



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 4th July 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
¡Me encanta el verano!.....I love Summer!

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

LEAP HISTORY AMBASSADORS TRIP

Our LEAP history ambassadors from **Grasmere, Kingsmead, Mandeville** and **Gayhurst**, visited the Ragged Museum on Tuesday to learn about Victorian London. Despite the scorching heat, the children participated eagerly in the activities. They started the day with a lesson in what would have been a real Victorian classroom, with the very strict and formidable Mrs Davies! The children were given a slab of blackboard and a measly piece of chalk to write on. *"We found out that paper would have been too expensive for children to use so they had small blackboards!" Erin.*

The children were set the task of writing the alphabet in cursive writing, then were asked to recite a piece of poetry before calculating difficult mathematical questions in their heads - all whilst sitting with their backs rigidly straight and in silence! *"Mrs Davies taught her lessons very differently to the way we are taught." Jamal.* The ambassadors learnt that corporal punishment was common in the Victorian era, as was humiliating punishments such as wearing a 'dunce' hat. *"I enjoyed the classroom session the best as has reminded me of how lucky I am to live in this century"- Henry V.* They learnt that children were only educated until they were ten before they were expected to find work in local factories or on farms.

The children then became history detectives by finding clues within information around the museum.

"I enjoyed learning how people dealt with cholera outbreaks" Yohan.

"I didn't know the Middlesex filter beds beside Mandeville and Kingsmead were built to help treat the dirty water," Courage.

At the end of the session the ambassadors learnt about the hardships of family life during the Victorian era. They explored the inside of a replica of a Victorian family living room where up to 10 family members would live, work and sleep.

"Women's work was so hard! Imagine washing your clothes for four hours a day!" Gideon.

"I can't believe so many people lived in one room and that they had to remove their buttons every time they cleaned their clothes" Roxy



LEAP HISTORY AMBASSADORS TRIP CONTINUED.....

"The best part was the lesson with Mrs Davies because it was fun pretending to be a Victorian child," Basma.

"I enjoyed learning about how much has changed since the Victorian era" Alex.



FAMILY COACH SERVICE PARENT TALK & WALK

The Family Coach Service are offering a new Parent Talk & Walk programme for Hackney parents & carers. See information below:

When? Tuesday 15th of July 11am-12:30pm

Where? In front of the Hackney Mosaic Project in Hackney Downs E5 8NP

For who? Open to parents of children with SEND (no formal diagnosis or EHCP necessary) who are confident in conversational English. You're welcome to bring little ones in buggies but we unfortunately won't be able to welcome pets on this occasion.

Why come? It's an opportunity to connect with other parents while walking in the community

Walks theme is: Wellbeing and resilience

What's the plan?

1. Meet at the meeting point and introduce ourselves
2. Route and talking topics introduced
3. Walk in your small group of 2-3,
4. Reflection and intention setting

This sounds great. How do I book my place? We have 10 spaces available so please email us on familycoach@hackney.gov.uk to reserve your place.



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Connect with other parents while walking in the community



This walks theme is resilience and wellbeing

To book your place on the walk please email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

HACKNEY CHESS TOURNAMENT

Last Friday, Grasmere hosted this years chess tournament. There was steep competition from a number of local schools: **St. John the Baptist, Queensbridge, Our Lady and St. Joseph, Millfields, William Patten, Southwold, Rushmore and Gayhurst.**

After an initial game, points were collected and the children were then repaired with similar scoring opponents. *'Some people would try to checkmate with the 'Scholar's Mate' and I was doing the 'Fried Liver', which is a technique where you fork the queen and the rook - it was very successful! The tournament was very exciting and I would like to do it again.'* **Rami (3L) Gayhurst.**

After 4 very competitive rounds **Grasmere** were crowned champions with **Gayhurst** second, missing out by 0.6 points! Huge congratulations to both schools!



FREE OR CHEAP THINGS FOR FAMILIES TO DO IN SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Many thanks to Kingsmead's Year 4 class teacher, **Hang**, who has taken the time to put together this great list of Summer Fun for LEAP families.....

If you're stuck or wondering what to do with the children over the long summer holidays, we have compiled a list of local-ish activities and places which are low cost or free to visit. We've also included some low cost activities for families who claim Universal Credit which families may not be aware of. Some places may require booking beforehand, so please take a look on their website for further details.

Farms

Mudchute farm, E14 3HP free

Stepney city farm E1 3DG free

Hackney city farm E2 8QA free

Spitalfields city farm E1 5AR free

Many of the local farms host workshops- details can be found on their websites.

Outdoor film showings

From 9th June to 3rd August, Leicester Square will run a pop-up outdoor event featuring a big screen show blockbusters, sports and a selection of family favourites for free, daily until 10pm. Check the website for the full line up of what is playing on the big screen each day. <https://summerinlsg.com>

At **Kings Cross**, bring a picnic blanket and snacks to relax and enjoy a free classic or family favourite. It does get pretty busy so make sure that you arrive in good time to get a good position. <https://www.kingscross.co.uk/event/everyman-on-the-canal>

Cultural fun and workshops

From 15th July to 10th August, The **Royal Academy**, **W1S 3ET** will host a free Young Artist exhibition showcasing artwork from some of our very own LEAP children. <https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/young-artists-summer-show-2025>

The **London Museum of Docklands**, **E14 4AL** will host family events between 12 July-31 August where children can step into the shoes of an archaeologist, experience the story of Great Fire of London or celebrate London's diverse Caribbean culture. Some events are ticketed however they have a free family drop in crafts <https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/summer/>

FREE OR CHEAP THINGS FOR FAMILIES CONTINUED....

Other family fun

Royal Docks Summer Splash 2025 from 25th July up to 17th August. It is a family free lido with a shallow section for children, sandy play areas and exciting activities for children. <https://www.royaldocks.london/articles/summer-splash-2025-save-the-dates-for-free-family-fun>

The **Royal Academy** will also host a free family day on 27th July where families can design and construct a city of the future

<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/event/family-studio-design-a-city>

Every Friday, **Young V&A E2 9PA** will host free drop-in activities during the holidays.

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/event/wANr40Pvyv/yva-family-fridays-summer-2023?srsltid=AfmBOor503GPvveojunhCIOLCTH8V5W74T8upqma2cBvEPoQidb7mvuu>

Our Hackney libraries will be running a reading quest this summer! Booklets and stamps can be collected at any local library. Many of the libraries will host activities

<https://www.lovehackney.uk/the-great-hackney-libraries-quest#:~:text=Join%20the%20Great%20Hackney%20Libraries.in%20our%20fun%20creative%20activities.>

Universal Credit days out

For families claiming Universal Credit, there are many venues in London which will offer a discounted entry. With most venues, you will need proof of benefits at point of entry. It is best to book beforehand to avoid disappointment. Here are a selection:

- £1 entry to **Kew gardens TW9 3AB**
- £1 Unlimited annual pass at **London Transport Museum WC2E 7BB**
- £4 child £7 adult entry to **London Zoo, NW1 4RY** (Popular so please book in advance online)
- <https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/london-zoo-tickets/universal-credit-tickets>
- Free tickets to selected shows at **Little Angel Theatre, N1 2DN** (Will need to register for the Free Puppets for All scheme on their website.)
- <https://www.littleangeltheatre.com/about-us/our-impact/puppets-for-all/>
- Free entry to all paid exhibitions at **V&A, SW7 2RL**



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	58	Ocean 97.8% Mars 98%
Phase 2	Ocean	129	
Phase 3	Mars	103	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Jaguar class Hawa
Lion class Isabella
Panther class Rihanna & Paddy
Ocean class Yusuf
Mountain class Hamid

River class Lilly & Lulu
Forest class Xia & Josiah
Mercury class Ameerah & Aaqil
Mars class Samantha Rose & Guilhermeo
Venus class Mercy
Jupiter class Nana

GREEN FLAG AWARDED

We are delighted to announce that Mandeville has achieved the **EcoSchool Green Flag with Distinction!** We received the award for our dedication to and promotion of healthy living, biodiversity, sustainable transport and our global citizen initiatives. The panel awarding the Green Flag were particularly impressed with our Eco Committee's commitment to work with the kitchen team to promote plant-based meal options and their work on ensuring all classrooms are recycling correctly. The award body noted the efforts made by our children to complete sustainable projects during STEM week. They also commented on our Walk to School week and re-establishment of the Schools' Streets, spearheaded by the Junior Road Safety Officers. Well done to everyone involved!



PERSONAL BEST FINALS

Well done to the year 6 children who represented Mandeville at the Hackney Borough Personal Best Finals on Wednesday. The children competed against seven other schools. They came second in the relay race and the boys team beat three other schools in the tug of war to finish third. Activities also included a dance off competition, sprint races and cycling.

"It was exciting to challenge other teams especially in the tug of war! That was my favourite event!" Emir.

"We did a lot of running, cycling and dancing so I was glad the weather wasn't as hot!" Esther.

"It was cool that we all wore the same colour t-shirt because then we really felt like a proper sports team" Mohsen.



PERSONAL BEST FINALS CONTINUED.....



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A reminder to families that next week is our last week of After School Clubs, which end on **Friday 11th July**.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

- 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: Arrival & refreshments from 5pm, show starts at 5.20.
- 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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HACKNEY BUZZLINE SESSIONS

Why not go along and join some fun free family activities run by the Hackney Buzzline celebrating pollinating insects and the vital role they play in the natural world. All events are FREE & taking place in our local area on various dates this summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS ON CLAPTON PARK ESTATE

12TH JULY Family pollinator day @ Daubeneay Community Gardens 11:00-2:30. Pollinator planting, ID skills, arts & crafts.

16TH JULY Bee bank and hotel creation on the corner of Mandeville st/Millfields rd next to the canal. Come and find us from 3pm!

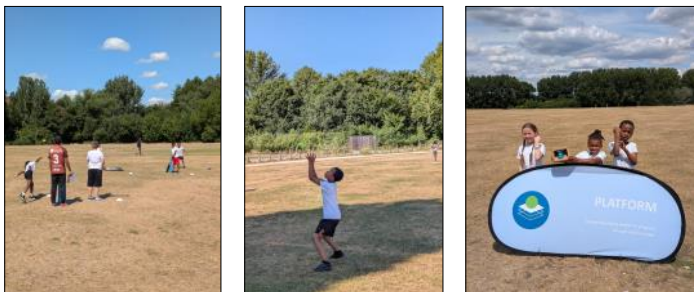
16TH SEPT Harvest time reflections on the Buzzline and upcoming plans, wildflower bombs and meadow workshops, tasty autumn treats! Gilpin Square 11:00-1:30.



HACKNEY BUZZLINE For more information email rachael@ecoactive.org.uk 

YEAR 4 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

After training with Coach Itty in the Spring, Mandeville was invited to a Hackney-wide cricket tournament on Hackney Marshes. Four primary schools from across the borough took part, each fielding two teams (including some familiar faces from Kingsmead.) The day started off slow for our teams as we got into the swing of things but we were soon scoring freely. We played well enough to reach the semi-finals. Well done to all of our children for showing grit and determination early on to produce some stunning cricket. Thank you to Coach Itty for the training and invite - we will all be playing much more cricket for sure!



MANDEVILLE SUMMER CAMP

Mandeville & Kingsmead are 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 were sent a letter this week, with details about how to sign up for the camp as there is a new registration process in place. Places are free for families who qualify for Free School Meals but there is a charge of £10 a day for those who are not. If anyone is going to find it difficult to pay this they should contact the school office to discuss their options as we don't want anyone unable to come for this reason. **Please see Natalie or the school office if you need help with registering or are unsure.**



From **Mon 7th July** you can sign up for Summer Camp using this QR code or [this link](#).

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

Friday 11th July 4:30-7:30pm

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

£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!

FREE GARDENING ACTIVITIES & QUIET ZONE

Pop over to Hackney School of Food for free gardening activities & a quiet zone to relax!

FREE GARDEN FUN!

FRIDAY 11 JULY

HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD GARDEN OSWALD ST ES OBT

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

FREE ENTRY Donations welcome



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Mandeville Year 6 have had yet another brilliant week! This time they were at Kench Hill for the end of year residential. They learnt about all sorts of different things: nature, teamwork, independence, support, positivity, and generally having a really good time! They had a day out at the beach at Camber Sands complete with beach cafe chips, built shelters out of natural materials in the woods, tried climbing up a bouldering wall, explored the art of orienteering to navigate, learnt how to shoot a bow and arrow in archery, searched for living creatures while pond dipping, groomed Shetland ponies called Pongo and Chips, completed their very own Kench Hill Olympics and waded through a stream on a forest adventure! On top of all this, there was still room for lots of free time outside, some delicious meals prepared by the centre's staff, and a campfire complete with a good old-fashioned singalong. It's was a week that's sure to live long in the memory.

"I learnt that once you have found North you can always find South; orienteering was my favourite activity." **Jayden D**

"After doing archery, I now know how to shoot a bow and arrow. Also, there was a pool table which was loads of fun to play on during free time." **Malcolm**

"One of the things I really enjoyed learning about was how to build shelters in the woods. I also loved the stream adventure." **Sofia**

"I was fascinated by all of the different animals we discovered when pond dipping." **Kamali**

"Doing the Kench Hill Olympics was brilliant: all of the challenges were loads of fun." **Casey**

"The instructors and staff at Kench Hill were kind, funny and generally amazing." **Jayden W**

"I've learnt about how to look after & be safe around animals, like not standing behind a horse or pony." **Mohsen**

"The bouldering was brilliant. I also loved having the animals on site to feed and play with." **Yolanda**

