

LEAP NEWS

Friday 22nd September 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Me gusta el otoño.... *I like the Autumn...*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

READING AT LEAP

Reading is at the heart of your child's learning at school. Becoming an independent learner depends strongly on a child becoming a skilful reader, so we have daily reading lessons and it is built into all areas of the LEAP curriculum.

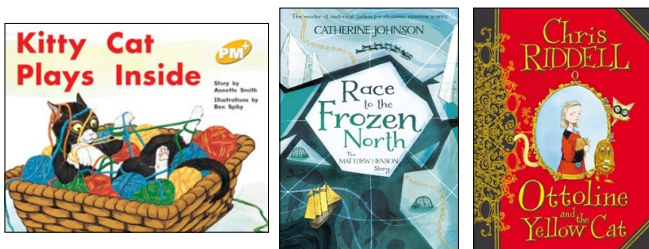
Lessons at school are built in the early years around working on fluency. In **phonics**, children learn which sounds (phonemes) are linked to which letters (graphemes) and how these build to make words. Phonics is a vital first step in reading and spelling. Your child learns and practises phonics daily, often in small groups and the teaching is planned to match their skills.

Children in **Reception and Year 1** will bring home a 'phonically decodable' book (like those shown below) to practise the sounds they have been taught at school.

Please encourage your child to point at the words and blend known sounds to read the words.



Alongside systematic phonics practice, we think it is important that children also read natural language books. These books support an enjoyment of reading and give opportunities for discussion e.g. making links to what they have experienced or know.



From **Year 2-Year 6** children continue to have daily reading lessons planned around refining fluency and practising different strategies to understand a text. During these lessons children also practise written reading comprehension skills, which will be vital when they move on to secondary school. Every week, children in Year 2 - 6 are given a book to practise reading at home, aligned to your child's reading fluency. Please listen to your child read and talk with them about the book.

READING AT LEAP CONTINUED.....

READING AT HOME

Making reading an enjoyable part of the daily routine will support your child enormously in their learning. Aim to have books visible where children can reach them during play and relaxation as well as study time.

Your child will benefit if you read with them, read to them and listen to them read whatever age they are. All LEAP children have daily reading lessons at school. It is by reading at home with an adult that a child will apply those skills additionally and quickly make them part of their own repertoire.

Please take care of the reading books your child brings home from school. We have a very limited budget and cannot always replace lost books. The cost of a single book is about £5. We hope you will enjoy and take care of the precious books and return them to school.

If your child needs more to read, please visit the local libraries. Joining the library is free and easy - find out how to [here](#). The libraries in Hackney have a fantastic range of up-to-date books and children can borrow as many as 8 books to enjoy at home— **at no cost**. If there is a particular author or topic in which your child is interested, the librarian will order books for them. It is a brilliant resource that we are lucky to have in Hackney!

MULTI-SPORT EVENT

On Wednesday this week, some children in Year 1 & 2 from Gayhurst and Kingsmead took part in a sports festival at Eastway. They learnt how to master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination. After this, they got the opportunity to apply these to a range of team games. They had great fun, as you can see from the photos.





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	72	Panther 99.2% Venus 98%
Phase 2	Ocean	106	
Phase 3	Mercury	259	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Last week's

Jaguar class Menelik
Lion class Emmanuella
Panther class Ursula & Salma
Ocean class Taj & Millie

River class Aisha & Jayon
Forest class Whole Class
Mercury class Adam & Lavin
Mars class Kylie & Tidiane
Venus class Harry & Maya

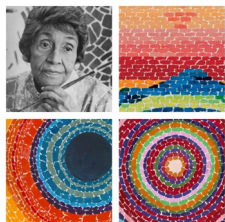
YEAR 6 SEE MACBETH

Venus Class were lucky enough to be invited to an absolutely fantastic performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth by New International Encounter (NEI) at Oxford House in Bethnal Green. During the performance they witnessed great acting, live music, Shakespearean language, humour and so much more - even a smoke machine! In fact, some of the children participated, taking on the roles of the guests or royalty and even princes and performing alongside the professionals! We were really proud of how much the children got involved and their enthusiasm for the story and play in general was fantastic. Well done, year six!



EMPOWERMENT CURRICULUM COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all of our parents who attended the Empowerment Curriculum Coffee Morning this week. At LEAP, we don't restrict Black History to Black History Month, but weave it throughout our curriculum all year round so our pupils learn the history of their cultures, are exposed to influential figures who have made an impact and experience opportunities to aspire to dream bigger and achieve higher. Our curriculum is designed to be rich, relevant and representative.



COFFEE MORNING REPORT CONTINUED.....



It was fantastic for us to tell you about our journey, to show you some of the things your children are learning and hear your thoughts and ideas.

Our next coffee morning will be on **Monday 2nd October** and will be an opportunity for you to hear about how we approach Wellbeing at Mandeville and to meet our school counsellor, Jon. We hope to see you there.



JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

The role of the Junior Leadership Team (JLT) is to act as a link between the children in our school, the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and the Governing Body of the LEAP Federation. JLT members have a special role in making sure that the children in our school have a voice and opportunities to evaluate and develop our school, so that it continues to grow.

This year our JLT members are: **Farrah, Levi, Yasmeen, Harry and Ishall.**

Farrah, our most recent appointee, was successful in her application and has become our newest JLT member.

Farrah - 'I am excited about joining the JLT. I'm looking forwards to my new jobs and responsibilities. I'm happy that I get to help the other children and make our school even better!'



KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 28 Sept** Venus class (Y6) assembly 3.10pm
- Mon 9 Oct** School photographer taking individual & sibling photos
- 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
- Mon 16 Oct** Coffee Morning Empowerment Curriculum 9.10—10am
- Thurs 19 Oct** Mars class (5D) assembly 3.10pm
- Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct** Half term break
- Tues 19 Dec** Last day of Autumn Term - **early close for children at 1.30pm**