



The Byword



15th September 2023

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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?

- **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

Sarah is our English Leader & is always happy to answer any questions you may have.

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We invest in people Platinum



Key Dates

- Monday 16th October: Y5 Disney Performance
- Thursday 19th October: Class Photo Day
- Monday 23rd - 27th October: Half Term
- Monday 30th October: Parent Consultations
- Monday 13th November: Friendship & Anti-bullying week

Spaces are still 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.

Mondays

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| Club House | Nursery - Year 6 | 3:45 - 5:30 | All welcome |
| Music Production | Years 2 - Year 6 | 3:45 - 4:45 | 13 spaces |
| Football Club | Nursery - Year 2 | 3:45 - 4:45 | 7 spaces |

Tuesdays

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| Club House | Nursery - Year 6 | 3:45 - 5:30 | All welcome |
| Football Club | Years 3 - Year 6 | 3:45 - 4:45 | 4 spaces |

Wednesdays

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| Club House | Nursery - Year 6 | 3:45 - 5:30 | All welcome |
| Multi-Sports Club | Nursery - Year 2 | 3:45 - 4:45 | 13 spaces |
| Cooking Club (£20 per term) | Years 1 - Year 6 | 3:45 - 5:00 | NO spaces |

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Thursdays

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| Club House | Nursery - Year 6 | 3:45 - 5:30 | All welcome |
| Multi-Sports Club | Years 3 - Year 6 | 3:45 - 4:45 | 8 spaces |

Fridays

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| Club House | Nursery - Year 6 | 3:45 - 5:30 | All welcome |
| Archery Club | Years 3 - Year 6 | 3:45 - 4:45 | 13 spaces |
| Arts and Crafts Club | Nursery - Year 2 | 3:45 - 4:45 | 9 spaces |

Stars of the week



Y1: Ella

Y2: Léo & Mira

Y3: Sofia, Zayd & Iqra

Y4: Aliah

Y5: Farhan

Y6: Matviy

Attendance

Y3: 98.28%

Well done Y3!

After School Clubs - Autumn 2023

Each club costs £17.50 for the term. Cooking Club costs £20.00. Breakfast club £1.00 and Ad-Hoc Club House sessions will cost £1.50 per day.

To sign up, please log on to your ParentPay accounts. Each club space is offered on a first come, first served basis.

If you would like to make any changes with the club you have purchased, please let the office know by Monday 18th September 2023.

Attendance

Well done to Year 3 for achieving 98.28% attendance.



Harvest Festival

It is time for our annual Harvest Festival.

It is time for our annual Harvest Festival. Each class will be decorating a box and filling it up with non perishable items. There will be a prize for the class with the best decorated box and most collected items. We would like to request that every child donate at least one item. All Donations will go to a local food bank.

The last day for donations is 28th September

Examples of things you can donate are:

- Tinned foods
- Pasta
- Rice
- Lentils
- Toothpaste
- Long life milk
- Washing powder
- Toiletries





Big Hair Day

"I love my afro because I can experiment with protective styles. For example, I can have cornrows, braids, twists and hair extensions whenever I feel like it. It sometimes takes 5 hours to get my hair done so I always enjoy going to the hair salon with a book to read."

- Emily



"I like that I can do different things with my hair, it is fluffy and that it grows upwards."

- Akosua



"I love when I take out my hair and it goes all poofy."

- Jamelia Y3



Reception parent workshop

Reception parents came in to work alongside their children to make 'who's in their family' art. They made their house, decorated it and added the family members that lived in their house. This amazing artwork will be displayed and added to their special book.



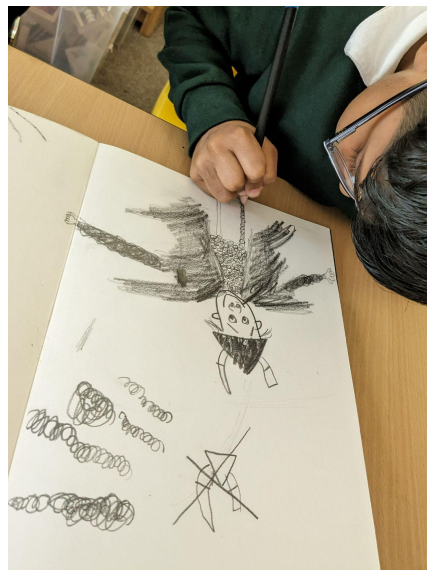
Year 1

Y1 artists were inspired by the style of Vincent Van Gogh to make their own self-portraits. They used special ink nibs to carefully draw lines and marks and make their work look really interesting and personalised. You can see all their beautiful artworks on display in their classroom.



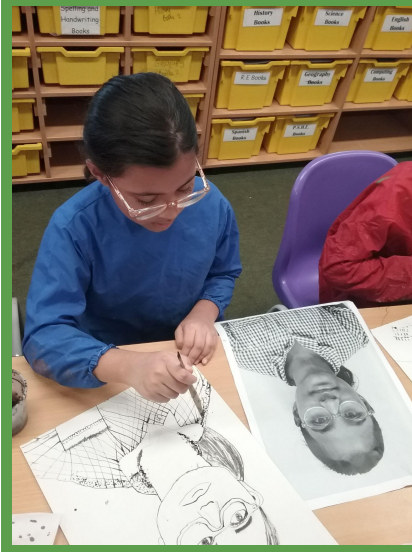
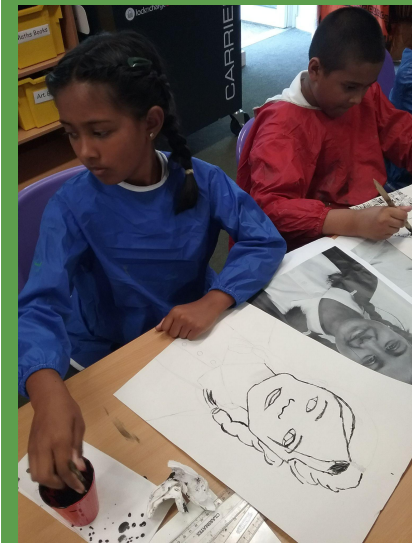
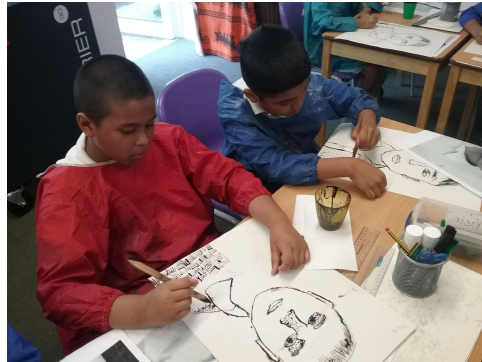
Year 2

Y2 artists have begun their Dragon Landscape project inspired by the writer & illustrator, Cressida Cowell. First, we made drawings of Hiccup using the lines & marks that Cressida uses. Then, we blended tones of grey to paint dramatic stormy skies. Great fun!



Year 5

Year 5 were using bamboo paint brushes and an ink solution to add detail and shading to their self-portraits. They had drawn these from a photo of themselves using pencil, and now they were adding shading with lines and dots, in the style of Vincent Van Gogh.



Year 3

To dive into our new Settlers & Invaders theme, the Year 3 Celtic warriors of Bygrove were “invaded” by the Roman Legions of Stebon. As in history, the Celts put up a valiant fight but ultimately the numbers of the Roman army were too much. Britain was now under Roman control.



Disney Performance

This term Year 5 are taking part in an exciting project with Disney Musicals in Schools. Year 5 will perform *The Jungle Book* in the school hall for you and our community.

For costumes this year, we would like to create jungle/animal themed tie-dye T-shirts. These will be made during a special lesson in class and children can then keep these after *The Jungle Book* has finished.

We ask that each child brings in a plain white t-shirt in a named carrier bag (that will be dyed during their tie-dye session) before Friday 29th September.

YEAR 5 PRESENT

THE JUNGLE BOOK

MONDAY 16TH OCT
2:30PM

Admission to Year 7 (secondary school) 2024

Please read the [Ready for Secondary School in Tower Hamlets booklet](#) for useful information on the admission process.

If you live in Tower Hamlets and your child is in Year 6 (born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013) you will need to make an online application via the E-admissions website for them to transfer to secondary school in September 2024.

Admission to Reception (primary school) 2024

Please read the [Starting Primary School in Tower Hamlets booklet](#) for useful information on the admission process.

Pupils usually start primary school in the September following their fourth birthday. If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 this will be from September 2024.

You must make an online application for a reception place, even if your child is already attending the school's nursery.

[Click here](#) for further school admissions information via the Tower Hamlets website



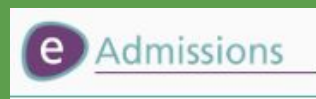
School admissions application deadlines

Year 6 parents/carers must apply for a secondary place by Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Nursery parents/carers must apply for a Reception place by Monday 15th January 2024.

If you have or know someone with a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for a Nursery place by Friday 16th February 2024. This is for for a nursery place for September 2024.

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





NURSERY

Places Available!

Do you have or know someone with a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

Apply now via www.eadmissions.org.uk

They can start with us in September 2024



DID YOU
KNOW?

We also offer places to rising 3-year-olds to start nursery a term after turning 3 years old!

Please contact the school office on 020 7538 4925 or email admin@bygrove.org.uk

Click the link below for more information

[Nursery admissions 2024](#)

Super Saturday School

Please sign up on
16th September
2023 at 10am for
Saturday school.
It is available for
Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Bygrove Pupils!

Normal sessions
will begin on
Saturday 30th
September from
10am - 2:30pm at
Stebon School.

Places are
limited.



Super Saturday School

Sign up Saturday is
16th September 2023 @10am

We'll give you and your parents a short tour, a talk and help you fill in
your sign up form. We'll be finished by 11am.

Who for: Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 Bygrove pupils

What: **YUMMY LUNCHES! SPORTS! GAMES!**
COOKING! PLAY TIME! FOREST SCHOOL!

Normal Sessions Start: Saturday 30th September

Time: 10am- 2.30pm

Where: Stebon Primary School

Places are limited!

Hall Hire

Price: £55 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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