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LEAP NEWS

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SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Hace mucho frio.... *It is very cold.....*

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS EXTENDED

The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, has announced this week that his funding investment in a universal free school meals offer for ALL primary aged pupils in London's state funded schools **will be extended from September onwards into the 24/25 academic year.**

This is fantastic news for families, saving them up to £1,000 over the two years per child, in the midst of the current cost-of-living crisis.

Sadiq Khan said: *"Delivering free school meals has been one of my proudest moment as Mayor as I have seen the difference it has made to the children receiving them and to their families. I am thrilled to announce my intention to extend this lifeline for families for yet another year.*

Naomi Duncan, Chief Executive of the charity Chefs in Schools, with whom we work closely said: *"We're delighted to hear that the Mayor, Sadiq Khan, is extending Universal Primary Free School Meals. We've seen first-hand the huge benefits this policy has had since its introduction. By extending the programme, the Mayor is ensuring that hundreds of thousands of children in London continue to receive the benefits of a hot, nutritious meal every school lunchtime. The initiative was a landmark moment in the fight for greater access to vital nutrition for young children, never more important than now in the context of rapidly increasing malnutrition and food poverty. A meal in school provides that nutritional safety net, but also fuel for learning and a vital opportunity for education about food."*

NEED FOR FAMILIES TO STILL KEEP REGISTERING FOR FSM

Please remember that it is still vitally important for us that LEAP families still register for Free School Meals if they are in receipt of state benefits, as this is how a school's funding is calculated by the Government. If you need any help registering for Free School Meals or are unsure if you are eligible speak to someone in your school's office and they will help you.

THE BIG AMBITION SURVEY



The Children's Commissioner for Children, Dame Rachel de Souza's national campaign 'The Big Ambition' aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's

THE BIG AMBITION SURVEY CONTINUED.....

Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

So far her survey has received more than 300,000 responses from children, young people & parents and carers, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind. If you have not yet completed the survey but would like to share your views with policy makers, you still have time and can find it on the link below. The survey will be closing on **Friday 19th January**. Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

LEAP PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a parent governor for the LEAP federation which we need to fill as soon as possible.

Parent governors are elected by and from the parents of children currently attending any of our three schools. They serve a four-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the governing board.

You might like to look at the information on the role of governors: <https://www.governorsforschools.org.uk/app/uploads/2018/10/The-role-of-a-school-governor.pdf>

Further information on the role are on the LEAP Governing Body page in the About Us section of the school websites or on the National Governors website.

The governing board has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. This is achieved by ensuring that governors have the necessary skills and commitment to contribute to the effective governance and success of the three schools. The particular skills that governing boards need will vary and will include personal qualities and capabilities, such as the capacity and willingness to learn and work as part of a team. It is expected that governors will make use of the various training opportunities available to them and play a full part in the work of the governing board.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, contact the school office with your nomination (self nomination is acceptable), which will need to be with the school by 12.00 noon on Friday 19th January. If there is more than one candidate an election will then take place and we will ask each candidate to prepare a short statement as to why they would like to be a governor and what qualities they could bring to the role.



SPRING TERM 2024

1st half of term: 08.01.24 - 09.01.24

Half term: 12 - 16 Feb 2024

2nd half of term: 19.02.24 - 28.03.24

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Panther	50	Ocean 98.2% Mars 98.4%
Phase 2	Ocean	210	
Phase 3	Venus	75	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Jaguar class	Dacre
Lion class	Destiny
Panther class	Hamzah & Larosa
Ocean class	Taj & Phoebe

River class	Taynara & Jayden B
Forest class	Zayd & Phoebe
Mercury class	Armani & Aymirah
Mars class	Samuel & Emir
Venus class	Hakan & Andrew

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all our families. We are delighted to see all the children back in school ready for learning. We had great excitement in the playground on our first day back with snowfall!

COLD WEATHER/WARM COAT

Please remember with this recent cold weather to make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat, and hats and gloves if possible. Please also remember to label all items of your child's clothing

MANDEVILLE TEAM WINS SECOND PLACE TROPHY!

Well done to the team of Mandeville children who took part in the recent **Hackney Primary Panathlon Challenge** and were awarded second place! Each team participating in the Panathlon event was made up of 8 children from years 3 - 6, from primary schools across Hackney. The teams took part in a total of seven different activities, scoring the highest they could for each sport as they went along. We are all very proud of the Mandeville team's achievement and trophy!



"I am not a big sports fan but I really enjoyed this competition." - **Amirah**, Year 5

"We came second, even though we missed one activity. We had a good team." - **Malcolm**, Year 5



COFFEE MORNING REPORT

Thank you to the families who joined us for the PTA coffee morning on Thursday. We valued their insights and ideas on enhancing our PTA to better support the school. Special thanks to our dedicated PTA members, **Stephanie, Jody, Ailsa, and Kayleigh**, for leading the session. We anticipate organising another session in the near future. If you are interested in becoming part of the PTA support community, feel free to reach out to any of our members.



"On behalf of the PTA, we would like to thank all the families who attended and provided feedback, sharing their interests and ideas on how we can enhance our development." - **Kayleigh**, PTA member.



"We are looking for 2 new PTA Committee members and a wider group of PTA Committee helpers. If you are interested, please email PTAmandeville@outlook.com." - **Ailsa**, PTA member.

KEY DATES THIS TERM

Tues 23 Jan	Coffee Morning: International Evening planning meeting (online via Zoom at 6pm)
Thurs 25 Jan	Coffee Morning: Ocean Maths - Year 1 Sarah, LEAP maths lead 9:10-10:00 am
Tues 30 Jan	Coffee Morning: Ready, Steady, Read - Y2/3 9:10-10:00 am
w/c 5 Feb	LEAP Creativity Week
Tues 6 Feb	Coffee Morning: E-Safety 9:10-10:00 am
Thurs 8 Feb	Rec class assembly 3.10pm
w/c 12 Feb	Half term break