



LEARNING EDUCATION ARTS PARTNERSHIP



# LEAP NEWS

## Friday 8 November 2024

### SPANISH PHRASE of the week

las hojas caen de los árboles..... *The leaves fall from the trees*

### Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership

## MANDEVILLE ART PROJECT SHOWN TO WORLD LEADERS!

A short film about the recent collaborative art project between Mandeville pupils and the photographer **Gideon Mendel** was shown to world leaders at the United Nations Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction yesterday in Montenegro.

Mandeville School's film – **Change CLIMATE Change** - looks at the global climate emergency through the eyes of a class of 8 & 9 year old Mandeville children and the work they created with renowned photographer Gideon Mendel, who has been photographing and filming in communities around the world affected by flooding and fire for the last 17 years. [Here is a link to a clip of the film.](#) Using Mendel's portrait series (Submerged Portraits and Portraits in Ashes) as the starting point, the children embarked on an intensive five-week workshop where they developed their understanding of global warming through photography, writing and drawing. Led by art facilitator **Claire Ward-Thornton** of Art Hoppers, the class set about creating their own interpretations of Mendel's photographs showing people whose homes have been flooded or burnt around the world. Both in person and through video link they learnt about the impact on communities in Bangladesh, Colorado, Nigeria & Greece. They were inspired by a visit to their classroom by Gurjeet Dhonia whose home in Colorado, USA, was burnt down on New Year's Eve in 2021 along with a visit to Mendel's outdoor exhibition at The Photographers Gallery in central London.

Sound is a very important element of the film; the children performed on an original song, Help Me Change The World, to create the soundtrack to the film, which was partly written by them, and that brings huge poignancy to the experience of viewing their images.



### MANDEVILLE ART PROJECT CONTINUED.....

The film has attracted international interest through Greenpeace featuring it at among other places the Glastonbury Festival and now it has been screened to world leaders in the run up to COP#29.

Headteacher **Marc Thompson** said: "Mandeville is a school where creativity is central to learning. This multimedia art project made a profound impression on the children, opening their eyes to the very personal impact that climate change can have. We are so proud of the film and their artwork. We are sure it will have a similar impact on the delegates at the UNDRR conference ..."

**Sebastien Penzini**, Regional Deputy Chief at United Nations Office for DRR, said: "We sincerely express our appreciation to each of the children and students involved in the film for raising attention on the existential question of climate change and disasters. Children and young people are too often disproportionately exposed to risks and their voices must be heard for building tomorrow's resilience".



See the article just published in the Hackney Citizen paper covering this story [here.](#)



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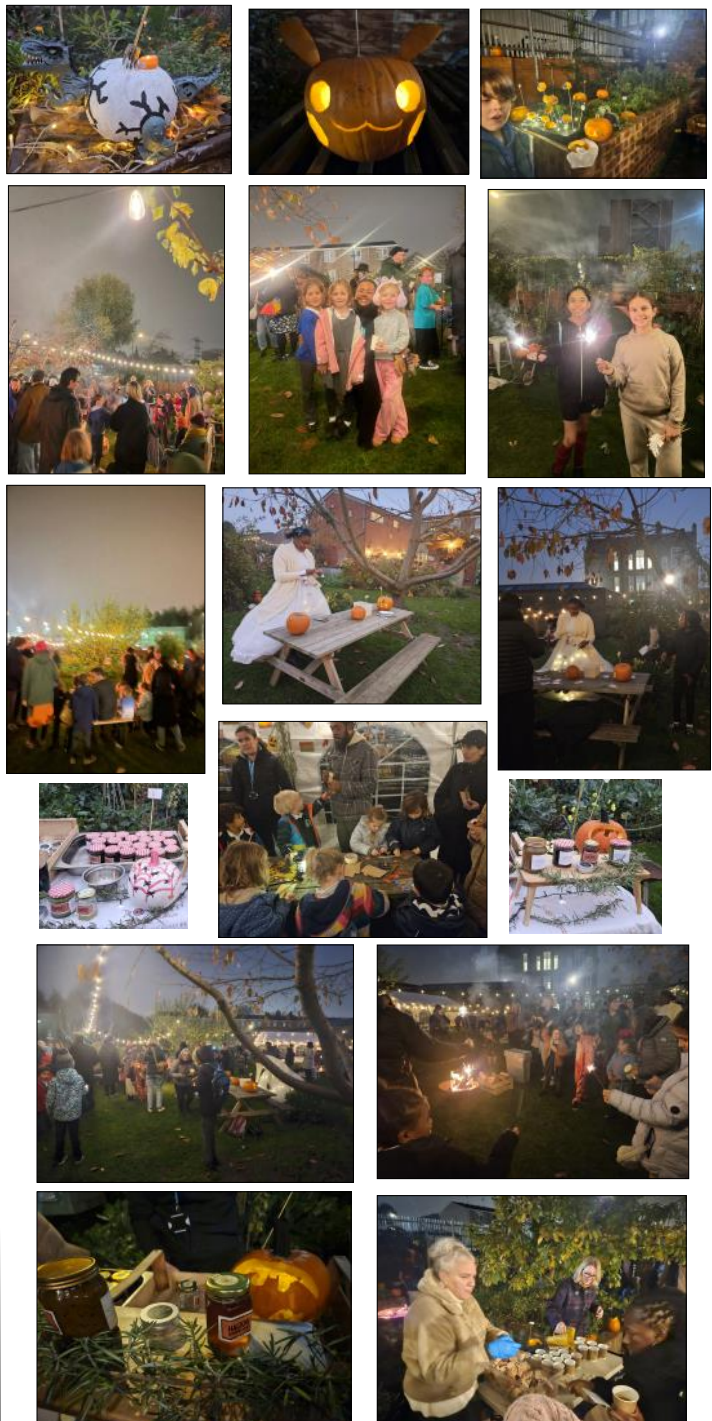
### KAREN'S ARTICLE ON MOBILE PHONES & SCHOOLS

An opinion piece written by LEAP Headteacher Karen Pedro, on the importance of smart phone free childhoods has been featured in the Autumn edition of Absolutely Education magazine. You can find this interesting and highly relevant article on Page 42 on [this link](#).



### HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD'S AUTUMN TRAIL

Here are some photos from last night's great Autumn Trail event at the Hackney School of Food which was totally sold out! Delicious free pumpkin soup and bread was on offer for all attending, tasty pizza, Halloween cupcakes and various drinks and School of Food produce were also on sale. Children enjoyed a craft activity area, sparklers and story telling by the fires and everyone got to choose their favourite pumpkin lantern, all carved by LEAP staff members. It was great to see so many LEAP families there!



### ODD SOCKS DAY



Don't forget that on **Tuesday 12th November**, all four LEAP schools (**Kingsmead**, **Grasmere**, **Mandeville** and **Gayhurst**) are encouraging children and staff to wear Odd Socks to school. Odd Socks Day is an annual event that takes place during Anti-Bullying week, that encourages people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion.

### WEAR PJS TO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY



Next **Friday 15th November** children can come to school wearing pyjamas and bringing in **£1** or **50p** to donate to Children in Need. Let's see how much we can raise across all four schools for this great charity!





## AUTUMN TERM 2024

1st half of term: 02.09.24 - 25.10.24

Half term: 28 Oct – 1 Nov 2024

2nd half of term: 04.11.24 - 19.12.24

INSET days: Mon 1 Sept 2024 &

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Panther	72	River 98.5% Venus 98.2%
Phase 2	Ocean	105	
Phase 3	Mercury	296	



## WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

**Jaguar class** Hawa  
**Lion class** Isabella  
**Panther class** Tasvir & Violetta  
**Ocean class** Ohana  
**Mountain class** Khloe

**River class** Esila & Starlia-Jae  
**Forest class** Kassain & Ashley  
**Mercury class** Aadam & Labelle  
**Mars class** Swafaa & Elliott  
**Venus class** Mustafa P  
**Jupiter class** Catherina

## RECEPTION CLASS VISIT TO HACKNEY MARSHES

Reception children went on a leaf hunt over on Hackney Marshes before half term. The leaf hunt gave the children the opportunity to observe what autumn looks and feels like. They used the leaves they collected to create autumnal foxes back at school.

**Charlie** - I am going to find a black leaf.

**Xen** - My leaf is yellow and brown

**Paddy** - Sticks!

**Findlay** - This leaf is crunchy



## RABBI VISITS YEAR 6

Year 6 at Mandeville had a very special visit this week from Rabbi Roni. They learnt about how different Jewish communities worship and a range of the blessings which are said at different points during the process. Rabbi Roni explained the meaning of the word Torah and how it has roots in the words teaching and rain, because, much like how rain helps plants to grow, people are also helped to grow. The children asked a range of questions and learnt about how important being a good person is to people of the Jewish faith. Notably, a message which was taken from the session was that for Jewish people, being a good presence and a positive part of the universe (not the centre of it) is a vital element of their beliefs.

It was an incredibly insightful and interesting session and we thank Rabbi Roni for giving us his time and for answering our many, many questions!



## KEY DATES THIS TERM

- Thurs 14 Nov** Coffee morning History 9:10-10am
- Tues 12 Nov** Wear Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week
- Fri 15 Nov** Children in Need—wear PJs to school
- Mon 18 Nov** Road Safety Awareness week
- Thurs 21 Nov** Maths Coffee Morning for Nur, Rec & Yr 1 parents +  
**Mercury class (4D) assembly 3:10pm**
- Wed 4 Dec** Parent & Carer consultation evening  
**school closes early for children at 1.30pm**
- Fri 13 Dec** Yr 1 Nativity Assembly 2.30pm
- Thurs 19 Dec** Last Day of Autumn Term -  
**school closes early for children at 1.30pm**