



The Byword



24th February 2023

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break.

We ended last half-term with the fantastic Year 2 & 3 performance of Wiz Wham Alakazam. The children were absolutely incredible & the audience was blown away with the quality of the acting, singing & dancing! We can't wait to see what Year 3 will be able to produce when they get to take part in the Shakespeare's School Festival next year.

Thank you to all of the parents who have attended parent consultations this week. We have the final day of consultations for Year 3 on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend, please speak to the office or your child's class teacher for another appointment.

You will be aware that there is another strike by the National Education Union next Thursday. We haven't sent a separate email to all parents to explain the arrangements for the day. The **Year 6 class will be open as usual** & we will be **inviting a number of other pupils** in other year groups to be in school if there is a particular reason why they should be here. **The school will be closed for all other pupils.**

If you believe your child should be invited to attend school, and you have not heard from us by Monday, please contact the school office and let us know.

The decision to close the school for any pupil is a difficult one to make and we understand that this might cause frustration. We trust, however, that you understand we are making the decision in what we believe to be the best interests of your children & the future of education. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause you.

Best wishes,

Fiona



Key Dates

- Tuesday 21st February - Friday 3rd March: Parent consultations
- Friday 3rd March: Year 4 Sleepover
- Monday 6th March: Year 5 & year 6 Residential week (Gorsefield)
- Monday 13th March: Thinking of others week
- Monday 13th March: World Book day
- 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

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

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Stars of the week

- This week:**
- Y1: Whole Class + Nuaim
 - Y2: Ahiyan
 - Y3: Shiam + Noah
 - Y4: Safaa
 - Y5: Jannah

Dining Hall Helper of The Week:

- This week:**
- Y3- Eva - well done!

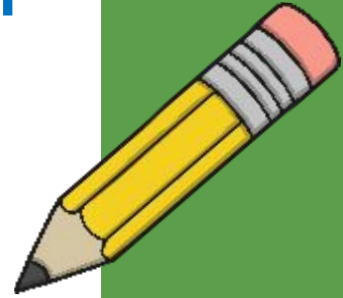
After School Clubs - Spring 2023

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.

Student Contact Update Form

We are currently updating our school records to ensure we have the most up to date information held for you and your child.



Please return the completed forms to the school office by Friday 3rd March 2023 and indicate if changes are required or not required to be made.

If making changes to names or addresses, we may require original proof of your child's date of birth (birth certificate or passport) or original documents showing proof of your current address (either a recent council tax bill, child benefit letter, mortgage/rent agreement and a recent utility bill dated in the last three months).

You can contact a member of the school office team for any further information.



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

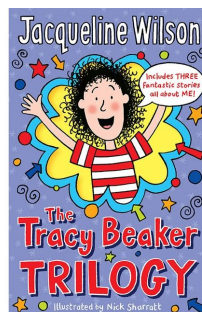
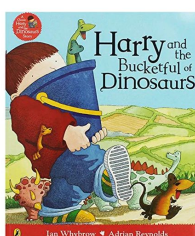
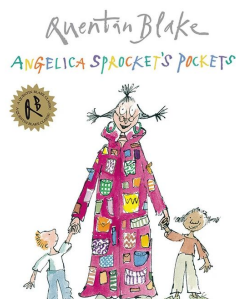
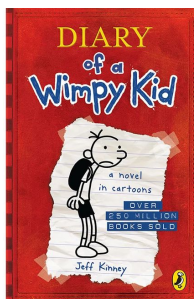
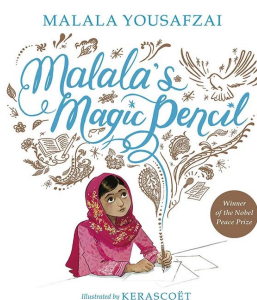
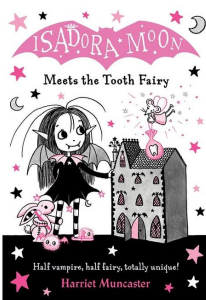
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Monday 13th March. This year we would like to invite your child to dress up as a character from a favourite book. We are strongly encouraging all children to wear a homemade costume rather than purchasing an outfit for the day. The costume might just be an accessory or it could be a full outfit. Your child's teacher will have discussed simple dress up ideas with them.

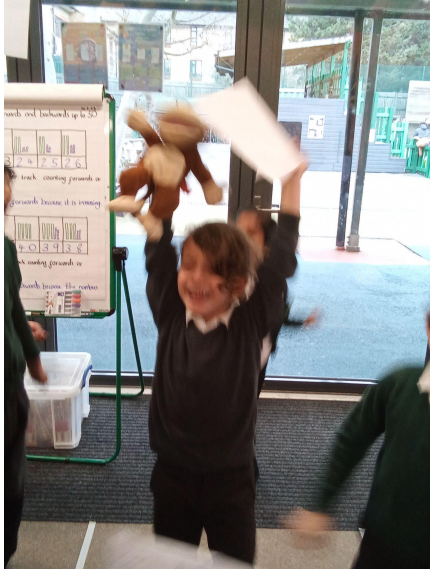
We would like to invite you to attend the Book Day cat walk, which will take place in the hall after morning registration on Monday 13th March. We look forward to seeing you there!

Costume Ideas



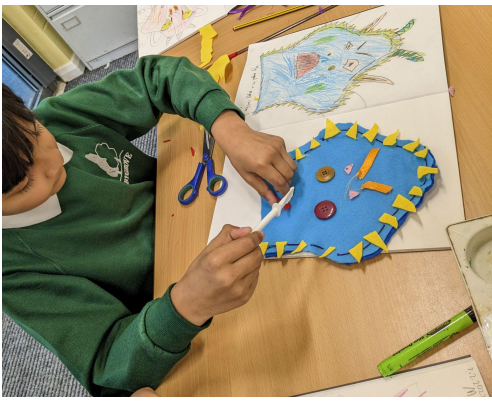
Year 1

This week Year 1 started their new English unit by reading a book called the Monkey Puzzle. They were then given clues to find the mother monkey from the story as she was hiding around school somewhere. They had to look up high, down low and all around. Luckily, they found all the clues and found the monkey hiding in the classroom.



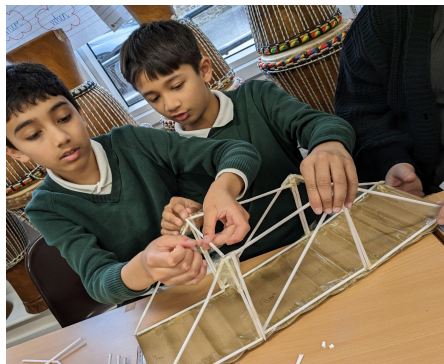
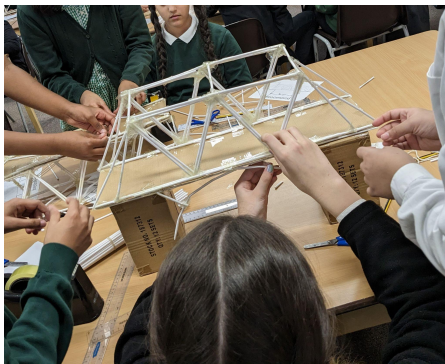
Year 2

Y2 designers used their design sketches to create the features of their puppets. They thought about colour & shape and which materials would be best. Careful positioning meant they could create just the right expression for their characters.



Year 6

Having learnt about the types of bridges & strong structural shapes, Y6 engineers/architects worked to design and construct model bridges. Next week, we'll test them to find out which are the strongest. Brilliant teamwork Y6!



Shakespeare Performance

Here are some images of children preparing for their Shakespeare performance which will take place on the 29th March!





If you have a child aged between 0 and 4, you are welcome to join our stay and play sessions!

When: Every Thursday 2pm-3pm

Where: Bygrove Primary School, nursery classroom

Please enter through the main school office and register your name for each session. We will have a maximum capacity of 15 children (with parents) per session.

Some activities to look forward to:

- Painting
- Sand play
- Water play
- Fun with food
- Musical instruments
- Outdoor play
- Planned adult focus activities each week

Please note that parents must stay with their children during the whole session*





Stay and Play

On Thursday, we had our first stay and play session new children and parents. We enjoyed painting, playing with musical instruments and many more! we can not wait to see you next time!

JUNIOR FOOTBALL COURSES

Whether your child is a complete beginner or you're looking to help them build their confidence, football courses at Whitechapel Sports Centre will help them develop skills to last a lifetime.

Join us every Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday.

Book now at better.org.uk/lessons



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For more information or to book the course please go on their website;
better.org.uk/lessons



JOIN US FOR FOOTBALL

Our junior football training programme is designed to put fun at the heart of learning, and open to all abilities from 18 months to 12 years of age, boys and girls, regardless of experience. Your child's programme is personalised so they continually develop in a fun and welcoming environment.



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times and prices



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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!

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



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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Swim School Holiday Courses.

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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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