



LEAP NEWS

Friday 8th September 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Bien venidos a la escuela.... Welcome to school...

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our existing families and a big **Welcome to LEAP** to our new children and families. For the benefit of everyone we thought we'd take a moment to explain what LEAP is....

What is LEAP?

The LEAP Federation consists of three schools: **Kingsmead**, **Gayhurst** and **Mandeville** as well as the food education hub, **The Hackney School of Food**. The three schools of our federation, Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville are led overall by one Executive Headteacher, **Louise Nichols** and one **Governing Body** made up of parents, community members, business leaders and others with an interest in schools. Our senior leaders, the three headteachers of each school **Evelyn Deeney**, **Karen Pedro** and **Marc Thompson** and **Louise** work closely together to develop the schools.

There are other senior leaders who work across our schools such as **Meret Stokes**, LEAP Associate Deputy for Curriculum and **Lisa Clarke**, LEAP Associate Deputy for Teacher Training and CPD, LEAP's business manager, **Cyrilene Malcolm** and other admin staff also work cross school thereby ensuring joined up and more effective back office working.

Subjects are led by cross school leaders for each of the primary subjects we teach. English, Maths, Science, Design Technology, Art, Music, PE, History, Geography, Computing, Spanish, Religious Education & PHSE. More about how we teach each subject is available [here](#). We developed our own new curriculum and called it the **LEAP Empowerment Curriculum** as it follows the three R's; it is Rich, Representative and Relevant. We are very proud of our curriculum and the fact that other schools purchase it from us, as it provides an excellent grounding across the board for all our children and is not based on a Eurocentric view of the world. More information on this can be found [here](#) where you will see how, for example, we teach Black History all year round and not in Black History month only, as happens elsewhere.

In our two most recent OFSTED inspections separate inspectors have said this of our curriculum:

"Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum which helps pupils to learn more and to remember more. Leaders have ensured that pupils achieve very well in their writing, reading and mathematics, and also enjoy a rich and broad curriculum. Subject specialists have put

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together carefully sequenced curriculum content. This helps pupils to revisit and embed earlier learning regularly, and to make links across subjects. Leaders enrich and enhance the curriculum.

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"The curriculum is very well put together by subject specialists from across the federation. Leaders have made sure that the content of curriculum subjects is rich, ambitious and reflects pupils' backgrounds. Leaders and staff focus on making sure that pupils recall knowledge over time. In history, for example, pupils confidently recall historical knowledge and develop a strong understanding of chronology. For instance, pupils talked with enthusiasm about their detailed knowledge of the ancient Egyptians and the Anglo-Saxons".

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Each school in LEAP maintains its own original character but benefits from cross school and team working and from collective professional development and collegial working which benefits all children in our care. We organise cross school events and competitions and share innovation and specialist teachers such as gymnastics, music teachers, dance instructors and art specialists.

The name LEAP came from Learning Education and Arts Partnership which was chosen to represent our visual and performing arts focus and was also a play on the fact that our local river is the River Lea. Please explore the LEAP website as well as the website for your child's school – links below.

LEAP federation website: www.leapfederation.org

Kingsmead website: www.kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

Gayhurst website: www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk

Mandeville website: www.mandeville.hackney.sch.uk

We publish a weekly newsletter which is emailed to every parent who is registered with us. The newsletter you will get will have the news about your own school as well as some news about LEAP generally. Emma de Sausmarez who is LEAP's Communications Officer is responsible for putting together our newsletter each week.

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 @leapfederation @kingsmeade9 @gayhurste8 @mandevillee5

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

FOR ALL!

We are delighted to be able to now offer ALL our families and their children a free school meal, thanks to the Mayor of London's Universal Free School Meal offer, which came into place across all London Primary schools at the start of this academic year in September 2023. We know this will make a big difference to the many families who have not previously qualified for Free School Meals. Children have been thoroughly enjoying the delicious meals on offer across our three schools this week.

Please remember it is still really important to **still register for Free School Meals** if you are on Universal credit as your child could get other benefits such as free after school clubs, subsidised trips and free music lessons.

Every new family who successfully register for FSM will get a **free school sweat shirt** which they can claim by contacting their school office.

Also you should be aware that our Nursery children are getting free school meals paid for by the school as these were not part of the offer from the mayors office.

If you feel that you could afford to donate the money you are saving on Free School Meals back to the school we would be very grateful for this. Many parents have set up standing orders to do this. The money you donate is used to subsidise children who cant afford trips and activities and also to bring in whole school projects and visitors and specialists to enhance the curriculum. You can donate as little or as much as you like to support the school and we guarantee that it will help to support your child's school. The school bank account details are here for you to arrange a direct debit or one off payment – please put payment reference of your child's name (to ensure it is used for the right school) and the word **donation**.

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FREE LOCAL DANCE CLASSES

Below is information about free afterschool hip hop/ street dance classes that will be running for children from age 5 upwards. The classes are run by Creative Kids.

Where: Nye Bevan Community Hall,
Lower Clapton, Hackney E5 0AH

When: Wednesdays (from Sept 20th onwards)

Times: 4– 5pm for ages 5 - 10
5 – 6pm for ages 10+

There is some flexibility with ages so if you're not sure please email us. Wear comfy clothes and bring water

This is a relaxed and welcoming class so please come join! Beginners very welcome.



LEAP SUMMER CAMPS

For 16 days from the very start of the school summer holidays, all three LEAP schools offered amazing Summer Camps (Kingsmead and Mandeville's camp ran at Kingsmead school and Gayhurst's camp ran at Gayhurst school), where children could come and take part in a range of fun activities from 10am to 2pm every day. Delicious hot meals were offered to all attending, thanks to our wonderful Summer camp Kitchen Teams (Shernette, Helen & Jackie in the Kingsmead kitchen and Margaret & Toyin in the Gayhurst kitchen). The range of activities and sports running across both camps was fantastic and included: archery (at Gayhurst only), dodgeball, basketball, cricket, football, table tennis, athletics, street dance, art and crafts, gardening, imaginative play and more.

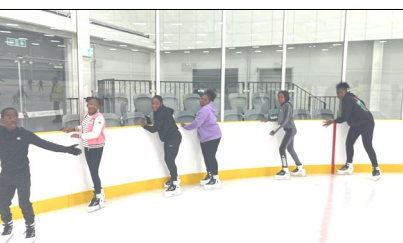
This year we were also able to include trips as part of the summer camp offer, to the Hackney Picture House cinema, local parks and the Adventure Playground in the Olympic park, Ice Skating at Lea Valley as well as whole day trips to the Hackney School of Food where children made incredible dishes from all around the world. A huge thank you to all the staff that worked at the Summer Camps and helped to make this possibly our best year of Summer Camps ever!



FOR MORE SUMMER CAMP PHOTOS PTO



LEAP SUMMER CAMPS CONTINUED.....





AUTUMN TERM 2023

1st half of term: **04.09.23 - 20.10.23**
 Half term: **23 - 27 Oct 2023**
 2nd half of term: **30.10.23 - 19.12.23**
 INSET days: Fri 1 Sept 23
 Wed 20 Dec 23

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Panther	39	Ocean 95.6% Mars 96.8%
Phase 2	Forest	45	
Phase 3	Mars	78	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Last week's

Jaguar class Charlie & Lenny
Lion class Tyler
Panther class Whole Class
Ocean class Amelia & Starr

River class Malu & Kassain
Forest class Martin & Kamara
Mercury class Damilare & Zeylan
Mars class Mohsen & Jennifer
Venus class Rome & David Adeyinka

NEW HISTORY MURAL

We have created our very own timeline on the school stairs – charting the history of the world from prehistoric times until the current day. We started from the point of our Empowerment Curriculum (explained in the LEAP news section of this newsletter). The timeline helps children to place world events through history and features important developments in the art, language, religion, music, science and much more.

It was developed with input from all LEAP staff and is unique to our schools.



"I like learning about our history. In the morning, I have something to talk about with my friend as I walk up the stairs." - **Aadam**

"I noticed the different artist we have already learned about." - **Marley**

"It's nice to know different facts, such as the school was built before World War 1." - **Oluwasemilore**

"It is so cool and bright!" - **Taylor**



WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome some new faces to Mandeville this year.

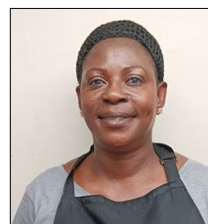
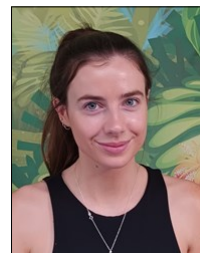
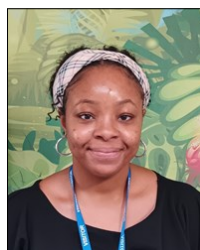
Paige worked at Gayhurst last year and has joined the Mandeville team to teach in year 1.

Paul has joined the year 5 team and will be teaching alongside Danny.

We also have **Ciara** who has joined the year 2 team and will be teaching alongside Bianca.

Helen, who worked at Kingsmead last year, has joined the Mandeville kitchen team as a Sous Chef.

Finally **Michelle Miller**, who has worked at Kingsmead for many years, is expanding her role and will be supporting attendance across all three schools as LEAP's Education Welfare Officer, supporting our children and families.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

Thurs 14 Sept Coffee Morning Welcome to Mandeville & International Evening planning 9.10 - 10am
Thurs 21 Sept Coffee Morning Empowerment Curriculum 9.10 - 10am
Thurs 28 Sept Venus class (Y6) assembly 3.10pm
Tues 10 Oct Coffee Morning—Phonics & Early Reading (Nurs, Rec, Yr 1 & Yr 2 parents) 9.10 - 10am
Wed 11 Oct Yr 6 parent secondary transfer support session 4pm
Thurs 12 Oct Mars class (5D) assembly 3.10pm
Mon 16 Oct Coffee Morning Empowerment Curriculum 9.10—10am
Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct Half term break
Tues 19 Dec Last day of Autumn Term - **early close for children at 1.30pm**

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EXTENDED DAY PROVISION

Breakfast Club

Do you want a delicious and healthy breakfast to kick start your child's day? Would your child enjoy fun and educational activities to get them ready for their school day?

For just £1 per child or family (or 50p for those entitled to Free School Meals), we are offering:

- Healthy breakfast including bagels, toast and a range of spreads, a variety of healthy cereals and juice.
- Structured activities, including table tennis, games, reading and outdoor play.

Breakfast club will run **Monday to Friday: Starting 8am and last entry is at 8.30am.**

You can book your child into Breakfast club all the way up to 8am, on the morning of the session

www.mandeville.magicbooking.co.uk



Play Centre

"I love going to play centre because there are different things to do every day!"

Play Centre is opened to all children from Nursery to Year 6. The children have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities including Lego, sculpture making with play dough, painting, decorative art, origami, knitting and sewing. Children in the Nursery have the opportunity to play in the Reception outdoor free play area also.

You can book your child into play centre up until 3pm on the day of the session.

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BUILDING WORK UPDATE

You will have seen that the façade works that started last academic year are continuing, with the scaffolding being adapted at the front of the school in preparation for final placement of the terracotta corbels on the roof.

This will not disrupt the school day in any way and we look forward as usual to the planned completion of the building works in the near future.

This building work is not linked to the recent DFE announcement about school buildings with Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) that has been featured in the news.

RETURN TO SCHOOL: SOME HAPPY FACES!



MANDEVILLE'S INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Every year we celebrate our wonderfully diverse school community. The evening is a celebration of the many cultures and heritages that we have in our community at Mandeville. We will have food from around the world, performances inspired by different cultures and lots of opportunities to get involved.

Whether you would like to contribute a dish, suggest a performance, help out on the night or just come along for the celebration, we would like to have as many of you involved as possible. We have arranged a coffee morning next week to discuss all of our ideas. Please come along to find out more and have your ideas heard. There will be a second coffee morning nearer the date for the parents and carers who decide they would like to be involved or contribute.

International Evening Coffee Morning 1 – Find out what it's all about and share your Ideas – Open to everyone
Thursday 14th September 9:10-10:00.
We look forward to seeing you there!

