

LEAP NEWS

Monday 18 December 2023

SPANISH PHRASE of the week

Veó a mi familia en Navidad.... I see my family at Christmas.....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

MAYOR OF LONDON VISITS MANDEVILLE!

On Tuesday last week Mandeville Primary School had a great visit from **Sadiq Khan the Mayor of London**. He came to meet **Ishall**, the year 5 pupil at Mandeville, who was the winner of a London-wide City Hall 'Love your Lunch' competition. As reported in last week's newsletter, Ishall's entry was a fantastic poem that caught the judges eye and won. The prize was a meal for her class cooked by the celebrity chefs from BOSH!, which Ishall and some of her friends helped to prepare in the Hackney School of Food's teaching kitchen, and a visit from the Mayor to congratulate her!

During his visit Sadiq saw the children cooking & joined them for lunch and then met and thanked Margaret Blairy, Mandeville's wonderful Head chef who has been cooking school lunches there for 35 years.

Hackney's **Deputy Mayor Bramble** joined Mandeville Headteacher **Marc Thompson** and Executive Head **Louise Nichols**, to discuss school food and the impact of Free School Meals for all in Hackney schools. Lots of photographers and reporters were present and the London Mayor told the gathered media that Mandeville was demonstrating the best practice by teaching children about the journey of food from seed to spoon, using the extensive and productive gardens and ensuring children learn about sustainable and seasonal food. Eating Margaret's wonderful food together with their teachers ensured the lunch hall experience was one of the best parts of the children's day. He thanked Marc Thompson, headteacher, for the work of the whole staff at



MAYOR OF LONDON'S VISIT CONTINUED.....



Mandeville and commended Ishall on the confident way she spoke to the media on the day, commenting that she would be after his job next!

Sadiq Khan said *"The fantastic poem written by Ishall at Mandeville Primary School truly sums up the importance of these meals and I'm delighted that her class has today enjoyed a special meal that they have helped to prepare too. I will continue to do all I can to support families and build a better London for all."*



COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION OFFER

Struggling Hackney residents will get a reduction of up to 90% on their next council tax bill after the Council approved new investment to support those hit hardest by the cost of living crisis. In Hackney, it's estimated that around 1400 households are receiving Universal Credit and are entitled to Council Tax Reduction, but not receiving it.

Please share the following links with anyone that you know who may be interested:

- To find out more about financial support with paying council tax, visit: hackney.gov.uk/council-tax-reduction-claim
- To find out if you're getting the financial help you're entitled to, contact the Council's Money Hub at bit.ly/MoneyHubHackney



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	50	River 96.8% Mars 97.1%
Phase 2	Forest	227	
Phase 3	Venus	236	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

(for last week)

Jaguar class	Jake
Lion class	Tyler
Panther class	Bianka & Jonathan
Ocean class	Jah'khel & Helen Marie

River class	Marley & Huseyin
Forest class	Aadam & Emily-Rose
Mercury class	Mary-Theresa & Amirah
Mars class	Halil & Yolanda
Venus class	Jerome & Aanya

MANDEVILLE'S NATIVITY

As part of their learning about Christianity, Years 1 and 2 rehearsed and performed their own version of The Christmas story. They worked hard learning songs, dances and perfecting their theatrical voices for one of Mandeville's biggest shows of the year. Last Friday, they gave two performances. The first was to their peers and the second was to their parents and carers. They impressed everyone with their skills and talents as actors. Well done and thank you Year 1 and Year 2 for all of your hard work leading to a fantastic performance!

Malu Yr 2: 'I loved doing the Nativity! As the Narrator I had to be loud and clear so that the actors would know what to do.'

Sidney Yr 1: 'I loved being King Herod an getting to perform in front of all of our families and friends.'

Starr Yr 1: 'I liked being Angel Gabriel! My favourite part was when we got to sing 'An angel appeared in the sky.'

Ismael Yr 2: 'It was nice being part of the Nativity again, I remembered all of the songs and enjoyed performing to our friends and families.'

Years 1 and 2 had a blast performing their Nativity this year. The audience were thrilled!

Christopher Yr 4: 'The Nativity was really good! The children worked very hard.'

D'Zai Reception: 'I liked everything!'



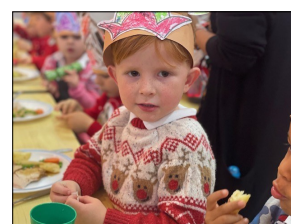
NATIVITY CONTINUED

Jody (Year 1 parent): 'The children were amazing! They were all so brave and confident when they were performing!'



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A huge thank you to our wonderful head chef Margaret and her team for making a delicious festive lunch that included turkey, beef, sausages, stuffing, potatoes and many more with yummy jelly trifle and tasty cookies! Thank you to everyone that helped to serve including our lovely PTA. Lots of happy, full bellies on display!





COFFEE MORNING: PARENT MATHS WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 12th Dec we held a parents Maths Coffee Morning for Reception and Year 1 parents. It was great to see so many enthusiastic parents there and to be able to explain how we teach maths at Mandeville. Sarah, LEAP's Maths lead, discussed how to help children at home and the importance of a parent's enthusiasm for learning maths to the progress of a child. Parents were provided with a list of ideas they can do at home including counting, number recognition, subitising and adding and subtracting small numbers.



YEAR 5 & 6 VISIT LEASIDE TRUST

Last week Year 6 visited the Leaside Trust, near Springfield Park, for a session led by the environmental charity EcoActive. The children participated in two sessions throughout the day exploring how our food impacts the planet and how we can look to grow food more sustainably. In the morning session, the class learnt about how different foods can be better or worse for the health of our planet as well as our own individual health. We discovered that eating local, seasonal foods could reduce our environmental impact, so we had the opportunity to make biodegradable seed pots to help us do this ourselves. After that, we learned all about the power of worms, who can turn food waste into rich, nutritious compost that will allow new food to be grown. In the afternoon, we ventured outside into the Robin Hood Community Garden to learn all about how they grow a variety of fruits, vegetables and herbs in a sustainable manner.



VISIT TO LEASIDE TRUST CONTINUED.....

The weather took a bit of a turn for the worse, but we didn't let it dampen our spirits!

"I really enjoyed learning about how worms can help us to grow food."

Harley

"Being in the garden was great: so many exciting things to see, smell and taste."



Year 5 visited to learn about the wildlife that lives with us in London - it is all around us! They went and collected minibeasts which were then placed under the microscope; looking at slugs with leopard patterns up close was incredible. To end the day they went out on the River Lea using canoes to pick litter and do their part to keep the environment of Hackney clean for all. At first it was tricky to all work as one and go in the right direction but they soon got the hang of it and worked as a team! Thanks to everyone at the Leaside Trust for a fantastic day out!

"We had to paddle at the same time. It was hard at first but so much fun when it worked!"

Mustafa U

"Getting into the canoe I was so excited and it got even better when we started to travel down the river!"

Olive





GYMNASTICS AND DRUMMING & DANCE PERFORMANCES

As a culmination of the work they have done in lessons this term we have had some exceptional performances in both African Drumming and Dance and Gymnastics. We were treated to outstanding performances in both drumming and dance, from years 1,3, 5 and 6. We would like to say a huge thank you to **Ms Harley** and **Aaron** for their hard work and choreography and for being an inspiration to us all.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to **Autumn**, who has worked tirelessly with our year 5 and 6 children this term to put on a truly spectacular performance.

"I can't believe what our children have managed to achieve in such a short space of time. They really took my breath away! This is the best performance yet." – year 6 parent.

Finally, we would like to say a massive thank you to all of our families who gave up their time to come along and support. Your presence makes all the difference and the energy and positivity you show to our young performers is phenomenal. We are looking forward to seeing our younger performers later on in the year!



DRUMMING & DANCE CONTINUED.....



PLAYCENTRE DONATION

Playcentre would like to thank **Amirah** and **Zoya Ali's** parents for their kind donations for playcentre.



FAREWELL PAIGE

Sadly, due to personal circumstances, Paige McNish, our Year 1 class teacher, will be leaving at the end of this term. Chloe Tate, one of our existing teachers will be taking over Year 1 for the rest of the year. We would like to thank Paige for her hard work this year and wish her the best for the future.



Don't forget tomorrow is the last day of term and school will finish early at 1.30pm for children.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mandeville staff wish all our children and their families a relaxing break and a Happy New Year. **We look forward to seeing the children back at school at 9am on Monday 8th January 2024 for the start of Spring Term.**