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LEAP NEWS

Friday 7th March 2025

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
¡Me encantan las tortitas!..... *I love pancakes!*.....

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

WORLD BOOK DAY

Children & staff across **Kingsmead, Gayhurst, Mandeville & Grasmere** had enormous fun dressing up as characters from a favourite book or comic on Thursday this week, to celebrate World Book Day. There were some wonderfully creative and imaginative costumes on display.....and it was fantastic to see all the schools celebrating the joys and pleasures of reading, books and stories! Here are just a few of the many photos taken. You can find lots more on each school's insta account.



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LEAP COMPUTING AMBASSADORS TRIP

Last week, Computing Ambassadors from all four schools attended a fantastic coding workshop at the Apple Store in Covent Garden! They explored 'swift playgrounds', a coding app available on iPads, to create characters and 'modify' them in anyway they wanted! Rewriting the codes were a little tricky at first but we persevered and came up with some cool characters!



KINGSMEAD'S GIRLS STEM CLUB REPAIR WORKSHOP

Tomorrow, 8th March, is International Women's Day and what better way to celebrate than with a report of Kingsmead schools Girls STEM club being invited to take part in a repair workshop in Aldgate.

On Monday morning ten girls from Kingsmead's Girls' Stem Group headed down to the BT building in The City of London to participate in an exciting workshop as part of London's Repair Week, an annual initiative to promote repair culture and reduce waste across the city. They were participating in an electronic repair workshop specially put on for London's youth. The Deputy Mayor of London (Mete Coben MBE) gave a talk on the benefits of repairing electronic items and children asked questions and discussed reusing electronic parts in particular. They then worked in pairs to repair a retro hand-held games console, following instructions carefully and using their knowledge of



KINGSMEAD'S GIRLS STEM CLUB CONTINUED.....

electrical circuits to test the batteries and create a working games console. All five Kingsmead pairs approached the task with enthusiasm and skill and managed to fix the consoles with plenty of time, they loved playing the retro games they'd fixed.



Ayze Yr 6 - *'I really enjoyed it, at the end I was surprised that we did so well, I didn't think I'd be able to do it at all'*

Kinza Yr 6 - *'I was really impressed with the building and how modern it was and I found just to be sitting there in that building very special.'*



Alia Yr 4 *'Going to the workshop was really fun because we got to fix an old games console and then play with it.'*

Saeeda Yr 5 - *'It was fun because I've never fixed anything before.'*



At their STEM club session, following the workshop, the girls managed to fix a number of electronic scales that hadn't been working.

On **Saturday 8th March**, Repair Week are hosting a day of creativity, sustainability, and hands-on repair at Artizan Street Library and Community Centre as part of this year's London repair week offer, with lots of fun workshops.

If you'd like to find out more about click on the link below <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events/repair-week-8-march-2025>

LEADERSHIP CONSULTATION

Don't forget to give your feedback for the consultation currently underway, regarding Grasmere joining the LEAP Federation . The close date is **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 paper copies, for anyone who cannot access the information online or would prefer to use printed copies of the consultation documents.

All the schools are holding consultation meeting sessions, where parents can meet with representatives from the Grasmere and LEAP Governing Bodies to discuss the federation proposal . 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).



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)	Panther	94	River 97.4% Mars 98.8%
Phase 2	River	306	
Phase 3	Mars	281	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Jaguar class Zacki
Lion class Menelik
Panther class Zoya & Rafferty
Ocean class De'Kiyah
Mountain class Paddy

River class King & Destiny
Forest class Marley & Ruben
Mercury class Hanif & Kara
Mars class Lavin & Taeyah-Mae
Venus class Mustafa P
Jupiter class Jayden W

CREATIVITY WEEK DISPLAYS

This year's Creativity Week displays are up and are once again brightening up our corridors. The displays present the work the children created when exploring and responding to our chosen two artworks this year: 'A Regatta on the Grand Canal' by Canaletto and 'Where Lies the Land' by Hew Locke.



They reflect the children's imagination, innovation and creativity! The displays include a range of mediums including paint, recycling materials and fabric and a plethora of artistic techniques including printing, sculpture and mixed media.



CREATIVITY WEEK DISPLAYS CONTINUED....



Do take time, when you are next in the school, to enjoy looking at all the fabulous Creativity Week displays.

KEY DATES FOR THIS TERM

- 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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YEAR 3 UPDATE

Year 3 have been very busy since returning from half term! In geography, we have been learning about the geography of the UK. The children have been learning about the different rivers and mountains in each country. We went on an expedition around Mandeville using an aerial map to help us plot our route.

'It's fun to go outside in geography' - Iqra



We have been getting very messy in art learning about the work of Jackson Pollock. The children created their own masterpieces using his paint flicking technique.

'His work is so messy. I love it!' - Xia



Finally, we were extremely lucky to be visited by a team from the London Aquatics Centre who delivered a fun gymnastics workshop and introduced us to the sport of diving. Year 3 got their hearts racing as they jumped, forward rolled and rolled around the room.

'This is so much fun!' - Matthias



PARENTS EVENING CONSULTATIONS

Parents' evening consultations are taking place from 2pm onwards on Wednesday 19th March. Letters to book your place on Arbor will be sent out next week.

Please note school will be closing early at 1,30pm for children that day.

YEAR 4 UPDATE

Year 4 have been making pencil cases as part of our design and technology lessons this week. As part of our textiles module, we had to choose a 2D net which would create the type of pencil case we wanted. Some of us chose to make a case solely for pens and pencils while others chose one that could fit all types of stationary. We practised using a running stitch and then got to making the cases out of coloured felt.



We quickly found out that stitching without the holes we had practised with was really tricky! We persevered and as you can see, we made some really amazing pencil cases. Along with World Book Day, it's been a fun week in year 4!

Hanif - "I used the fabric scissors to cut teeth into my monster pencil case!"

Aliza - "At first, the stitching was quite hard but I got into the rhythm eventually!"



PARENT MATHS WORKSHOP

A Maths themed coffee morning took place this week on Thursday at Mandeville, and it was lovely to see how enthusiastic the parents who attended were. The theme for this term was how to help children in Years 2, 3 and 4 become better mathematicians. This included looking at the building blocks that help build fluency, how to help at home with measure and the things we can do to help children learn their times tables. We discussed how important reasoning and problem solving are and had a go at some problems ourselves.

A reminder sheet was provided at the end of the session with the ideas discussed, please let the school office know if you would like a copy.