

# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 17th November 2023

**SPANISH PHRASE** of the week  
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**Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership**



### CHILDREN IN NEED

Children across LEAP thoroughly enjoyed coming to school in their PJs today, to help raise funds for the Children in Need, as you can see from the photos below. Thank you to all who brought in coins to donate. We will let you know the total raised by LEAP in next week's newsletter.



### ANTI - BULLYING WEEK

On Monday this week we kicked off Anti-Bullying week by celebrating difference with children and staff across the LEAP schools wearing odd socks to school. All three schools ran a range of activities and sessions in class and /or during assemblies supporting Anti-Bullying week's message on the importance of understanding the impact of bullying, the different types of bullying that can occur and learning about the responsibilities of bystanders and how to ask for help when needed.



### SCHOOL COUNCILLORS VISIT HACKNEY TOWN HALL

This week the school councillors from Years 3 and 4 came together for a joint LEAP visit to Hackney Town Hall. As part of their guided tour of the building the children visited the vaults and the speakers office. They learnt that the town hall is more than just a building. It represents both local government and the community, providing a public space where they can meet. They observed the Art Deco architecture and listened to the history of the town hall. *'I loved the design of the lights.'* **Hussein, Year 3 Kingsmead.** The children were fascinated with the exhibitions in the vaults and were surprised at the size of the speakers office. *'It was really cool meeting the speaker Anya. It was also cool because we got to see the vault where we used to store loads of money.'* **Lara, 3C Gayhurst.** Along the way they spoke with Caroline Woodley, the recently elected Mayor of Hackney, who was happy to pose for a photo or two. The Gayhurst school councillors explained the reason why they were not dressed in school uniform, was because they would be celebrating International Evening at their school later that day.

*'I liked when we went into the office. I saw some lovely patterns. There were bronze and white.'* **Asmah, Year 3 Kingsmead.**

*'I enjoyed the bit about how much money should be spent on protecting our environment from global warming'* **Kayleighanna, 4D Gayhurst.**

*'We saw some special clothes in the vault'* **Alvin, Mandeville**

*'I enjoyed the debate the most!'* - **Emily, Mandeville**







### 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	61	Ocean 97.8% Mercury 98.2%
Phase 2	Ocean	84	
Phase 3	Mars	362	



### WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Jaguar class** Jake  
**Lion class** Nova  
**Panther class** Ali & Eve  
**Ocean class** Ayaaz & Azra

**River class** Ashley & Matthias  
**Forest class** Kara & Melike  
**Mercury class** Alfie & Christopher  
**Mars class** Kelsey & Jayden Dobson  
**Venus class** Adam & Joseph

## STEEL PANS PERFORMANCE

The Hackney Music Service organised a new music event this year called **The Hackney Steel Pan Celebration Event**. It took place on Wednesday evening this week at The Bridge Academy. Aran, our amazing Steel Pans teacher worked hard with a group of pans players from Kingsmead and one from Mandeville to get them ready to perform at the event.

The steel pan players from Kingsmead **Ronel, Habiba, Kimarni, Isabel, Elijah, Ahija, Lilly** and **Millah** played the song **Footsteps** and Mandeville's **Maya, Isla, Fatima, Harry, Adam, David, Rome, Monet, Neriah** and **Levi** played the song **Essence**.

Both performances went really well and all the children's hard work practising every week with Aran paid off! The children were also able to hear professional steel pan players from the Hackney based Pantonic Steel Orchestra.

Here are some quotes from the children before they performed.

**Maya:** I'm nervous but excited about playing. I hope I don't mess up.

**Monet:** I'm scared & nervous but I'm happy to show the hard work we have done.

And here are some from staff after they performed.

**Aran (Steel Pans teacher):** We had to work hard preparing for this but they pulled it off and I'm so proud of them all. We look forward to playing at the Summer fair.

**Ben (LEAP Music lead):** All the children were fantastic, they represented LEAP brilliantly. When Pantonic began to play **Ronel** and **Harry** got everyone dancing, it was a spectacular night!



## COFFEE MORNING REPORT

The recent Early Language and Play coffee morning was attended by parents from Nursery, Reception and Year 1. All agreed that play is important in itself and a large part of developing both social and language skills. We discussed the dilemma of balancing play time with children at home with evening routines and chores!

Some children play very differently at home compared to school and we shared ideas for extending and supporting children as they play.

The parents at the session were very supportive of each other. It was great that some toddlers came too so we had real life examples to relate to!

Thanks to all who came



## WEAR SOMETHING BRIGHT!

To launch Road Safety Awareness week which takes place next week, we are asking children to come to school wearing something bright on **Monday 20th Nov** to raise awareness about Road Safety and the importance of being



seen when out on the street in these darker months.

## KEY DATES THIS TERM

<b>Mon 20 Nov</b>	Be Bold Be Bright (Road Safety Awareness)
<b>Tues 28 Nov</b>	Coffee Morning: Colourful Semantics (Nur, Rec, Year 1 & 2 parents & carers) 9.10am
<b>Thurs 30 Nov</b>	Yr 3 class assembly 3pm
<b>Tues 5 Dec</b>	Christmas Panto for all children
<b>Wed 6 Dec</b>	Gymnastics performances yrs 5 & 6 at 9.15am + Parent & Carer consultation evening - <b>school closes early for children at 1.30pm</b>
<b>Thurs 7 Dec</b>	Wear a Festive Jumper day
<b>Fri 8 Dec</b>	Yr 1 & 2 Nativity performance
<b>Tues 12 Dec</b>	Coffee Morning- Maths for Rec and Yr 1 parent & carers 9:10 - 10am.
<b>Mon 18 Dec</b>	Drumming & Dance performances
<b>Tues 19 Dec</b>	Last day of Autumn Term - <b>early close for children at 1.30pm</b>