



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 7th November 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Necesito una bufanda y guantes..... *I need a scarf and gloves*

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

ODD SOCKS AND PYJAMAS!

Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week** across the UK. The theme for this year is **THE POWER OF GOOD**.



The theme of Power for Good has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales



and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Assemblies & class discussions will be taking place across **Grasmere, Gayhurst, Mandeville &**

Kingsmead next week to empower children to think about how they can use the Power of Good to help stop bullying.

Wear Odd Socks on Monday 10th November



To launch Anti-Bullying week **all four of our schools** are taking part in Odd Socks Day. We're encouraging children and staff to wear Odd Socks to school on **Monday**.

Odd Socks Day is an annual event that takes place during Anti-Bullying week, that encourages people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion.

PJ's for Children in Need on Friday 14th November



At the end of Anti-Bullying week, next Friday we are also supporting Children in Need Day. We're inviting **children and staff at all**



four LEAP schools to join in by wearing pyjamas to school and contributing a suggested donation of **£1** if they can, to support this fantastic cause. It's always a fun and cosy day, and most importantly, it helps raise vital funds for children and families in need across the UK. All monies raised will go to Children In Need.

Let's show that together we can make school a safe, happy place for everyone and help those who need it most!

HELPING HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Hackney School of Food has a favour to ask of the LEAP schools community which needs to take place **before 15th November**.....see the message from Zoe, the School of Food's Managing Director;

Hello LEAP community

Hackney School of Food is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund. We get an extra £50 for anyone who signs up to a COOP card using our unique link. We would REALLY appreciate if you can spare 5 mins to help with this... all you need to do is:

Download the Co-op App, become a member and choose our cause.

USE OUR UNIQUE LINK BELOW TO DO THIS: <https://coopapp.onelink.me/ftOk/4nms8smy>



THANKS SO MUCH IN ADVANCE!!

HACKNEY'S 10x10 OFFER

The 10x10 programme, which Hackney Education have created, aims to support every child in Hackney to achieve 10 activities by the age of 10 to help improve their emotional physical and social wellbeing.



They have created a map of Hackney to help families find where to access activities in our community. Find out more about what is on offer on the [10x10 website](#).

FREE CHESS WEBINARS FOR CHILDREN AGED 8+

From Mon 17th November 2025, CSC (Chess In Schools & Communities) will be running a series of **free** chess webinars. These are aimed at children aged 8-13 who know the basic rules of chess and are ready to take the next steps towards learning tactics and strategies. There are three levels of webinar to choose from: beginner, intermediate and advanced. To join the beginner webinar, children need only know the basic rules of chess. They can choose which level to attend. You can find out more [here](#).

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FELIX PROJECT: EMPLOYABILITY OFFER



The Felix Project, the fantastic food waste charity who provide us with produce for our weekly free food shops that run across LEAP, have contacted us with a great new employability training programme they're offering for parents who want support getting into work.

Here's some information from the Felix Project about the programme.

Ready Set Go! The Felix Project is committed to providing training and support to individuals through our Employability Programme.

The programme will be delivered in Poplar, East London, for 2 days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) across 8 weeks, during which we will help you build the skills employers want to see in a friendly working environment.

Our aim is to provide practical experience and a solid foundation to increase motivation and build your confidence to enable you to gain employment, volunteering opportunities, or progress on to further education.

We will support you throughout to improve your career skills and give you real work experience that helps prepare you for the next stage in your journey into employment.

You will practice a lot of skills whilst at The Felix Project and can gain work experience in the following areas:

Warehouse assistants, Felix Green Scheme (collecting & distributing surplus food), **Driver & Co Drivers, Kitchen Assistant, Office Experience.**

You can also gain certificates in:

- Food & Hygiene Level 2.
- Food Allergen Awareness Level 2
- Manual Handling training
- COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)

Referral & Eligibility Process:

To join the programme you need to be:

- Aged 18+
- Unemployed
- Have Permission to Work

If you meet the above requirements you can self refer.

Programme dates:
Tuesday 2nd December - Thursday 5th February



FELIX PROJECT EMPLOYABILITY OFFER CONTINUED

Deadline for to apply – **Friday 21st November 2025**

Information and Assessment Sessions will be taking place during November 25

For more information and to apply please contact Lizzy Lay, Felix Employability Coach

Lizzy.Lay@thefelixproject.org mobile: **07554 297 024**

You can find out more about the Felix Project [here](#).

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS EXTENDED!

The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, has recently announced that his funding investment in a universal free school meals offer for ALL primary aged pupils in London's state funded schools will be extended onwards for a further three years, into the 27/28 academic year, meaning children in Nursery & years 3 to 6 will also continue to receive Free School Meals, in addition to the children in Rec to Year 2.

This is fantastic news for families, saving them over £1,000 over the two years per child, in the midst of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

FAMILIES STILL NEED TO KEEP REGISTERING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember that it is still **vitaly important** for us that LEAP families still register for Free School Meals if they are in receipt of state benefits, as this is how a school's funding is calculated by the Government and affects how much money all of our schools receive.

If you need any help registering for Free School Meals or are unsure if you are eligible speak to someone in your school's office and they will help you.

All four of our schools offer great benefits that come with registering for Free School Meals including the following:

- A free school jumper (for Kingsmead, Mandeville & Gayhurst)
- The offer of one funded after school club every week.
- Subsidised rates for a range of activities including breakfast club/playcentre, school journeys and some trips etc.
- £100 grant for secondary school uniform for Yr 6 children.
- Free places at LEAP Holiday camps
- Supermarket food vouchers to cover school holiday periods.
- Discounted prices or sometimes no charge for school events & Hackney School of Food events



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)	Rabbit/	59	Owl 98.7% Jupiter 99%
Phase 2	Ocean	316	
Phase 3	Mercury	302	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Rabbit class (2-3 Nur) Therese
Hedgehog class(3-4 Nur) Celestina
Squirrel class (Rec) Jeremiah
Owl class (Rec) Ayla
Ocean class (Yr 1) Paddy & Findlay

River class (Yr 2) Quban & Evie
Jupiter class (Yr 3) Destiny & Jah'Khel
Mercury class (Yr 4) Caitlyn & Ismael
Mars class (Yr 5) Labelle & Zayd
Venus class (Yr 6) Ayhan & Jesse

NETBALL LEAGUE WINNERS!

On Wednesday, the Mandeville netball team travelled to take part in a league competition, facing three other schools. The players showed fantastic skill, determination and teamwork throughout the event. They started strong with a confident 1-0 win in their opening match. Building on that success, the team pushed even harder in the second game, scoring an impressive 6-0 victory. The final match proved to be the toughest challenge of the day as the team rotated positions and tried new roles. Despite the pressure, they continued to support and communicate with each other, finishing with a well-earned 2-0 win.

Their hard work, resilience and teamwork meant that Mandeville proudly **brought home a trophy!** We are so proud of every player who took part.

A huge thank you to Freddy for preparing the children so well in training, and to Anthony for cheering them on from the side-lines and boosting their morale throughout the day.

"We all played as a team and we all did our jobs really well on the day." – **Amadou**, year 5

"It was a great experience. I am proud of all of my team. I can't wait to take part in more competitions." – **Re-joice**, year 5



PUMPKIN CARVING STAFF MEETING!



This week's staff meeting at Mandeville took a wonderfully creative turn as our talented staff



swapped pens for carving tools and got stuck into some pumpkin artistry in preparation for the Hackney School of Food's Autumn Trail event! There were a lot of imaginative designs — from spooky faces to cheerful characters. It was a fantastic opportunity to unwind, share ideas, & celebrate the season together. The atmosphere was buzzing with teamwork and friendly competition, and we await the final pumpkin display at the School of Food. Events like these remind us that creativity and collaboration go hand in hand—not just in the classroom, but among our staff too. Thank you to everyone who joined in and made it such a memorable afternoon.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Mon 10 Nov** Odd Socks Day
- Fri 14 Nov** Pyjama Day - come to school wearing PJs with £1 to donate to Children in Need
- Thurs 20 Nov** Coffee Morning: Supporting children managing emotions with Pel. All welcome 9-10am +
Yr 4 assembly 3pm
- Mon 24 Nov** Coffee Morning: SEN & meet Jon school counsellor. All welcome 9-10am
- Wed 26 Nov** Coffee Morning: Maths parent workshop: embedding number. Yr 3 & 4 parents 9-10am
- 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