



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 24th October 2025

### 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**

## SPANISH @ LEAP NEWS

Every year, children in year 5 at LEAP are partnered with a child from Placido Domingo School in Madrid to take part in a year long pen pal project! In their Spanish lessons, the children have been drafting and publishing their first letter to their new pen pal using vocabulary they have learnt in years 3- 6 as well as new letter-specific vocabulary.

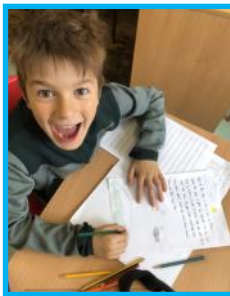
**Ariam** (Mandeville) – *“We told our pen pal about our family members and pets. I said tengo un perro.”*

**Sianna** (Grasmere) - *“I can't wait to hear back from my new pen pal and write the next letter!”*

**Kayode** (Gayhurst) – *“It was really fun using everything I learnt in Spanish to write to a real person in Spain. Can't wait for the reply.”*

**Xander** (Kingsmead) *“I enjoyed writing my letter in Spanish and I can't wait to see how they will reply!”* -

This project helps children to use their language learning in a meaningful context, as well as learn about a new country and culture. We can't wait to hear back from our pen pals!



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- The more you play, the more you learn!
- Boosts memory, creativity & communication.

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2. Go to 'Settings'
3. Tap LAOFR25

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## HACKNEY LIBRARIES

Have you signed up to join your local library? If not, why not do so in the half term holiday? It's simple and free and you and your child can borrow an endless supply of great books to take home, read and bring back to exchange for new books. Library's have experienced staff who can help you to guide your child to find interesting books at the right level for their reading ability.

### How to join the Library

You can apply to join your local library in person. You just need to bring proof of address, such as a utility bill. Membership is free and open to everyone.

### Other benefits of Joining the Library

Did you know that many of Hackney's libraries also offer a range of regular fun activities? From reading groups to chess groups, stories & rhymes to arts & crafts, Lego clubs to creative writing classes, Hackney Libraries have something for everyone.

You can find out what's going on in your local library by following [this link](#).

### Half Term Activities

Hackney Libraries offer some FREE half term activities across their libraries. Get involved in a programme of craft activities, film screenings and storytelling sessions in Hackney Libraries from 24 October until 1 November! We kick off with a Lego session collaboration with Thread Point Foundation at Homerton Library. You can make a mosaic inspired by African-American artist Alma Thomas at Shoreditch Library and Woodberry Down Library, or take home a homemade autumnal garland from Dalston CLR James Library. You can even make your very own Halloween crowns and puppets at Stamford Hill Library and Clapton Library. [Find out more here](#)

## USEFUL ONLINE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Osbourne Publishing have a great website full of fun reading and maths activities. **Teach Your Monster** is a not-for-profit that creates magical, fun-filled learning games for kids.

*“We work with leading academics to create beautifully crafted games kids love to play. We do this with the help of friendly monsters, playful design and out-of-this-world storytelling! Trusted by teachers and parents, our innovative products aim to engage even the most reluctant of learners.”*

<https://www.teachyourmonster.org/>



## AUTUMN TERM 2025

1st half of term: **02.09.25 - 24.10.25**

Half term: **27 — 31 Oct 2025**

2nd half of term: **03.11.25 - 17.12 25**

**INSET days:** Mon 1 Sept 2025,  
Thurs 18 & Fri 19 Dec 2025

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Lion/	64	River 98% Jupiter 98.9%
Phase 2	River	512	
Phase 3	Jupiter	309	



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Rabbit class** (2-3 Nur) Luis  
**Hedgehog class**(3-4 Nur) Eli  
**Squirrel class** (Rec) Khadija  
**Owl class** (Rec) Lloyd  
**Ocean class** (Yr 1) Charlie & Nova

**River class** (Yr 2) Lilian & Cindy Anna  
**Jupiter class** (Yr 3) Sabrina & King  
**Mercury class** (Yr 4) Josiah & Maelle-Joy  
**Mars class** (Yr 5) Adam & Whole class  
**Venus class** (Yr 6) Alfie & Rejoice

## DEMOCRACY WEEK AT MANDEVILLE

We are delighted to announce the newly elected members of our School Council! Over the past few weeks, pupils across the school have taken part in a democratic voting process to choose their representatives. Democracy is a system of government where everyone has a voice and decisions are made through voting. In our school, this means that every child had the opportunity to vote for the classmates they felt would best represent their views and help improve school life.



Being part of the School Council is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop leadership skills, learn about civic responsibility, and make a real difference in our school community. Throughout the year, our council members will meet regularly to discuss ideas and concerns raised by their peers. They will work on projects such as improving playground facilities, supporting school events, promoting kindness and inclusion, and helping to shape school policies that affect pupils.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who put themselves forward and of those who took part in the voting process. It's inspiring to see our young learners engaging with democratic values and showing such enthusiasm for making our school the best it can be.

## DEMOCRACY WEEK CONTINUED.....

We look forward to the new team demonstrating their abilities at leadership!

They will:

- Have good problem-solving skills
- Be confident with speaking skills and have excellent listening skills
- Enjoy teamwork
- Have an open mind to new ideas
- Be responsible
- Work hard to get things done



## RUN CLUB

Exciting News! We're launching a brand-new Run Club, led by Ellie and John! This fun & inclusive club is all about enjoyment, building stamina, and progressing running skills in a supportive environment. Whether your child is a keen runner or just wants to give it a go, everyone is welcome, all abilities and all levels of experience! Sessions will focus on movement, teamwork, and personal growth—no pressure, just positivity and progress. We'll also be exploring a variety of athletic activities, from hill sprints and fartlek training to running a wide range of different routes and discovering new parts of the local area. Each session will be designed to keep things fresh, exciting, and engaging for all abilities. Come join us and get moving!

## MANDEVILLE SCHOOL COUNCIL 2025

Reception	<b>Naia and Theo</b>
Year 1	<b>Ethan and Elif</b>
Year 2	<b>Ahmet and Marlowe</b>
Year 3	<b>King and Lenni</b>
Year 4	<b>Ibrahim and Basma</b>
Year 5	<b>Jayden and Amelia</b>
Year 6	<b>Anayah and Christopher</b>

## KEY DATES THIS TERM

**Mon 27 -Fri 31 Oct** Half term break  
**Fri 7 Nov** Autumn Trail at the Hackney School of Food 16:30-19:30  
**Mon 10 Nov** Odd Socks Day  
**Thurs 20 Nov** Yr 4 assembly 3pm  
**Tues 2 Dec** Panto comes to Mandeville  
**Wed 3 Dec** Parent & Carer consultations  
**school closes early at 1.30pm for children**  
**Wed 10 Dec** Gymnastics performance Rec - Yr 5  
**Thurs 11 Dec** Festive Jumper day  
**Wed 17 Dec** Last day of Autumn term -  
**school closes early at 1.30pm for children**

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### PARENT MATHS WORKSHOP

We held our first Maths Parents' workshop for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents on Wednesday, and it was great to see so many parents there. We talked about early maths, number recognition and subitising and the importance of knowing those small number bonds, the numbers within numbers. We look forward to seeing our young mathematicians develop and have the same love of maths that we have at Mandeville.

*"It was very informative and it was great to see the progress children make throughout the school."* - **Yr 1 parent**

*"A fantastic session, very helpful and enjoyed looking at the resources and how I can help my child at home."* - **Reception class parent**



### THE STORY OF MY NAME - GALLERY CELEBRATION

Yesterday, we hosted a beautiful gallery showcasing the children's artwork from The Story of My Name section of the Justin Thompson project

Over the past few weeks, the children have been exploring the meanings and stories behind their own names. They discussed with their families and then at school what their names represent, where they come from, and why they are special to them. Using these reflections, each child created a unique piece of artwork inspired by their personal story.

Families were invited to view the gallery and hear the children speak proudly about their creations. It was wonderful to see how confidently they shared their ideas and how deeply they connected with the project.

Moments like these remind us just how meaningful it is to celebrate our identities and the stories that make us who we are.

We are excited to continue this project next term, building on the children's curiosity, confidence, and creativity, and engaging even more families along the way.

*"A huge thank you to all the families, staff, and children for their incredible engagement and support- our names truly are something to be proud of!"* - **Kaltum**, Deputy headteacher

*"I love how this school always goes above and beyond. Children are always given the sense to achieve the highest possible and that nothing is out of reach- dream big!"* - **Malu & Siri's mum**

*"I loved the opportunity to discuss my name and share it with my friends and family."* - **Helen-Marie**, year 3

### PLAYCENTRE

Over the past few weeks, our After School Club has been buzzing with creativity, laughter, and teamwork! Pupils from across different year groups have come together to enjoy a wide range of arts and crafts activities—from making autumn-themed decorations to designing their own bookmarks. It's been wonderful to see older & younger children working side by side, sharing ideas and building friendships.

Board games have also been a big hit, encouraging strategic thinking and lots of giggles! Whether it's a classic game of chess or a fast-paced round of Uno, the children have shown great sportsmanship and collaboration.

A special well done to everyone who has been choosing healthy snacks—your choices are helping you stay energised and focused for all the fun!

We're so proud of the positive atmosphere and the sense of community growing in our club. Keep up the great work, everyone!

**Amelia** - *I like playing with my friends and making things in*

*playcentre.*

**Monroe**- *I like playing with toys in playcentre.*

**Soren**- *Playcentre is really fun. I like going outside on the bikes.*

**Dacre**- *I love playing with the animals in playcentre.*

