



# LEAP NEWS

**Friday 28th February 2025**

## SPANISH PHRASE of the week

¿Puedo usar el sacapuntas?..... *Can I use the pencil sharpener?*

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

## GAYHUST CELEBRATES 20TH EXHIBITION AT #TAG

### Context

In 2016 Gayhurst School developed #TAG (Gayhurst's very own art gallery), with local art educators Art Hoppers, run by local artist and art educator Claire Ward-Thornton. #TAG is a professional art space within the grounds of the school designed specifically as a showcase venue for the exhibition of student's artworks. Three exhibitions a year are held in the gallery, with each exhibition focussing on a different year group's work. The children really take ownership of the exhibition – hosting a special Private View for family and friends, where they serve refreshments and explain their work to visitors. You can find out more about #TAG at the dedicated website [www.tagatgayhurst.uk](http://www.tagatgayhurst.uk).

### 20th EXHIBITION!



Above is an overview showing all 20 posters from the #TAG exhibitions of children's artwork, that have been put on since the gallery was created.

Last night, Gayhurst held a launch event for our 20th TAG Gallery Exhibition, which celebrates the brilliant Art work of Gayhurst's year 3 and 4 children. Claire from Art Hoppers has been delivering creative Art lessons linked to the children's science unit, Rocks, over the course of the last half term.

### 20th #TAG EXHIBITION CONTINUED.....

The exhibition showcased artworks that the children had created with Claire including some amazing clay moulding, ink painting, observational drawing and modelling with beeswax. It was fantastic seeing all the individual classes work come together to create an outstanding exhibition!

Thank you to all the Yr 3 & 4 Gayhurst families who came along to support with the exhibition launch and thank you to Claire and her team for their amazing work in putting this exhibition together.



Here is what each class contributed for the exhibition and some comments from children in year 3 and 4.

Class 3E – Clay mould / Plaster cast: Designing a 1.3m fossilied Pliosaurus



Class 3L – Ink painting wet-on-wet: mimicking the growth of crystals

Class 3/4L – Processing soil / Painting and modelling with wild clay

Class 4E – Modelling with beeswax: Rock-like forms inspired by agate

Class 4F – Pen & water-soluble pencil: Observational drawing of fossils, bones and shells.



Here are some comments from children in Years 3 & 4 about their recent Art lessons with Art Hoppers

**Ghael, 4E:** "When we started our theme on Rocks I was so excited! The way we layered wax on a string was fascinating."



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### 20th #TAG EXHIBITION CONTINUED.....

**Yusra, 3/4L:** "It was great to use all these materials and get messy with the clay because it isn't something I'd be able to do at my house! I thought the clay would be stretchy like play-dough but it wasn't, it was great."

**Gabrielle 3/4L:** "I loved it, it was amazing and the best art lesson I've ever had! I loved using the sponges to make the marks on the paper and I loved getting to sort all through the clay from start to finish, creating clay that we were able to use to make an underground animal."



## 4 DAY SPRING HOLIDAY CAMP AT ALL OUR SCHOOLS!

We are delighted to be able to confirm that Kingsmead & Mandeville, Gayhurst and Grasmere will be running a 4 day Spring Holiday Camp.

The camps will run from **Monday 7th April to Thursday 10th April** from **10am to 2pm** and will be open to children from Reception through to Year 6. Every child will

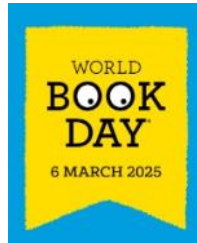
receive a tasty hot meal and the camps will offer a range of fun activities including lots of games and sports like cricket, basketball, athletics, ball games, along with lots of creative sessions such as art, cooking, dance, gardening and Forest School fun....

Look out for more information about your school's Spring Holiday Camp and a registration form to complete if you'd like your child to attend, that will be sent out to all families in Rec to Year 6, next week.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

### COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED AS A CHARACTER FROM A BOOK OR COMIC



On **Thursday 6th March**, next week all four schools will be celebrating World Book Day. World Book Day is a special day when children and staff come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book or comic. So start planning your costume!

Please don't feel you have to buy a costume - we are hoping to see lots of homemade creations. You could make your costume using cardboard boxes, tin foil, an old sheet that you could draw on, face paints....whatever you have to hand at home! Get creative! Prizes will be given out at each school to the best home-made costumes.

If you need help with ideas here's a link to some very easy homemade costumes linked to lovely children's books <https://www.theschoolrun.com/cheap-and-easy-ideas-last-minute-world-book-day-costumes>

## CONSULTATION ON GRASMERE JOINING LEAP

As outlined in recent newsletters a consultation is currently underway regarding Grasmere joining the LEAP Federation and will run until **31st March 2025**. Here are the links where you will find the [online consultation information document](#) and an [online response](#) to the consultation, Each school's office also have a number of paper copies of the online documents and response form, for anyone who cannot access the information online or would prefer to use printed copies of the consultation documents.

Throughout March all the schools will be holding consultation meeting sessions, where parents can meet with representatives from the Grasmere and LEAP Governing Bodies to discuss the federation proposal and ask any questions they may have. At Parents evenings in each of the four schools there will be a governor stall to also answer any questions (see dates in the Key Dates for This Term section of your school's newsletter).

## HAPPY SAINT DAVID'S DAY!

Saturday 1st March is Saint David's Day. St David is the patron saint of Wales (with St Patrick being the patron saint of Ireland, St George the patron saint of England and St Andrew the patron saint of Scotland). A national St David's Day parade is held in the centre of Cardiff every year with people wearing daffodils or leeks, which are the national emblems of Wales.

**Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus** is how you say Happy St David's Day in Welsh!





## SPRING TERM 2025

1st half of term: 06.01.25 - 14.02.25

Half term: 17 Feb — 21 Feb 2025

2nd half of term: 24.02.25 - 04.04.25

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Lion/Jaguar	33	Mountain 97% Mars 98.4%
Phase 2	Mountain	54	
Phase 3	Mercury	196	



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Jaguar class** Clara  
**Lion class** Rio  
**Panther class** Pip & Zineb  
**Ocean class** Yusuf  
**Mountain class** Ali

**River class** Millie & Jah'Khel  
**Forest class** Jayden B & Maelle Joy  
**Mercury class** Mohammed & Berat  
**Mars class** Courage & Teylan  
**Venus class** Jason  
**Jupiter class** Yolanda

## YEAR 4'S TRIP TO GUILDHALL

In advance of our upcoming topic on the Romans, year 4 travelled to the heart of the City of London to visit some 2000 year old Roman ruins! In 1999, archaeologists were brought in to excavate beneath the site for the new Guildhall Art Gallery and they discovered the remains of the amphitheatre of ancient London (which they called Londinium.)



We learned that gladiators would fight here against wild wolves, boars, bears and even against each other! We got to see real Roman coins they found during the excavations, the remains of the stadium's stands and drains, a replica gladiator's helmet and even got to re-enact a gladiator battle in costume (can you spot Zayd and Aliza as the emperor/ empress?)



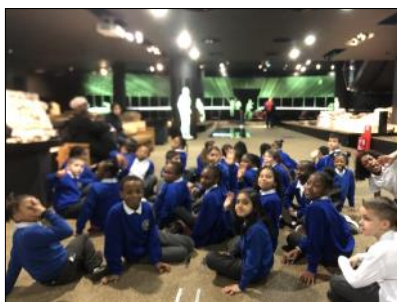
Thank you to the Guildhall Art Gallery for such an amazing workshop!



**Ayo** - "I loved being a Roman soldier and learning about the turtle formation!"



**Farrah** - "I think the slow-mo gladiator fight between Kara and Kamara was amazing!"



## LEAP CONSULTATION DROP IN

A reminder that Mandeville are holding a LEAP Consultation drop in session on **Wednesday 5th March**, next week from **4pm** where you will be able to talk to Governors from the LEAP and the Grasmere Governing bodies as well as LEAP SLT members and ask any questions you may have.

## PARENT MATHS WORKSHOP



Don't forget to come along to the Parent Maths Workshop for Years 2—4 which will take place from 9.10—10am on **Thursday 6th March** and will be run by Sarah, LEAP's Maths Lead. Sarah will offer useful strategies for parents on how to support your child's learning at home. Open to all parents with children in years 2, 3 or 4.

## KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Wed 5 March** LEAP Consultation drop in at 4pm
- Thurs 6 March** World Book Day (come dressed as your favourite character from a book) + Yr 2, 3 & 4 Parent Maths Workshop 9.10 - 10am
- Mon 10—Fri 14 March** Parent Come to School Week
- Fri 14 March** Coffee Morning on International Eve 3.30 - 4pm
- Wed 19 March** Parents evening - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**
- Fri 21 March** Red Nose Day (wear something red to school & bring a donation)
- Thurs 27 March** Coffee morning History 9.10-10am (All families welcome)
- Mon 31 March** Drumming & Dance performances Yrs 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 from 2:15—3:15pm.
- Wed 2 April** Gymnastics Performances Yrs 3 & 4 at 3pm
- Thurs 3 April** International Evening 4 - 7pm
- Fri 4 April** Last day of Spring Term - **early finish for children at 1.30pm**
- Mon 7- Thurs 10 April** Kingsmead & Mandeville Spring Holiday Camp 10am—2pm

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### CLIMATE CHANGE FILM SCREENING

We had a very exciting final week of last half term with the official premier of the year 6 film, Change Climate Change. The professionally produced film, by the celebrated Hackney photographer Gideon Mendel, was a cross-generational collaboration looking at the global climate emergency through the eyes of year 6 (which took place when they were at the end of Year 4). The children presented their work in a short assembly, outlining the journey of the art project.

In attendance was Councillor **Sarah Young**, cabinet member for Climate Change, Environment and Transport, Photographers' Gallery director of Art **Lexi Stones** and MyLondon video reporter **Ines Santos**. Yasmine, Samuel, Malakai, Sofia, Catherina were involved in filming for the MyLondon newspaper.

**Catherina**, "It was exciting as she had a lot of equipment!"  
**Cllr Sarah Young** responded very positively to the film and assembly. "I have been inspired by the young people here today!"



Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the assembly to support the year 6 children. You can see the film report on MyLondon [here](#) and see Yahoo News piece [here](#).



### TOY DONATIONS

Thank you for the generous toy donations! Some have been gifted to the breakfast club and play centre, while others will be resold to raise funds for school resources. Stay tuned for more updates from the PTA!

### YEAR 2 TRIP TO SPITALFIELDS FARM

River class had a great time visiting Spitalfields Farm this week. They enjoyed seeing a variety of farm animals including goats, sheep, ducks, donkeys, ferrets and rabbits. Some children even spotted a newt in the pond. Most of the animals were being kept under shelter as it is still very cold and wet outside for them. However, the goats and sheep are very hardy and they were outside.

*'I found the chickens. There were 19 altogether.'* - **Jayden**  
*'I liked seeing the rabbits the most, some of them were moving with their eyes closed!'* - **King**  
*'I loved seeing all the farm animals.'* - **Starr**  
*'I liked the bunnies, they were really cute.'* - **Amelia**



### PARENT COME TO SCHOOL WEEK

Parent come to school week will be taking place from Mon 10th—Fri 14th March. Please check your emails on how to book a spot to visit your child. Spaces are limited to 6 adults per lesson.

### WELCOME OYINDA TO NURSERY TEAM!



Oyinda is joining us as our early years teaching educator who will be working with the two-year-old children in our Nursery. We look forward to welcoming her to the Mandeville team.