



The Byword



3rd February 2023

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Key Dates

- 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

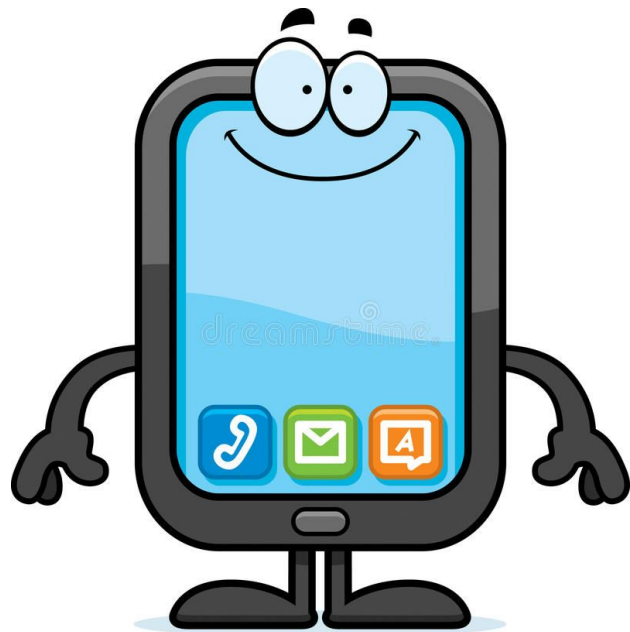
Pupil absences

If your child is absent, please call the school office by
9:00am.

If your child attends our **Nursery afternoon** session please call the school office by **12:30pm.**

Please make sure that your emergency contact numbers are up to date.

The school telephone number is:
020 7538 4925



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	17 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	4 spaces remaining
Friday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Computing Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	5 spaces remaining
Tennis/ Table Tennis Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	18 spaces remaining



Stars of the week

Last week:
Y1: Nairah & Saihan

Y2: Hafsah

Y3: Mohammed

Y4: Talha

Y5: Muaaz

Dining Hall Helper of The Week:

Last week:
Y3- Tasmi- well done!

Attendance

Last Week:
Y3: 97.59%

Well done Y3!

This Week:
Y1: 96.43%

Well done Y1!

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.

Stars of the Week - This Week!



Y1: Zakariya
Y2: Madiha
Y3: Amanah & Charlie
Y4: Ameerah
Y5: Zakiya



Well Done!



Mathematics Gold Certificates

Well done to Mahveen, Obonee, Tasmi and Shiam who have all achieved a gold certificate in Mathletics. You are all putting such an incredible effort into your learning!





Parents Consultations(Spring Term 2023)

We will be holding parent consultations with teachers the week commencing Monday 20th February.

We will be once again offering either Zoom consultations or face-to-face 10 minute meetings. Each class teacher will be available for a whole day which should provide more flexibility with times & mean that you can 'Zoom' in from the comfort of your own home or meet with the teacher on-site.

Akosua has helpfully created a video which explains how to access Zoom & prepare for the consultation. Please take a look:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1c4R6cTilE&feature=youtu.be>

You will be able to sign up for a consultation with your child's class teacher at the classroom door/gate before half-term. If you do not drop off or collect your child from school, please contact the office & a member of the teaching team will be in touch to arrange an appointment.

Date	Year Group	Location
Tuesday 21st February	Year 6	Learning Hub
Tuesday 21st February	Nursery	Library
Wednesday 22nd February	Year 5	Learning Hub
Wednesday 22nd February	Year 4	Library
Thursday 23rd February	Year 1	Learning Hub
Friday 24th February	Year 2	Learning Hub
Friday 24th February	Reception	Library
Tuesday 28th February	Year 3	Learning Hub

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

Kind Regards,
Fiona Durnian



Nursery

This week Nursery learnt all about planting. We planted bulbs, pumpkin seeds & potatoes! The children also loved playing at the frozen pond and watching Sherin smash the ice!



Year 1

Bradley delivered an excellent phonics workshop to our Year 1 parents this week Thank you to everyone who attended!



Reception

Reception went to visit at Stepney City Farm on Friday to find out which animals live at the farm.



Year 2

Y2 designers investigated puppets today, then thought about what character their own puppet would be. They chose their fabric colours and used templates to create the shapes. They then used very careful cutting and pinning in preparation for sewing next time. How exciting!



Year 6

To start their bridges project, Y6 began to explore what makes a bridge structurally strong. They learnt that architects and engineers think about the forces of tension & compression when designing & building structures, and that there are different types of bridges.



Year 3

Year 3 went on a trip to Kidzania as part of our superhumans topic and to further explore our dreams and goals in PSHE. The children got to participate in a variety of career-based activities, they were challenged to balance their budget. They also learnt how to navigate London during rush hour. It was an epic day!





Physical Education

This term's sports:

Y1 - Dance/Playground Games

Y2 - Dance/Dodgeball

Y3 - Dance/Dodgeball

Y4 - Dance/Dodgeball

Y5 - Cycling/
Swimming/Dodgeball

Y6 - Cycling/
Dodgeball

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 have been swimming for 3 weeks already and are really enjoying their lessons. They have been working on water confidence, learning basic water safety, learning swimming strokes and are now swimming lengths.

Year 3 Dance

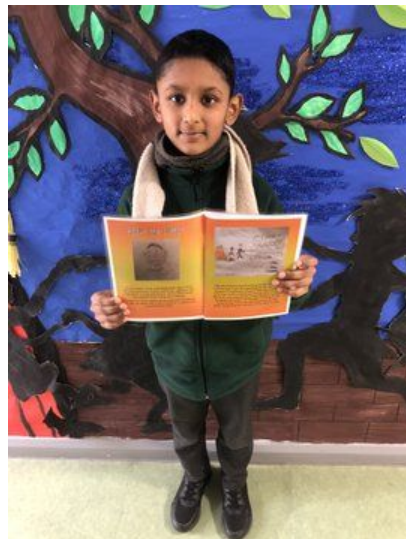
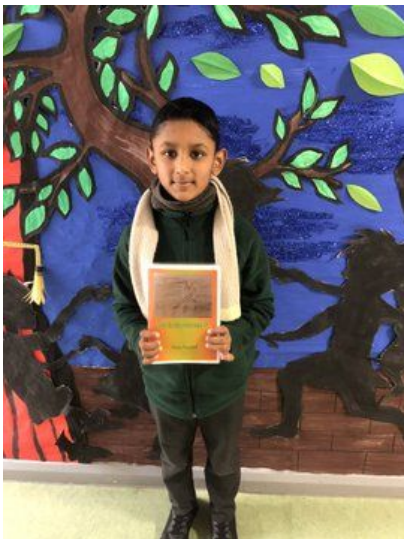
They have been enjoying their dance lessons. When asked 'What is Dance?', these were some of the responses given:

"You can learn new movements and actions." Tasmi

"To express your feelings." Adam

"Steps and movements that can be repeated."
Yahya

"Another form of art and how to express yourself." Eva



Year 4

A small selection of Y4's self portraits as Tudor people. From a limited palette, our artists mixed such beautiful colours and painted so carefully. Watch for our exhibition of all their magnificent, characterful work!

Year 4 - Anas

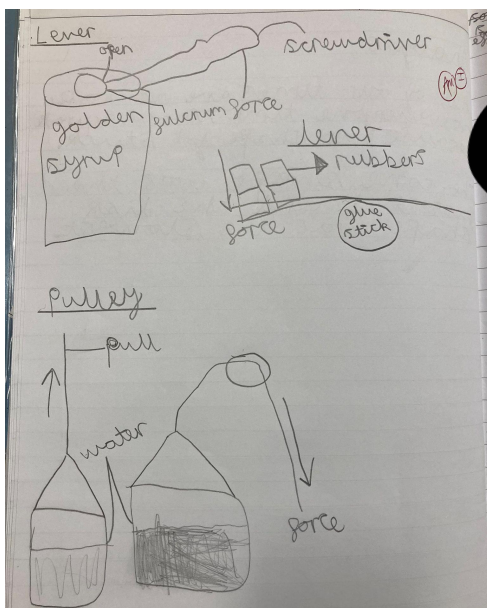
What a week for our Bygrove authors! Anas in Y4 has shared his first published book with the school this week. His story is an adventure set in the Serengeti. If you would like to enjoy this exciting tale, you can find it in the school library. Well done Ana!

Year 5

Our children were introduced to the ideas of levers and pulleys and then given a range of weights and lift. They could lift these on their own, and also had the option to use or a pulley. They had to decide for themselves whether the weights are easier or harder to lift with the mechanisms.



Today I learned that levers and pulleys make lifting weight easier because it is working with gravity. Some real examples of levers and pulleys are cranes and ~~also~~ see-saws.



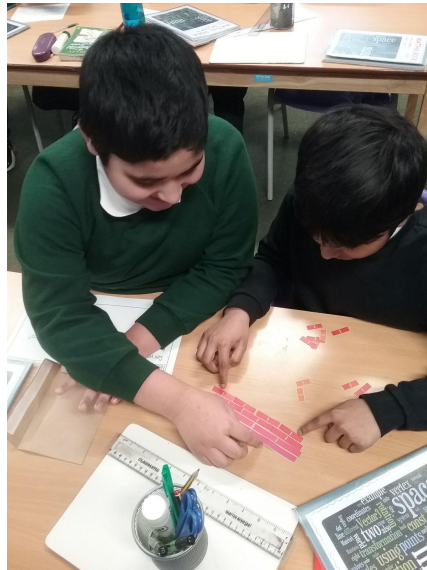
"It was much easier to open the tin with a lever, compared to my fingers. The pulley makes lifting water much easier too, you can see this in cranes too"

- Muazz



Year 5

Year 5 have started their fraction units, so used a carousel activity to introduce the children to the new learning. Children were using fraction walls to demonstrate how many thirds were in a whole, labelling, and colouring fractions, and finding how to make the whole when subtracting a give fraction.



Antarctica Explorers

The Antarctica Explorers are becoming global activists this term. They are developing their curiosity and leadership behaviour. Yahya (Y6) said: "Leadership is guiding people, encouraging them and giving them enthusiasm. Eesa: "Global activists try their best to make the world better."





Volcanic Explorers

Volcanic Explorers organised a fundraising event at the end of the day. They sold sweets to families and gathered enough money to donate to the charity 'Crime Stoppers'. Well done!

Antarctica Explorers

Antarctica Explorers completed an artwork project with the help of bow arts to think about being 'Legacy Makers' and how people can positively impact the world.

Take a look next time you are in the playground.





Taxi Drivers' Mad Hatter Tea Party!

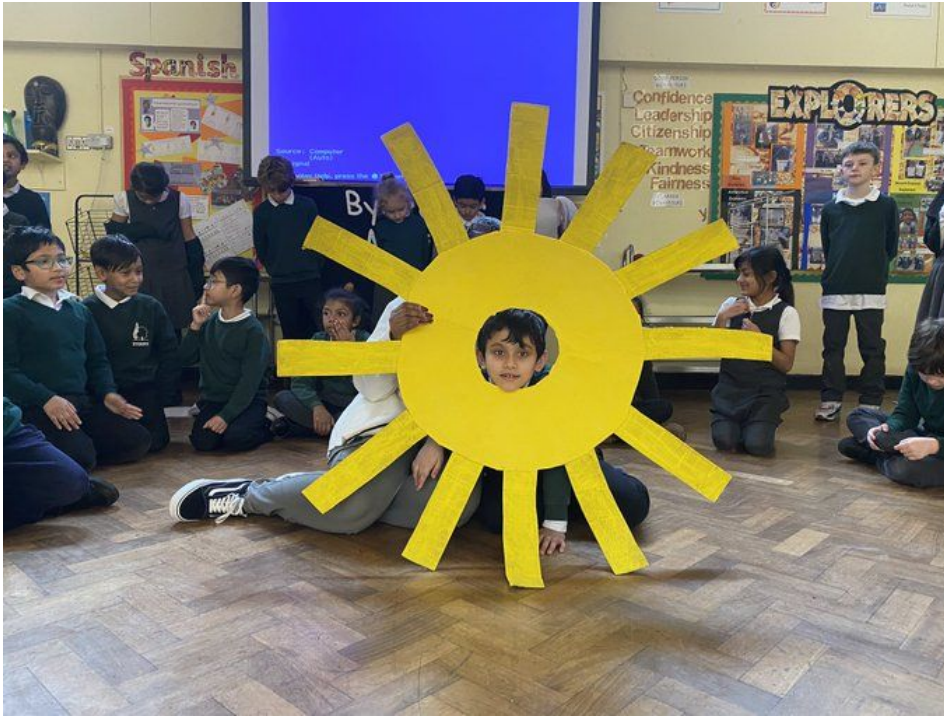
On Sunday, some of our lucky children went on a trip to the London Taxi Drivers' Mad Hatter's Tea party at The Grosvenor House Hotel. There was face painting, dancing, magicians, party bags & lots of disney characters! Everyone had a brilliant time, including the adults!



Year 1

Year 1 had a parent workshop about reading. The parents were shown how reading is taught in school & how they can support their children with reading at home. The children loved reading to their parents & showed them the strategies they use when they read.





Year 3

Year 3 are having a magical time rehearsing their show *Wiz Wham Alakazam!* Will our wizards be able to save the sun in time?

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



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.

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School applications are now open



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:

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>



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

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



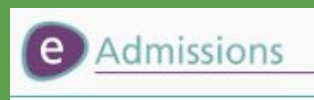
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Nursery & Reception Admissions sessions & Application Deadlines

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.

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](#)



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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