about how important the JRSO's work is in keeping the borough safe & raising awareness of different issues. The JRSOs took part in a competition to create a poster for road safety. They then presented to each other what campaigns & activities they had been working on this year.

*"It was nice to meet other Junior Road Safety Officers and it was fun"* **Rejoice**

*"I enjoyed hearing what other schools are currently doing in their communities to raise awareness of being safe on roads."* **Courage**

*"I wish I was JRSO again next year because I left the event with lots of ideas and inspiration! I will just have to hand my ideas over to next year's team!"*

**Amadou .**



### JRSO END OF YEAR CONTINUED....



### 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!



### FREE GARDENING ACTIVITIES & QUIET ZONE

Pop over to Hackney School of Food at the Mandeville Summer BBQ for free gardening activities & a quiet zone to relax!