



The Byword



10th November 2023

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Key Dates

- Monday 13th
November: Friendship Week
- Friday 17th November:
Friendship Week
sharing assembly at 9:15am
- Thursday 7th
December: Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 11th - 12th
December: Christmas Nativity Show
- Wednesday 13th
December: Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 14th
December: Christmas Party & Christmas Panto
- Friday 15th December:
Last day of school & Autumn Term - Children to be collected at 1.30pm
- Monday 18th December - Wednesday 3rd January 2024: School closed for Christmas holiday**
- Thursday 4th January & Friday 5th January: INSET Days - School closed**
- Monday 8th January:
All pupils return to school

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you very much to all of the parents who were able to attend our parent consultations. Our teachers enjoyed meeting with you to discuss the children's learning & we hope that you found this useful. Strong partnerships with parents are key for the children's success so we appreciate you taking the time to come into school & work closely with us. If you weren't able to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange another appointment.

We hope you are finding the 'Marvellous Maths Mornings' useful. This is a parent workshop to support your child with building fluency in Maths. Please continue to join us every Tuesday: 9am-9:30am for years 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6; Year 3 parents can join us at 3pm-3:20pm.

We are looking forward to Friendship Week, which starts on Monday. Please ask your child about their learning from the week & what makes a good friend?

Parents are invited to our sharing assembly on Friday 17th November at 9:15am.

Best wishes for the weekend,

Fiona



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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

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Music Production	Years 2 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	9 spaces remaining
Football Club	Rec - Year 2	3:45 - 4:45	4 spaces remaining

Tuesdays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Football Club	Years 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	1 space remaining

Wednesdays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Basketball Club	Year 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	18 spaces remaining
Cooking Club (£20 per term)	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	NO space remaining

SOLD OUT

Thursdays

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

Fridays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Archery Club	Years 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	8 spaces remaining
Arts and Crafts Club	Nursery - Year 2	3:45 - 4:45	8 spaces remaining

Stars of the week



Y1: Eliza

Y2: Zakariya R & Asiyah

Y3: Nuha, Tanisha & Hana

Y4: Amaanah & Mohammed

Y5: Yousuf

Y6: Ishaq

Attendance

Y1: 100%

Well done Y1!

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.

There are some changes to some clubs in the autumn term. A member of the school office team will contact you regarding this.

London Borough of Tower Hamlets
FREE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATION FORM

Did you know you could be eligible for statutory Free School Meals (FSM) depending on your household income?

If you are eligible, this means additional school funding via pupil premium funding. The pupil premium grant is funding which improves educational outcomes for your child. It could also mean additional funds for your household directly such as via FSM vouchers (as previously available in recent years).

It is easy to apply! The form can be completed online via [https://benefitforms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/VictoriaForms/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20\(1.0\).wdf](https://benefitforms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/VictoriaForms/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20(1.0).wdf)

Please contact the school office for any questions or support with completing a FSM application form.

Printed copies are available from the school office.



**BYGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
SAFEGUARDING**



**Designated Child
Protection Officer:**
Fiona Durnian- Head of
School



**Deputy Child
Protection Officer:**
Sinthiya Taznin- EYFS
Leader



**Deputy Child Protection
Officer:**
Alexandra Roberts-
SENDCo



**Deputy Child
Protection Officer:**
Sharon Gibbs- Home
School Liaison Officer



**Deputy Child Protection
Officer:**
Akosua Acheampong-
Assistant Headteacher



**Deputy Child Protection
Officer:**
Sabina Yesmin - School
Social Worker



**Deputy Child Protection
Officer:**
Sarah Nightingale-
Assistant Headteacher

Tel: 0207 538 4925

Whistleblowing Hotline: 0800 528 0294

Child Protection Advice Line: 0207 364 3444

Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team: 0207 364 4079

Safeguarding Leads

These are the Bygrove Safeguarding Leads.

Fiona is the Designated Safeguarding Lead
The Deputy Safeguarding Leads are:

- **Sharon**
- **Sabina**
- **Akosua**
- **Sarah**
- **Sinthiya**
- **Alex**

If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding a pupil, please speak to one of the Designated Leads.

Lost and found reminder

A reminder that your child must have their names on their school uniform.

We have so many items without names in the lost and found. We will be setting out a table in the main playground on Friday 17th November at the end of the day, with all the lost and found clothes. Please feel free to come and see if they belong to your children.



Flu Vaccine

A reminder that there will be optional flu vaccinations happening in school again next week: 14th November.

Please use this link if you wish to sign your child up for the vaccine.

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/towerhamlets>

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.



Reception

Reception made their
own poppies for
Remembrance Day.



Nursery

Nursery class had their first day at forest school, where they enjoyed themselves doing their outdoor learning. Children had the opportunity to do a range of activities that included pond dipping, collecting natural resources, looking for mini beasts, climbing trees and jumping in muddy puddles. Children also learned how to harvest potatoes, which they will be using in a potato dish soon.



Reception



Reception have been learning to recognise when a quantity has more, in maths this week.

Natasha (trainee teacher) has been using the 'think, pair & share' strategy to hear the answers from children.

Reception

Reception had their first experience of 'Now Press Play'. This week they have been exploring the season autumn. They listened to an autumn experience, thought about appropriate clothing for the season and what they might see outside during this season.



100% Attendance - Year 1

Well done Year 1
for achieving
100%
attendance!
Keep it up!



Year 1 - PE

In year 1, we've started our new gymnastics unit of work. The children enjoyed using the apparatus and finding different ways of moving into new balances.



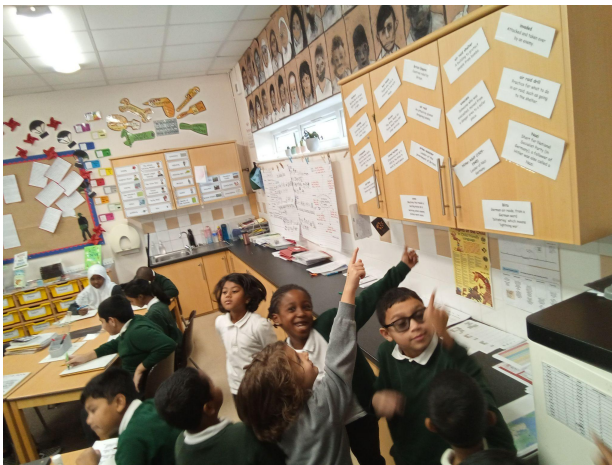
Year 1

Year 1 visited the library for the first time this year. They were very excited to choose from the beautiful selection of books.



Year 2

Year 2 have been deepening their understanding of recounts. They have been learning about 'The Great Flood of Bygrove'. To gather more information, they were given the opportunity to interview an eye witness. They had to prepare clear and precise questions and practise asking each other before interviewing our key eye witness. After the interview, they toured the school to find signs of damage from the flood.



The Great Flood of Bygrove

Key questions

What date did it happen?

It happened 8 years ago: 15th September 2015

Where did it happen?

The flood started in year six

How did it happen?

A child or adult in year six

Who stopped the flood?

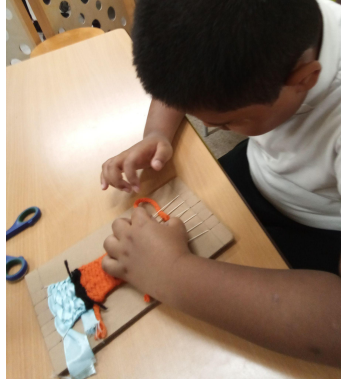
Roy stopped the flood

How long did the flood last for?

It was noticed at 9:30 am
It took one week to clear the mess.

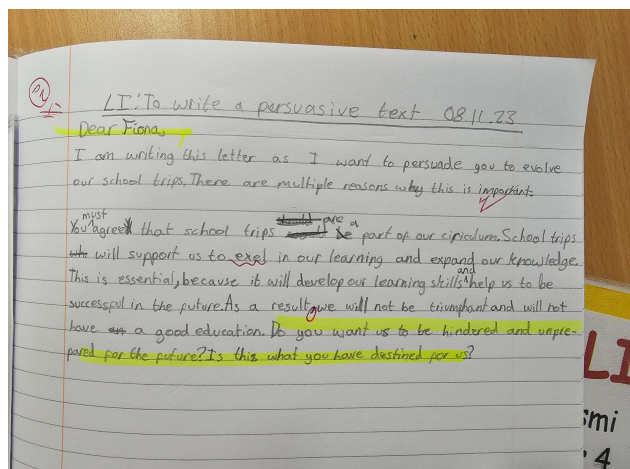
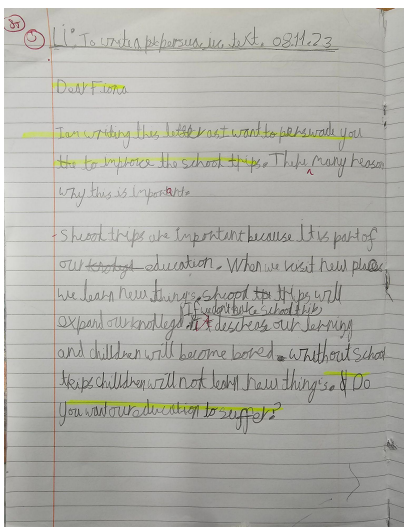
Year 3

Our Y3 designers worked to complete their beautiful weavings. They were inspired by the work of Anni Albers and thought carefully about colour, pattern & texture. Some had the chance to weave on a bigger loom. Great work Y3!



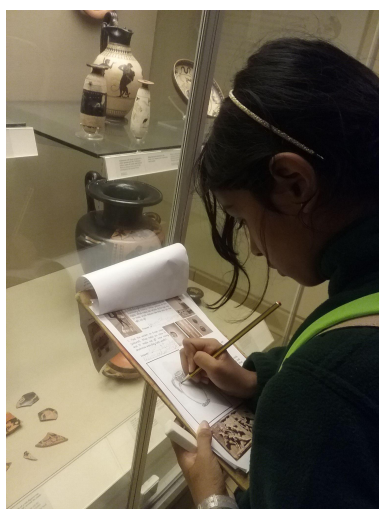
Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been learning how to write persuasive letters using a persuasive writing toolkit. This includes using short punchy sentences, exaggerated language, complex sentences to deepen the argument and more! I'm sure Fiona will be convinced by their letters and make the improvements that have been demanded! Well done Year 4!



Year 5

Year 5 visited the British Museum this week. We were there to see Greek architecture, sculpture, clothing and armour. We completed a fact-finding treasure hunt in the morning and then explored some other areas of the museum after lunch. Some groups went to the Islamic section, some groups saw mummies and others explored African fabrics!



coffee

Mornings



Come along to our coffee mornings, where you can socialise with other parents and have some coffee and biscuits.

Dates:

Friday 1st December

Friday 26th January

Friday 23rd February

Friday 22nd March

Friday 3rd May

Friday 21st June

From 9:15am

www.letta.org.uk

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

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 a nursery place for September 2024.

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



Shakespeare

We have the Shakespeare Schools Festival date!

Next year, Year 4's Shakespeare Schools Festival performance will be on **Friday 9th February 2024 at the Greenwich Theatre**.

Make sure to save the date in your diaries. More information to come soon...

SSF DATE 2024

**FRIDAY
9TH FEBRUARY
(LAST DAY OF TERM)**

A date for your diaries Year 4 parents & carers! Next year's Year 4 Shakespeare Schools Festival performance date is Friday 9th Feb 2024 at The Greenwich Theatre. More info to come soon!



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](#)

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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