



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



LEAP NEWS

Friday 2nd October 2020

SPANISH PHRASE of the week:

Llueve mucho en otoño..... It rains a lot in Autumn

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

COMPUTING AT LEAP

Across our LEAP schools this year we have introduced Purple Mash as our new computing scheme. This is a fantastic online resource that can be used in school and at home to help children learn and develop their knowledge across a broad range of computing skills.

This term we have all been focusing on coding and online safety, starting with simple algorithms and instructional programs within the scheme. Purple Mash is a comprehensive suite of online learning tools and content, designed to be used by Primary aged children in the classroom and at home, check it out at home here.

<https://2simple.com/purple-mash/purple-mash-parents/>

As a parent or carer, you can find out about your child's learning on Purple Mash and support them beyond the classroom by registering with Parent Portal.

Parent Portal allows you to easily see the learning your child has been doing on Purple Mash, including any comments on work from teachers, homework (2Dos), rewards and so much more. You will never miss out on being informed of your child's learning as Parent Portal sends all registered users a weekly digest email.

You can start using Parent Portal today by following the 3 simple steps below:-

Step 1: Enter URL on your child's login card.

Step 2: Click 'Register as a parent'.

Step 3: Enter the 'Parent Code' on your child's login card and follow additional instructions.

Login cards can be obtained from the school office

DONATION TO LEAP SCHOOLS

The Chefs in Schools charity (which the LEAP Federation helped to found), have linked us with [Nana's Manners](#) who have donated some specially designed cutlery for our smallest children in each school. This product won investment on [Dragons Den](#)

DONATION TO LEAP SCHOOLS CONTINUED....

and 700 sets have kindly been donated to the children of LEAP. The children say "they feel really nice in my hand", "they help me cut my food".



READING & BOOKS

We are constantly adapting to the ongoing pandemic to ensure that we get the right balance between keeping everyone safe and providing the optimum learning experience. With that in mind we are making a few changes regarding books that we need you to be aware of.

Reading is such an important part of the learning journey of every child but the pandemic has made the sharing of books, so that children can read at home, extremely problematic. We are keen to ensure that children are reading at the appropriate level at home every day and we are confident that we can now send books home in a COVID safe way. Therefore we will resume sending books home with your children from next week. We will use the following procedure to make this process as COVID safe as possible:

- Your child will receive up to 3 books in a plastic wallet every Monday.
- The plastic wallet must be returned every Friday.
- The wallet will be quarantined over the weekend and be returned the following Monday.

BE AWARE! SCHOOL STREETS CAMERAS

A reminder from Hackney Council to Mandeville and Kingsmead parents/carers that cameras will be in place as of **Monday 5th October** as part of the new School Streets scheme, and **finer will be issued to any cars without exemption entering either Kingsmead Way or Oswald Street between 8.30 - 9.30am and 3 - 4pm**. This is part of Hackney Council's scheme to reduce pollution and traffic around Hackney Schools at the time that children start and end their school days. The School Streets scheme around Gayhurst school is already live.

You can find out more information here: <https://hackney.gov.uk/school-streets> where you can also get information about those who could qualify for exemptions and if, as a resident in the School Street area, your vehicle is automatically exempt.

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Autumn Term 2020

1st half of term

02/09/20 — 23/10/20

Half term: 26 - 30 Oct 2020

2nd half of term

03/11/20 — 18/12/20

INSET DAYS: 01/09/20 & 02/11/20

GREEN POINTS

	Class	Points
EYFS	NJ	162
Key Stage 1	1S	205
Lower KS2	4K	234
Upper KS2	6E	158

WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

- Nur- Saymaa** Dave
- Rec - Selin** Berat & Ameerah
- Yr 1 - Szabina** Samantharose & Adam
- Yr 2 - Kaltum** Halil & Yasmine
- Yr 3 - Danielle** Princess & Isla

- Yr 4 - Katherine** Amy & Chinenye
- Yr 4 - Danny** Akilah & Saleemah
- Yr 5 - Bianca** Sara H & Victor
- Yr 6 - Ellie** Jessica & Aleasha
- Yr 6 - Maddie** Emmanuel & Daisy

MAMMA MIA! HERE WE

GO AGAIN!

Children in 4K have had a fantastic few weeks in music class. We have been learning how to play Mamma Mia on the glockenspiel. A glockenspiel is a percussion instrument made up of a set of tuned keys.



"It looks like a piano," Louise. The glockenspiel is originally from Germany and means 'bell play.' We learnt that although it is sometimes thought of as a xylophone, a xylophone's bars are made of wood, while the glockenspiel's are made of metal plates. We also realised that it is usually smaller and because of its material and smaller size, it is higher in pitch.



We spent the first few weeks learning about the song Mamma Mia. *"It is a great song by ABBA who were a Swedish band," Amirah.* ABBA's third album, 'ABBA' was released in 1975. Their songs were used in 2008 West End Musical called, 'Mamma Mia.'



After listening to the song, we appraised it. *"I liked it because it sounds like a cheerful song with many instruments to listen to," Carlos David.* We discovered that the song is made up of a chorus, a pre-chorus, an instrumental solo and different verses. We spend every music lesson warming ourselves up by rhythm and pitch copy back.



"It is important to listen to the rhythm being clapped and to clap it back carefully." Children have learnt how to play notes G and A on the glockenspiel.



MAMMA MIA! CONTINUED.....

"I find it difficult because there are many keys," William. 4K have spent the last week learning about the song Waterloo. This song won ABBA the Eurovision Song Contest in 1974. *"This was my favourite song to play on the glockenspiel because I love the rhythm," Arda.*



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME

You can help your child with their learning by ensuring that you:

- Read with them every day and encourage them read independently for at least 15mins
- Ensure they practice their spellings each week (these will be made available on the school website for each class)
- Ensure that they practice their Times Tables every day and use the Mathletics online platform.

AFTER SCHOOL & BREAKFAST CLUBS

We thought it might be helpful for parents & carers to understand why we are not offering breakfast and after school clubs at present. The main issue is of course that we can't mix children across bubbles in after school or before school care because if we did and a positive case occurred all children who had been in after school care as well as the child's bubble would have to self-isolate and more classes would be closed as a result. None of us want this and our top priority is to stay open as much as possible for our core purpose which is education. With the number of infections in our community rising again, we do not believe it is the right time to relax our current systems. Several Hackney schools have already closed classes and year groups because of positive cases.

The cost and logistics of maintaining class bubbles in after school care make it financially unviable even if we had staff who were able to do it. Therefore there will be no breakfast club or after school provision for the foreseeable future and like everything else we will keep it under review.