



The Byword



13th January 2022

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Key Dates

- Tuesday 24th January: Parents reading session with Year 2
- Friday 27th January: Parents SPAG session with Year 2
- Monday 6th February: Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
- Thursday 9th February: Parents Have Your Say Conference.
- Friday 10th February: Year 3 performance
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th February: Half term.
- Monday 20th February: INSET day
- Tuesday 21st February: All pupils return to school.
- Tuesday 21st - Friday 3rd February: Parent consultation
- Tuesday 2nd March: World Book day.
- Friday 3rd March: Year 4 Sleepover
- Monday 6th March: Year 5 & year 6 Residential week (Gorsefield)
- Monday 13th March: Thinking of others week
- Friday 17th March: Red Nose Day
- Wednesday 29th March: Shakespeare School Festival year 4
- Friday 31st March: Autism Awareness
- **Friday 31st March: Last day of term Children finish at 1:30pm**
- Monday 3rd- Friday 14th April: Easter Holidays
- Monday 17th April: INSET DAY - School closed
- Friday 21st April: Eid Day - School closed

It has been a pleasure to see the children settle into their learning this term. Our curriculum driver this term is science & Year 2 started the term with an informative trip to the Soanes Centre, Year 5 have been carrying out experiments & our Nursery children have been pond dipping. Please speak to your child about their learning this term to find out what they've been doing in school.

Year 3 have started their performance rehearsals with a bang this week! The children have been working hard with Jen & the Year 3 team to learn their scripts, songs & dances for Whiz Wham Alakazam! The Year 3 performers will be supported by our dazzling cast in Year 2. We can't wait to see them perform on Friday 10th February at 2.30pm. We hope you can make it!

Looking ahead, we have our annual *Parent Have Your Say Conference* on Thursday 9th February. This is an opportunity to have a cup of tea with our school governors & talk about what you think is going well at Bygrove & how you think we can all work together to make things even better! The conference will take place on Thursday 9th from 9.15am in the school hall. We really hope you can attend & are looking forward to hearing your ideas for the future.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Fiona,



Spaces for January 2023 until March 2023 are now available!

To sign up, please log on to your ParentPay accounts. Each club space is offered on a first come, first served basis.
Please contact the School Office for help with ParentPay.

Monday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Drumming Club	Years 3 - Y6	3:45 - 4:45	16 spaces remaining
Basketball Club	Reception - Y2	3:45 - 4:45	18 spaces remaining
Tuesday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Football Club	Years 3 - Y6	3:45 - 4:45	Fully booked
Wednesday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Basketball Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	10 spaces remaining
Thursday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Archery Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	14 spaces remaining
Cooking Club	Years 2 - 6	3:30 - 5:00	10 spaces remaining
Friday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Computing Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	6 spaces remaining
Tennis/ Table Tennis Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	18 spaces remaining

Stars of the week



Y1: Hermes & Safreen

Y2: Iyaaz

Y3: Eva & Humaira

Y4: Yusuf

Y5: Tahiti & Anisa

Y6: Adam

Dining Hall Helper of The Week:

Alyssa - Year 3 - well done!

Attendance

Reception: 95.83%

Well done Reception!

After School Clubs - Spring 2023

Each club costs £15.00 for the term. Breakfast club will cost £1.00 per day and Ad-Hoc Club House sessions will cost £1.50 per day.

If you would like to make any changes with the club you have purchased, please let the office know by Monday 16th January 2023.



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Explorers

Explorers 2023 will start on Friday! The children have had a chance to get to know their new families and completed their first destinations.

Here is a reminder of the

Bygrove Families:

Pacific Explorers

Mount Everest Explorers

Milky Way Explorers

Volcanic Explorers

Inca Explorers &

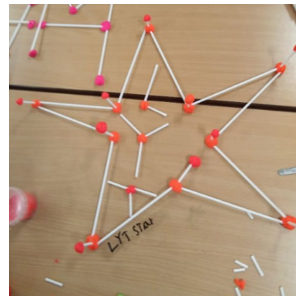
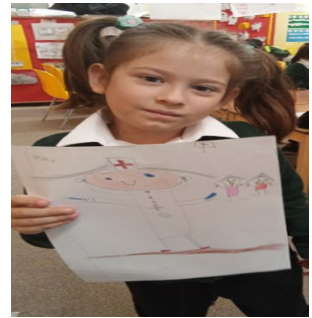
Antarctica Explorers

Ask your child which Family they belong to.

Each **Family** will begin a new **Destination** which they will complete over the next four weeks.

Each Destination has a focus on chosen **Behaviours.**

Please ask your children which Destination they are completing and how they can get better at these Behaviours this half term.



Which Destination are you completing this half term?

Poplar Guide- Focus Behaviours:
Confidence & Leadership

Local activist - Focus Behaviours:
Citizenship & Curiosity

Stallholder- Focus Behaviours: Leadership &
Creativity

London Guide - Focus Behaviours:
Confidence & Leadership

Global Activist - Focus Behaviours:
Curiosity & Leadership

Entrepreneur- Focus Behaviours:
Leadership & Teamwork

Nursery

This week Nursery forest school was back! The children loved pond dipping and were very excited to find the first newt of the year!



Year 2

Year 2 went on a trip to the Soanes Centre to take part in some pond dipping. They were able to find and identify a variety of wildlife. Year 2 will now be writing a guide on how to go pond dipping. It was a great day and we all learnt a lot!.

To understand water resistance

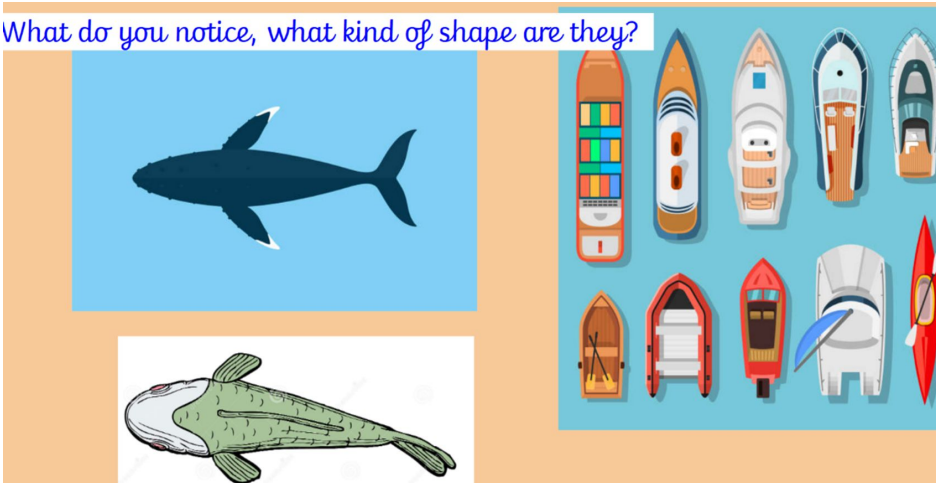
Year 5

On Thursday, Year 5 designed an experiment to test the idea of water resistance. Before their experiment, they recapped how the particles are arranged in a solid, liquid and gas and recapped that particles in a liquid were free to move around, but that in a given space, there were more liquid molecules than gas molecules. This means that it is easier to run through air rather than water, and impossible to run through a solid.

They also looked at the designs of things that are either built to move quickly through water, or that naturally exist and move quickly through water. What about their shape helps them move through water quickly?

The class were then given a container of water, a piece of blu tac and a stopwatch and were challenged to see which shape of blu tac would fall through the body of water in the fastest time. They made a prediction, designed and drew their own table of results, and reflected on what they had learned once they had recorded their results.

What do you notice, what kind of shape are they?



Library open to Year 1 and Year 2 families

Drop in on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm and Thursday 19th January 2023 at 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm. If you would like to arrive earlier to browse through the books before collecting your child, come to the office at 3:15 pm. You may also bring your child along once they have been collected. This is an opportunity for you to see the wonderful new space.



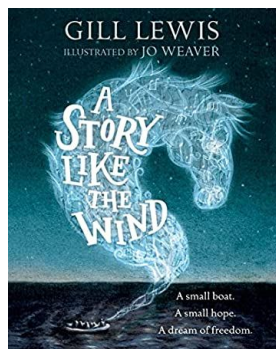
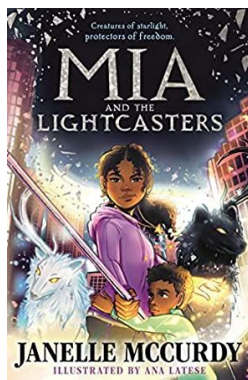
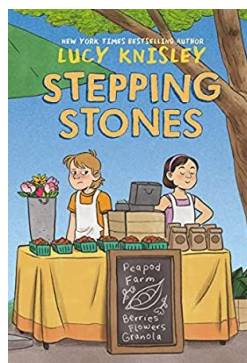
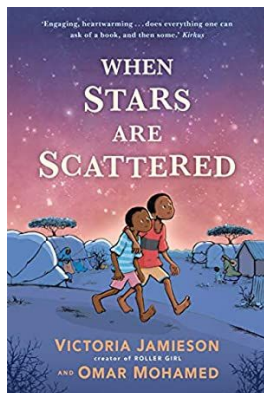
Bikes and Scooters needed!

If you have any bikes or scooters that are unwanted or unused but in good condition, can you please donate them to the school. We will be using them during our school physical education lessons. They will need to be suitable from the age 9 and upwards.

Kind Regards,
Atera Meho

PE Teacher and Coordinator





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.



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!



Year 3 & year 2 Performance

This term Year 2 and 3 will be taking part in an exciting performance project called Wiz Wham Alakazam.

SWIM SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSES

Why not keep the kids active this holiday while learning a new life skill with our Swim School Holiday Courses.

Classes for 2023 (Foundation class's only):

13th -17th February, 9am - 11:30am

3rd - 6th April, 9am - 11:30am

14th -18th and 21st -25th August, 9am - 11:30am

- For ages 4 years - 11 years.
- Each class is 30 minutes
- £5 per lesson
- Tiller Leisure Centre, Tiller Road, Docklands, Tower Hamlets, London, E14 8PX

To find and book a Swim School holiday short course:

- Visit better.org.uk/book-lesson
- Find and click on your preferred location to be taken to the available courses.
- Select 'Swim School Holiday Courses' in the left-hand filter.

Our Learn to Swim framework is designed by industry experts to ensure lessons are of the highest quality, progressive and make our pupils journey fun and hassle free. All our teachers are professional, passionate and pupil-focused; and will ensure your child is in safe hands.

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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:

Tuesday 7th February 2023 10am

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

Reception Admissions sessions Date & Time:

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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