

LEAP NEWS

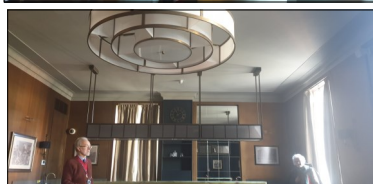
Friday 1 December 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Navidad es en diciembre.... Christmas is in December....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

YEAR 5 & 6 SCHOOL COUNCILLORS VISIT TOWN HALL

The last of the LEAP school council visits to Hackney Town Hall took place this week. It was the turn of the children in Year 5 and 6 school councillors from **Gayhurst**, **Mandeville** and **Kingsmead**. The children were given an extended tour by **Ian Rathbone** who was a previously elected councillor and the very first tour guide at the town hall. *'I loved meeting the new speaker and going into the basement where they used to store money.'* **Elouise 5S**. The children walked along a speakers corridor, and passed the photos of past speakers.



'I really enjoyed looking at the art deco architecture' **Isaac 6J**. They also visited the Council Chamber, Committee Rooms, Assembly Hall and Speakers Parlour. *"I liked the museum underground and I learned about the statue of the*

Windrush." - **Esther**, yr 5. *"All the facts were really interesting!"* - **Phoebe**, yr 6. *"The timeline of the MP's were cool because you could see how they changed throughout the years."* - **Michael**, yr 6.

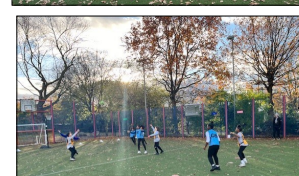
"I really enjoyed today as it was my first time at the Town and saw the history of the Hackney Empire" - **Robera** Yr 6. *"It was really good and the building was very nice"* - **Leyla K** yr 6. *"I liked the decor of the building and the ceilings and I liked sitting on the chairs in the chambers of the town hall"* - **Rio**, yr 5 *"It was fun and exciting and I loved learning about the history of the town hall"* - **Solene**, yr 5.



LEAP NETBALL TOURNAMENT

This week we held a LEAP Netball Tournament with teams from Gayhurst, Mandeville and Kingsmead competing against each other in the Multi Use Games area at Kingsmead School. This Bee netball event, led by the LEAP PE team, saw all the Year 4 & 5 girls in each school's netball team, use the stinger netball rules to compete. The teams showed great spirit and teamwork.

Freddy, Sports teacher said *"What I saw during the Leap Netball competition was how highly skilled the children are across the LEAP federation. They demonstrated tremendous netball techniques and skills throughout the tournament. Well done to Gayhurst who were the overall winners. Great team effort by Mandeville & Kingsmead."* Thanks also to Sanchez & TGI team.



HACKNEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Sunday 3 Dec, 4—5.30pm, Hackney Town Hall Square

Why not come along and join residents at the annual switching on of the borough's Christmas lights this Sunday? This free, family-friendly event features stars from Hackney Empire's Aladdin & Hoxton Hall's Little Mermaid pantos & includes lots of great live music from local choirs and the Pantonic Steel Pan Orchestra. **A parade of handmade lanterns by pupils from Mandeville Primary School will also make an appearance, helping to get Hackney into the Christmas spirit.**



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)	Lion/Jaguar	78	Ocean 97.3% Venus 96.9%
Phase 2	Forest	281	
Phase 3	Venus	265	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Jaguar class Lloyd
Lion class Akuol
Panther class Heleta & Mason
Ocean class Lulu & Nya

River class Nana & Ismael
Forest class Jhavari & Farrah
Mercury class Samantha Rose & Jesse
Mars class Gifty & Irmak
Venus class Axl & Harley

YEAR 4 VISIT NATIONAL GALLERY

This week, year 4 ventured to Trafalgar Square to visit the National Gallery. They explored the many galleries, especially focusing on Impressionist painters. They saw paintings by **Monet** and **Cezanne** and even found last year's Take One Picture from creativity week, **Henri Rousseau's** 'Surprised'. Year 4 also got a sneak preview of next year's Take One Picture painting, 'The Courtyard of a House in Delft' by **Pieter de Hooch**. The children not only got to view the paintings, but took their sketchbooks along to make some observational drawings of their favourite pictures.



"We went to see fascinating pictures in the gallery. I really liked all of the details. We got to see next year's Take One Picture. It was really inspirational. I want to be an artist when I grow up" - **Armani**



"We saw the picture from creativity week last year by Henri Rousseau. It reminded me of being in year 3 and made me feel proud." - **Anayah**

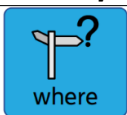


"There were calm pictures & chaotic ones. We saw the plate of fruits by Cezanne who we learnt about last year. My favourite was the Lilly Pond by Monet" - **Lavin**



COFFEE MORNING: COLOURFUL SEMANTICS

On Tuesday we invited parents and carers to take part in a colourful semantics workshop led by our Speech and Language Therapist **Carmen**. Throughout the session, we went through how colourful semantic cards are used in interventions lessons and even explored different ways in which they could be used at home.



COFFEE MORNING CONTINUED.....

Here are some of the things our parents and carers had to say:

'It was really useful I can't wait to use all of these new resources at home.' - **Amelia's mum**

'This is very helpful, I can now help her to extend her sentences at home.' - **Aisha's mum**

'I've learned so many strategies I can now use at home.' - **Ashley's dad**



SAVE THE CHILDREN'S FESTIVE JUMPER DAY



Next **Thursday 7th December**, we are supporting Save the Children by wearing our festive jumpers to school! We ask that children bring in a donation and give it to their class teachers, to raise funds for Save the Children and support them in giving children the magical future they deserve. Please don't feel you need to buy a special jumper...you can decorate your own jumper very simply to make it festive!



KEY DATES THIS TERM

Tues 5 Dec Christmas Panto for all children
Wed 6 Dec Parent & Carer consultation evening - **school closes early for children at 1.30pm**
Thurs 7 Dec Wear a Festive Jumper day
Fri 8 Dec Yr 1 & 2 Nativity performance
Tues 12 Dec Coffee Morning- Maths for Rec and Yr 1 parent & carers 9:10 - 10am.
Wed 13 Dec Gymnastics performances yrs 5 & 6 at 3pm
Thurs 14 Dec Mandeville's Christmas lunch
Mon 18 Dec Drumming & Dance performances
Tues 19 Dec Last day of Autumn Term - **early close for children at 1.30pm**

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RECEPTION TAKE A LOCAL WALK

Reception are learning all about Transport this term. Last week the children were exploring boats. They got to experience their first educational visit, taking a walk to see if they could spot any boats. They were in luck! They saw lots of narrow boats, canoes, kayaks and a speed boat.

'My favourite was the pirate ship under the bridge' -
D'Zai

'I liked the two speed boats' -
Eli-Blu

'My favourite was the orange submarine' -
Marlowe



YEAR 6 GO TO FOREST ROAD YOUTH CLUB

Venus Class had a great morning at the Junior Citizenship Scheme at the Forest Road Youth Club this week. They took part in seven different activities as part of a carousel. Each activity was teaching them a different aspect of being a citizen of Hackney and the wider world! They learnt about how to travel politely and safely around London using all forms of public transport, that there is up to 12 teaspoons of sugar in a bottle of coke, how to keep our mental health and wellbeing positive, amongst many more! All staff on the trip were really proud of the questions the children asked, how engaged and interested they were and how polite, friendly and sensible they were with everyone they encountered. Well done year six!!

