



# The Byword



24th March 2023

[www.bygrove.org.uk](http://www.bygrove.org.uk)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable week & Ramadan Mubarak to all of our Muslim families.

This week our brilliant Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard to complete their mock tests in preparation for their Year 6 SATs. Staff have been really impressed with how they have demonstrated maturity & resilience over the week & how much progress they have made. There are only a few weeks left before SATs week & we know that, with continued determination, they will shine! Well done, Year 6!

Next week we are looking forward to watching Year 4 perform A Midsummer Night's Dream as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. The children have put so much work into learning the script & perfecting their acting skills that we really hope you can join us at The Greenwich Theatre on Wednesday. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the children to perform on a real stage with their friends. Good luck, Year 4!

Finally, next week is the last week before our Easter break & the children will finish at 1.30pm on Friday 31st March.

Many thanks & have a fantastic weekend,

Fiona



## Key Dates

- Wednesday 29th March: Shakespeare School Festival Year 4
- Thursday 23rd March: Year 5 Swimming Assessment Day
- Thursday 30th March: Year 5 Final swimming lesson, Assessment Day
- 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
- Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May: Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May - Friday 10th May: SATS Week
- Monday 15th May: INSET DAY
- Wednesday 24th May: Year 3 Gorsefield Trip

## Healthy Birthday Celebrations & Treats in School

As part of our Healthy School status and to support our families who have food allergies or intolerances, we can have healthy birthday treats when celebrating in school.

Fruits, fruit platters or fruit kebabs will be accepted.



When you update your contact information (*mobile number/ email*) via the school office, you also need to make the changes on your ParentPay account?

Please login via <https://www.parentpay.com> to check that your ParentPay account has the most up-to-date information.

Contact the school office for any support with ParentPay.



[www.letta.org.uk](http://www.letta.org.uk)



### Stars of the week

Y1: Nairah & Zakariya H

Y2: Salma

Y3: Amaanah & Sama

Y4: Mahdi

Y5: Sulaiman

### Dining Hall Helper of The Week:

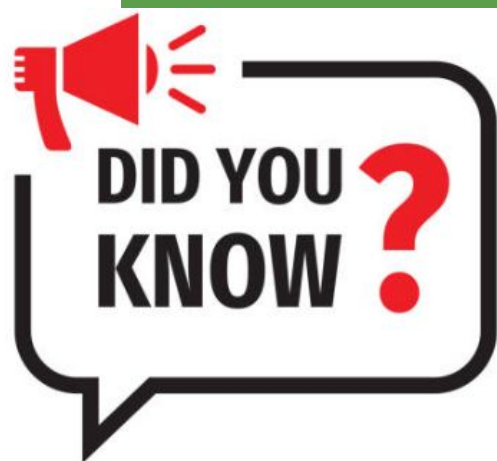
This week:

Y3- Humaira- well done!

### Attendance

Y5: 97.17%

Well done Y5!



## Ramadan Mubarak!

We'd like to wish our Muslim colleagues and families Ramadan Mubarak. Reception parents have kindly helped sew a Ramadan advent calendar. They will have a good deed reminder for each day of the month





## Year 2

Y2 went on a local walk during geography to conduct some fieldwork. Children were observing the physical and human features in Poplar and using their maths tally chart learning to record how many things they found.

The children saw canals, vegetation, buildings and the market along the way.







## ESOL - English For Speakers of other Languages

Bygrove provides an opportunity for parents, in which English is their second language, to come in every Friday to learn and improve their English.





## Stebon Super Saturday School

We are so sad that it's the **end** of Stebon's Saturday School (until September!) but we have had an **AWESOME** time!



This year Laila and Sherin have helped us all to cook lunch for our friends, learning new skills we didn't believe we could achieve. Meatballs and rotis, soup and spaghetti- it was all **delicious**, thank you to our staff and pupil chefs!



We always keep **active** at Saturday School and this year was no different, with Jak teaching us new games to keep us on our toes!





Vicky is our very own crafting queen- and this year she inspired us all to create some **stunning artwork**, using clay, paint, recycled plastics, paper and glass pens.



We have had such a wonderful year of Saturdays- with guests and a theatre trip, forest school afternoons, playdough and board games, fire-lighting and marshmallows. We have loved spending Saturdays together and we really hope to see lots of you next year.

**Look out for information in Autumn, as we'd love to see some Bygrove friends join us!**

From the team: Rachael, Hashina, Vicky, Sherin, Laila, Jak, Jaber, Madiha, Sadia, Martha, Emma



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\*





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## TICKETS ON SALE NOW

29TH MARCH - GREENWICH THEATRE - 7:30PM



[HTTPS://GREENWICHTHEATRE.ORG.UK/BOOK/?EVENT=98001](https://greenwichtheatre.org.uk/book/?event=98001)

WED 29TH MARCH 7:30 GREENWICH THEATRE

## SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

THANK YOU TO THE YEAR 4 PARENTS AND CARERS FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT. THE CHILDREN ARE VERY EXCITED TO SHOW YOU WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON. ALL Y4 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN GIVEN COSTUME SUGGESTIONS AND DETAILS OF THE PERFORMANCE DAY IN A LETTER. PLEASE LET JEN KNOW IF THIS DIDN'T REACH YOU.



### RAMADAN CHANGES

The performances will now begin at 7:30. The Greenwich theatre is very happy for you to bring snacks and water into the theatre if you require to break your fast. There will also be a prayer room for parents to use throughout the evening.

TICKETS ARE IN HIGH DEMAND! PROCEEDS OF TICKET SALES SUPPORT THE CHARITY SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION. PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM THE GREENWICH THEATRE WEBSITE.  
[HTTPS://GREENWICHTHEATRE.ORG.UK/](https://greenwichtheatre.org.uk/)

### PARENTS TRAVEL - 6PM

We would like to have a parents group set up that would meet at the school on Wednesday 29th March at 6:00pm so parents can travel to and back from the theatre together. Please arrive at the school gates for travel at 6pm.



JNOBLE@LETTA.ORG.UK

## Y4 Shakespeare Performance

On Wednesday 29th March at 7:30pm, the Year 4 will be performing at Greenwich Theatre.

Parents and carers are now able to purchase the tickets using the direct link that we have provided.

<https://greenwichtheatre.org.uk/events/shakespeare-schools-festival-23/>



SUPPORTED BY  
THE HOLIDAY  
ACTIVITIES &  
FOOD  
PROGRAMME

## CRICKET COACHING PROGRAMME

EASTER (WEEK 1)

VENUE: STEPNEY GREEN SCHOOL  
BEN JONSON ROAD  
STEPNEY  
E1 4SD

MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm  
TUESDAY 4th APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm  
WEDNESDAY 5th APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm  
THURSDAY 6th APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm



## PLATFORM

Supporting young people to progress  
through and in cricket



### IS THIS COACHING PROGRAMME FOR YOU?

This course is appropriate for any child in school years 4 to 7.

Children will experience cricket in a fun, safe and progressive environment, building on their development at an appropriate rate.

Both beginners and children who have experienced cricket before are welcome.

### DETAILS

- **COST:** These courses are Free of Charge
- **PLACES:** Allocated to the first 30 respondents on a first come-first serve basis
- **AGES:** 8-12 Years Old
- **LUNCHES & REFRESHMENT:** Parents of children entitled to a Free School Meal will be provided with a hot lunch (Please highlight any dietary requirements when signing-up)
- **CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT:** Regular sports kit & trainers (non-marking soles); Personal protective equipment preferred, although we can supply if a child does not have their own

### THE COACHES

#### LEAD: JAHID AHMED



Jahid Ahmed is a former Essex seam bowler who has worked extensively in youth cricket. He is one of an exclusive group of Level 2 coaches, he has led the development of junior cricket in East London and he is a fast bowling and high performance coach with Kent CCC.

#### OTHER COACHES INCLUDE:

Matt Golding (current Minor County Cricketer; Level 2 Coach), Jonathan Rodda (Club Youth Lead; Level 2 Coach), Matt Stiddard (London Schools U14 Lead; Level 2 Coach), Soyfur Rahman (Middlesex Youth; Level 3 Coach).



TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF THE COURSE  
PLEASE CONTACT:

JAHID AHMED

MOB: 07872 947 882

EMAIL: [jahid.ahmed@thysf.org](mailto:jahid.ahmed@thysf.org)

## Cricket Coaching Programme

If your child is the age of 4 to 7 and would like to join the cricket coaching programme, all you have to do is book a place for them.

It will be held at Stepney Green School from Monday - Friday.





JOIN THE VICTORIA PARK RANGERS  
FOR

## EASTER IN VICTORIA PARK

**TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2023**  
**ARTS AND CRAFTS**

At the Hub Building  
10:30am-12:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 5 & THURSDAY**  
**6 APRIL 2023**  
**STICKER HUNT**

Collect Maps/worksheet from the  
Hub lobby between  
10:30am-2:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2023**  
**POND DIPPING**

10:30am-12:30pm  
Location: Model Boat lake, behind  
the playground with the big slides

These events are free.

No need to book, just drop in.

For enquiries please contact:  
victoriapark@towerhamlets.gov.uk

## Easter in Victoria Park

There will be a variety of activities available throughout the easter holidays, where you can take your children to have fun.

Check the dates, times and locations for different activities.

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## Family Fun!

Tips & Ideas to  
help your child  
develop their  
phonics skills!



### Make Magic Spoons

Pick up plastic spoons from the pound shop, then use them to practice building words by combining initial sounds with word endings.



### Instrumental Sounds

Make sounds with a range of objects  
Play an echo game where children have to copy a rhythm  
Guess the instrument game  
Make shakers and explore the sounds



### Toss and Blend with Plastic Cups

You will need some plastic cups and ping pong balls. Label the plastic cups with some letter blends and set them out (tape them down if they tend to fall over). Your child will toss a ball into a cup and then come up with a word that uses that letter blend to earn a point.

### Walk the Word

This will keep active learners interested and engaged. Write a word on the ground using chalk in various colours. Ask your child to walk, skip or hop along the letters, sounding the word out along the way. Simple but fun!



## Family Fun!

Tips and ideas to help your child develop their phonics skills.

## Swimming Lessons

If you want to improve your child's water confidence and learn how to swim, you can get 50% off swimming lessons for our pupils outside of school time.

# GIVE YOUR CHILD AN INVALUABLE LIFE SKILL AT

- MILE END LEISURE CENTRE
- POPLAR LEISURE CENTRE
- TILLER LEISURE CENTRE
- YORK HALL LEISURE CENTRE

Do you want to improve your child's water confidence and give them the ability to swim?

Discover how to kick-start your child's confidence in the water at [better.org.uk/swim-school](https://better.org.uk/swim-school)

USE CODE Treat50  
SEE REVERSE FOR DETAILS



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## WHAT'S MORE, YOUR CHILD WILL...

- Develop social skills whilst having fun with new friends
- Feel motivated as they progress through stages
- Improve their confidence with every stroke
- And most importantly, learn a life saving skill

Better Swim School offers affordable lessons for all ages and abilities taught by qualified teachers with our own industry leading swim school programme. Our safe and friendly environment will ensure your child enjoys life long fun in and around the water.

Book now to secure your child's place at [better.org.uk/swim-school](https://better.org.uk/swim-school)

Simply enter code 'Treat50' at checkout to claim 50% off your initial payment when you sign up before 31st March 2023.

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# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

## MILE END PARK LEISURE CENTRE AND STADIUM

Looking for something to keep the kids entertained this holiday? Why not spend it with us. Our holiday club activities include:

- Trampolining
- Football
- Swimming
- Arts and Crafts
- Under 8 indoor adventure playground
- Plus much more

Free funded spaces are available for children on Free School Meals. Children must attend a Tower Hamlets school, be aged 5-16 and be in receipt of free school meals to access this offer.

To register your interest please email: [mileendparklc@gll.org](mailto:mileendparklc@gll.org)

3RD - 13TH APRIL  
5-16 YEARS  
£21.20 PER DAY



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# EASTER JUNIOR SHORT COURSES

3rd-7th April & 10-14th April 2023

WEEK 1  
3rd-7th April

- Athletics: 2pm-3pm
- Trampolining: 11am-12pm

WEEK 2  
10th-14th April

- Gymnastics: 11am-12pm
- Football: 2pm-3pm

For more information please email: [mileendparkleisurecentre@gll.org](mailto:mileendparkleisurecentre@gll.org)

To book: [www.betterlessons.org.uk](http://www.betterlessons.org.uk)

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## Easter Holiday Club

Clubs available if you want to keep your children entertained during the Easter holiday. Clubs available:

- Trampolining
- Football
- Swimming
- Arts & Crafts
- Under 8 indoor adventure playground

From 3rd - 13th April (5-16 years)

£21.20 per day.

For more information visit the BETTER website.  
<https://www.better.org.uk/>

## Easter Junior Short Courses

Easter Junior Short Courses are running between 3rd-7th and 10-14th April

Different courses available:

- Athletics
- Trampolining
- Gymnastics
- Football

For more information please visit the website  
[www.betterlessons.org.uk](http://www.betterlessons.org.uk)

# 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](mailto:admin@bygrove.org.uk) or call 0207 538 4925**



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