



The Byword



2nd December 2022

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Let's talk about: **reading** What's so special about reading?

Why do we keep going on about it? Well, there's **2 big reasons** really.

Firstly, it may be the most important academic skill you will ever learn because, once you can read, you have access to everything that's written. You can keep learning even when you're alone.

Secondly, the world of books can take you anywhere! We want children to really Love reading and to know that ...

Reading gives you wings!

So, how does someone get better at reading? It's a pretty complex process, but, put simply, you have to:

- **learn the sounds** in English and how to read & write them. We do this in phonics lessons every day
- understand that **words carry meaning**; that a writer is trying to tell you something and that you need to look for that meaning
- **practice, practice, practice**; no one ever got great at anything by doing it once or twice

A successful reader will be able to **decode** – that is, read what the words say – and **comprehend** – that is, understand what they mean.

How can you help?

1. Your child's teacher may invite you to workshops or send home information about how we teach reading and how you can support. The more you can **engage** with these, the more confident you will feel helping your child.
2. Make sure – really make sure – that your child is **reading at home** every day. At least **20 minutes**. If they are in reception to Y2, they should be reading their phonics book to you every day.
3. Your children look up to you; be a good role model – if they see you reading, they'll see that it's a good thing to do for themselves.
4. Ask us

Key Dates

- Thursday 8th December: Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 8th December: Book Fair - library open between 8.30am - 9.00am and from 3.15pm - 3.45pm
- Monday 12th December & Tuesday 13th December: The Nativity & Christmas Performance - tickets TBC. Parents/carers welcome
- Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 15th December: Christmas Parties
- Friday 16th December: Christmas Panto - Parents welcome - Time TBC
- **Friday 16th December: Last day of school & Autumn Term - Children to be collected at 1.30pm**
- **Monday 19th December-Monday 2nd January 2023: School closed for Christmas holiday**
- Tuesday 3rd January: All pupils return to school



Stars of the week



Y1: Maymuna

Y2: Zahra

Y3: Owais

Y4: Arya

Y5: Fatihah

Y6: Maryam

Dining Hall Helper of The Week:

Mahdi Y4- well done!

Attendance

Year 4: 95.00%

Well done Year 4!

The Christmas Show: 'Cheeky Cherubs'

Year 1 will take the starring roles while being supported by the rest of the school.

There will be two shows: Monday 12th December at 2pm & Tuesday 13th December at 2pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Christmas Show tickets will be sold on ParentPay for £1 each.

Tickets are currently limited to 2 maximum per family so you will only see and pay for the oldest sibling if you have more than one child attending Bygrove.

If two tickets are required, please purchase both of them at the same time specify the date in the notes section on ParentPay.

Morning session children in Nursery will only be performing on Monday 12th December 2022. If your child attends a morning session please bring them back to school for 1:30pm.

The afternoon session and full-time children in Nursery will be performing on both days.

Please collect the ticket from the main school office.

Contact a member from the school office team if you would like any help with ParentPay.



School Council Meeting

This week we have had the pleasure of meeting up with the school council children and have had our first official 'school council' meeting.

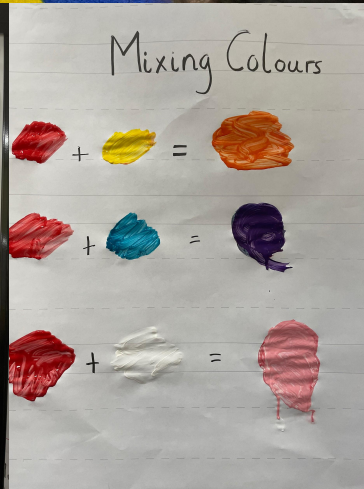
On the agenda we discussed the following:

- We drew up a school council contract - do's and don'ts
- School council roles and responsibilities
- Whole school agenda - future events
- Planning of Christmas party food list



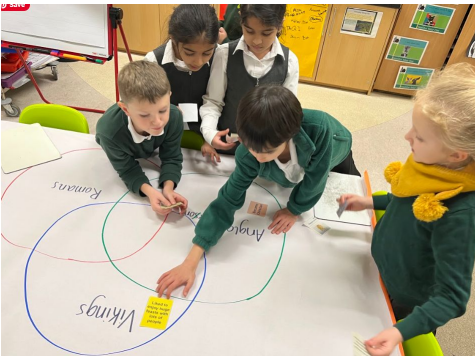
Reception

Reception have been storytelling the story 'Mixed'. This week they innovated the story to add a new colour into the story. They have had great fun mixing colours to find out what they make together.



Year 3

Last week in History, the children used a Venn diagram to sort our researched facts and compare and contrast the Vikings, the Romans and the Anglo Saxons. Of course, there were a lot of differences between the groups, but we also noticed quite a few similarities, which we discussed as a class.



Year 1

Year 1 had an amazing time on the trip to the Tower of London. They were able to spot all the different things they have been learning about castles and royalty in history. They also had a great time meeting the Yeomans and marching with the Queen's Guards.



Nursery

Nursery have been getting into the festive spirit this week decorating their own Christmas baubles!



Year 4

Year 4 have been making their Christmas decorations and learning their Christmas song for the upcoming performance!





Hi, my name's Syeda and I'm incredibly excited to be joining Bygrove this year in my first year of teaching primary school. Before graduating, I attended Queen Mary University, studying English and Psychology. After this, I worked as cover supervisor, form tutor and Religious Education coordinator at a secondary school in London, before training to become a Primary School teacher with the University of Cumbria.

I became a teacher because I love working with children and teaching them all about the world they live in. I love the idea of helping children - every single child in my class - excel and be the very best they can be. This year, I'm looking forward to developing my practice, becoming a better teacher and also the fantastic Shakespeare Schools Festival coming up next term!

My name is Sumayya and I have recently joined Bygrove as a TA for the Year 4 team. It has been an absolute pleasure working with the children and staff and getting to know and meet such lovely people! I am excited to embark upon this journey and learn alongside the students.



Hi my name is Marta, I am the new Admin/PA apprentice and I used to be a nursery practitioner. I was born in England but my family is Portuguese.

I am very excited to be working in a welcoming school like Bygrove as my first admin job. I can not wait to meet every parent and to help out as much as I can.

Hello, my name is Rebecca. I'm a trainee teacher here at Bygrove. I feel so lucky to be working with a school like Bygrove for my training year. I look forward to getting to know the local community!



Hi, my name is Sumayyah. I am a TA apprentice. I am currently working with Year 2 and I love it. I am having so much fun and I am enjoying my journey so far!

My name's Dina and I am one of the new Middy Meal Supervisor here at Bygrove. I have really enjoyed settling into my role and getting to know the staff and children here.



New staff at Bygrove

Hello from our new members of the Bygrove team.

Y4 Class Teacher
Syeda Haque

Apprentice Teaching Assistant
Sumayya Ahmed

Apprentice Administrative Assistant/ PA to Head
Marta Almeida

Trainee Teacher
Rebecca Burnett

Apprentice Teaching Assistant
Sumayyah Begum

Middy Meals Supervisor
Dina Mahmood

Safeguarding at Bygrove



PARENT FACTSHEET – JUNE
2022

County lines: what you need to know

Children of all ages and backgrounds are at risk of being exploited by criminal gangs who'll use them to transport drugs and money around the country. Understand what county lines is and the signs to look out for.

What is county lines?

- A child is 'groomed' by a criminal gang, then exploited to transport drugs and money from one area (county) to another – usually from an urban location to a rural or coastal one. Grooming can happen in person, or online on social media apps like Snapchat
 - The child may be trafficked to the gang's 'trap houses' or 'bandos' miles away from home, to find 'customers', deal with rival gangs and sell drugs
 - The child is likely to face violence and sexual exploitation
 - The 'lines' refer to the dedicated mobile phone lines that gangs use for selling drugs
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Is my child at risk?

Criminal gangs are known to target:

- **Children with vulnerabilities**, such as poverty, family breakdown, exclusion from school – because they're more likely to respond to manipulation and coercion
- **Children from stable or affluent families** – because they're less likely to be known to the police and may blend in better in the town the gang sends them to
- **Girls and young children** – children as young as 7 are being groomed by gangs, and girls are often groomed into relationships with gang members or used to transport drugs as they're less likely to be stopped by the police

However, **any child is vulnerable to exploitation.**

What signs should I look out for?

Potential signs that a child is involved in county lines include:

- Leaving home without explanation
- Returning home late, staying out all night or going missing
- Being found in areas away from home
- Being secretive about who they're talking to and where they are going

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- Persistently going missing from school or college
- Receiving unexplained money, phone(s), clothes or jewellery
- Receiving excessive texts/phone calls and/or owning multiple handsets
- Forming relationships with controlling/older individuals or groups
- Using sexual, drug-related or violent language you wouldn't expect them to know
- Showing increasingly disruptive or aggressive behaviour
- Coming home with injuries or looking particularly messy
- Owning hotel cards or keys to unknown places
- Taking drugs, or being found with large amounts of drugs on them

Noticing any of these signs doesn't mean your child is being exploited through county lines. However, you should still talk to them about any concerns you have.

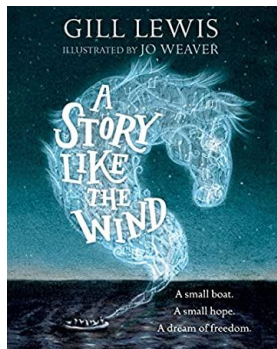
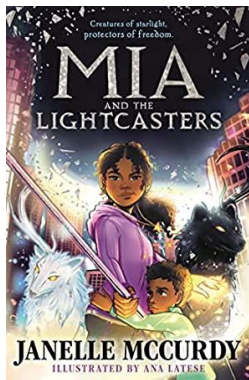
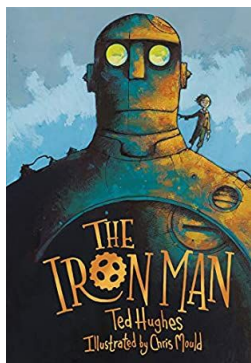
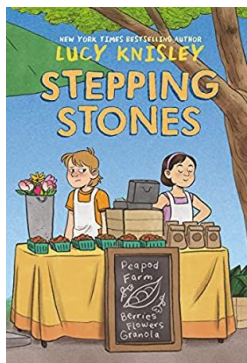
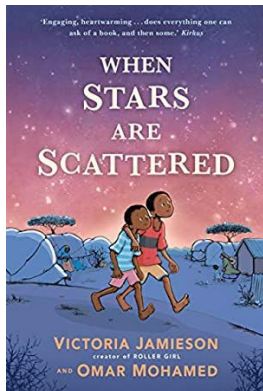
What should I do if I suspect my child is being exploited?

Talk to your child, stay calm and ask questions about what is going on, reassuring them you want to keep them safe. Try to be open, honest and non-judgemental – remember, they may be scared.

If you are still concerned, seek help straight away - there are organisations that can help you. You could do any of the following, **but you must tell someone:**

- Contact our school. Ask to speak to the **designated safeguarding lead** and explain your concerns to them. They will be able to advise you where to go next
- Report your concerns to children's social care. A social worker will be able to listen to your concerns and help you to protect your child
- Contact your local police station or call 101. If your child is missing, remember you don't have to wait 24 hours before making a report
- Contact organisations such as:
 - Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111
 - NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
 - Family Lives: 0808 800 2222

If you believe your child is in immediate danger, or a threat is made against you or another family member, **call 999 immediately.**



Amazon Wishlist

Now that we have our beautiful, new library, we want to fill it with wonderful books for our children & families to enjoy. We have set up an Amazon wishlist of books that our children would love to read.

Please share this list with any companies or individuals who you think would be happy to support it. Every book donated will contain a thank you message to the purchaser.

Thank you in advance for your support:
<https://amzn.eu/b9EIUbh>

There are more books on our list to choose from! we need help to fill our library and promote reading. Check out <https://amzn.eu/b9EIUbh> and feel free to share the link.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Save the
Children

IS COMING, PEOPLE! AND

IT'S GOING TO BE EPIC!

Where:

Bygrove
Primary School

When:

Thursday 8th
December

Other details:



Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR

Save the Children Fund is a charity registered in England & Wales
(213890), Scotland (SC039570) and Isle of Man (149).

Christmas Jumper Day

You can wear red, green, Christmas jumpers or accessories on Thursday 8th December.

Remember to drop your £1 donations in the buckets at the gates.

All funds raised will be donated to Save the Children.

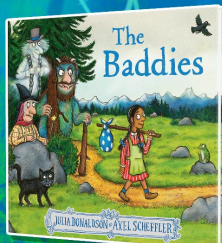
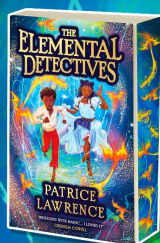
Book Fair

We would like to invite you to the book fair next week, which will be held in the library. You will be able to browse and purchase books in our wonderful new book space before and after school. The book fair will open between 8.30am - 9.00am and from 3.15pm - 3.45pm. It will be with us from Thursday 8th December until the following Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you there!

 SCHOLASTIC

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL



www.letta.org.uk

SSF DATE 2023

DATE CHANGE!

**Wednesday
29th March
2023**

A date for your diaries Year 4 parents & carers!
Next year's Year 4 Shakespeare Schools Festival
performance date is Wednesday 29th March
2023 at The Greenwich Theatre. More info soon!

Year 4 Shakespeare Schools Festival

Parents/Carers will be able to watch the Year 4 performance at The Greenwich Theatre. More information will be coming up soon!




**MILE END
STADIUM**

**ADDRESS: BURDETT ROAD, E3 4HL,
TOWER HAMLETS**

S.E.N.D
DATE: SATURDAY
1:00PM-2:00PM (8-18 YEARS)

PLEASE ENSURE YOU MAKE CONTACT PRIOR TO ATTENDING BY
EMAILING COMMUNITYSPORT@WESTHAMUNITED.CO.UK

Sessions take place at **Mile End Stadium** on **Saturdays** from
1pm-2pm, 8-18-year-olds.

Email the organiser directly before attending:
communitysport@westhamunited.co.uk

Free Premier League Kicks Sessions for SEND pupils in Tower Hamlets

There is an opportunity for young residents with SEND to access free physical activity sessions with Premier League Kicks sessions at Mile End Stadium. These sessions are delivered in partnership with West Ham United Foundation and their skilled specialist coaches offer a great way for young people to get exercise, let off steam and meet friends in a safe environment.



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Nursery places available for September 2023

Would you like your child to
attend an outstanding Nursery?

Open days

Every morning from Mon 31st October 2022 to Friday 4th
November 2022, (pre booked appointments only)

Wednesday 2nd November 2022 4–5:30PM

Monday 9th January 2023 4–5:30 PM

Please contact the school office to arrange a visit to the school

call us on [02075384925](tel:02075384925) or email us at
admin@bygrove.org.uk

If your child was born between 1st September 2019
& 31st August 2020 you can apply for a Nursery
place at Bygrove Primary School online at
www.eadmissions.org.uk

Nursery open days:

Monday 9th January
2023: 4PM-5:30PM

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If your child was born
between 1st September
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School applications are now open



Primary admissions For children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019	15 January 2023
Nursery admissions For children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020	16 February 2023

Nursery Admissions sessions Date & Time:

Monday 5th December 2022 6pm

Thursday 12th January 2023 10am

Tuesday 7th February 2023 10am

Session link: <https://GR2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

Reception Admissions sessions Date & Time:

Wednesday 7th December 2022 6pm

Friday 13th January 2023 10am

Wednesday 1st February 10am

Session link: <https://GS2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

Check out information regarding Reception admissions via

<https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Documents/Education-and-skills/Admissions-and-exclusions/Admissions-2022/Primary-School-prospectus.pdf>

Check out information regarding Nursery admissions via

<https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Documents/Education-and-skills/Admissions-and-exclusions/Admissions-2022/Nursery-prospectus.pdf>

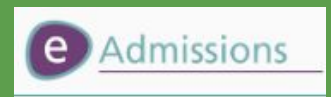
Nursery & Reception Admissions sessions & Application Deadlines

The Admissions Service LBTH team are holding virtual information sessions for parents/carers with the Transition Support Service on Reception and Nursery admissions as it is time to apply.

Nursery parents/carers must apply for a Reception place by Sunday 15th January 2023.

If you have or know someone with a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you must apply for a Nursery place by Thursday 16th February 2023.

All applications must be completed via the [e-admissions portal](#).



How will I be notified about the outcome of my application?

You will receive an email and a letter on National Offer Day.



SCAN ME

Hall Hire

Price: £45 per hour
£50 deposit required at booking and only refundable after the event.

Availability: Most weekends and weekdays in the school holidays up until 10pm.

Car Park Space: 6 cars maximum.

8 double tables with benches attached and 40 chairs.
Playground use up until 8pm.

No alcohol allowed.

Please let us know if you would like to hire out the hall for birthdays, Mehndi parties, family gatherings, Eid parties and other events.

Contact Christina Maynard to arrange a viewing via admin@bygrove.org.uk or call 0207 538 4925



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