



*A message from Viki Reid, GLC Chief Executive Officer:*

As we come to the end of the year I have been reflecting on all our achievements at the GLC as well as the extremely sad death of Kayla Ere in March. She will always remain in our memories and I will never forget how our community came together to support one another and her family.

I am so proud of how Mr Sadler's legacy has continued to be developed as we, together, improve upon our best. Our whole community, all different, all equal, has continued to collaborate to ensure our young people have an amazing range of opportunities that enables them to develop our core values and become active and thriving citizens. We are working on a video to showcase a selection of the highlights that we will share in September.

It is my absolute privilege to work with such a talented, compassionate and aspirational group of young people, staff, governors and directors. We are also grateful to our partners Ormiston Trust [#We Will project], Kinetika Bloco, Port of Tilbury - Forth Ports, Together Productions, South Essex College, Coda Dance Company, Royal Opera House - Trailblazer, Beacon Hill for bringing a different perspective and enhancing and enriching what we do.

I am excited to see what next year brings.

And last but not least I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Wishing you a very happy summer holiday-scroll to the end of the newsletter for some great opportunities for you and your children.



*Have a nice summer!*



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## Windrush 75 Celebrations

It was an absolute privilege to be part of the celebrations to commemorate the Windrush pioneers on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Port of Tilbury. While we were part of the Tilbury event other events were happening in London. [Lucy, one of our directors organised the Tilbury event].

See the ITV clip below which has a lovely clip of Herringham children and Mrs Bullen showing their moves: <https://www.itv.com/news/2023-06-22/what-is-windrush-day-and-how-will-the-75th-anniversary-be-marked>

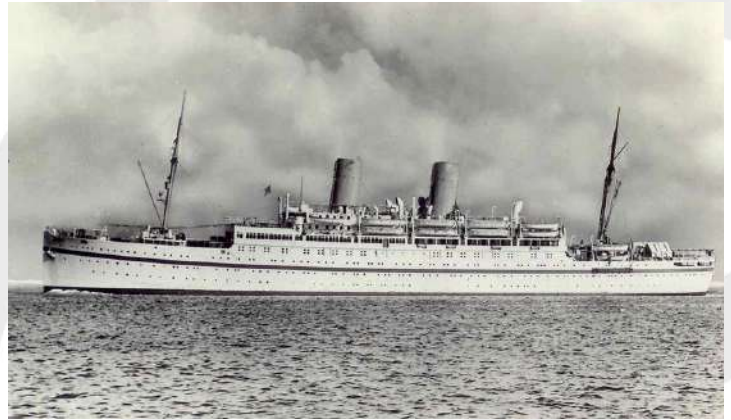
Our Bloco and singers began the day bringing a beautiful, vibrant sound as a cruise ship docked and then formed the backdrop for their performance which was filmed by the BBC and GMTV.

Watch the performance here:  
<https://youtu.be/x8xyNXZrNGo>

Later children accompanied by local history volunteers from T100 and their school staff walked to the Port and had the opportunity to meet people whose ancestors had sailed on the Windrush. Children from GPFS had the honour of meeting 91 year old Peter Dielhenn, who was a crew member 75 years ago.

*"Watching the GLC Bloco pupils performing this morning on the landing deck, will be an experience we will always treasure. The GA Historians, GLC Bloco and Year 6 pupils conducted themselves in the true GLC way making us so proud." - Sian Lister*

*"I couldn't be more proud- The GLC living it's motto: All Different: All Equal Together, Improving Upon Our Best in partnership with a range of partners. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved at any point. Our children will remember this for the rest of their lives." - Viki Reid, GLC CEO*







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View more of the event photos on our website.

Here some of the quotes/ reactions from the children:

'The walk was very interesting but the dancing was the best part'

'Our singing was loud and echoey and we got waved to by people along the way'

'I'm really proud to see my artwork up on display'

'I really like the national archive section, we found find Sam King, the first black mayor of Southwark'

'We found out how many passengers in total, it's really interesting'







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## Year 6 Residential Trip

This half term our Year 6 pupils across The GLC had the opportunity to attend the Year 6 residential trip at Kingswood, Grosvenor Hall. Kingswood is a unique combination of historical buildings, modern purpose-built facilities and a state of the art activity and adventure park. Along with an extensive list of activities such as archery, bushcraft, a high ropes course and climbing, the excitement continued into the evening, with quizzes and a disco! Here are some of the photos taken from the weekend...

*"I really enjoyed taking on new challenges"*



*"My favourite part was eating marshmallows around the campfire"*







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*"I enjoyed working  
as part of a team"*



*"I am much more  
confident with  
heights now!"*







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### SSP Thameside Thurrock Dance Show

On Tuesday 13 June 2023, The GLC performed at the Thurrock SSP Dance Show at the Thameside Theatre. This event showcased dance from schools across Thurrock and gave the students the valuable opportunity to perform on stage in front of an audience. They performed with confidence and pride. Well done!







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## The GLC Primary Spelling Bee Competition

On Wednesday 28 June 2023, the top spellers from across The GLC came together to compete in The GLC Primary Spelling Bee Competition. The children were amazing and showed great courage and confidence, as they spelt the words for our wonderful judges.

All children received a certificate, the winning teams received medals and a trophy for their school. Congratulations to the HPA Year 2 team, HPA Year 4 team and LPA Year 6 team for winning the trophy for their year group.







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### Thurrock Music Festivals



On Tuesday 4 July 2023, the Key Stage 1 choirs from across The GLC took part in the Thurrock Infant Music Festival. On Wednesday 12 July, the Key Stage 2 choirs from across The GLC took part in the Thurrock Junior Music Festival. The Festivals are held annually for pupils in the borough. The event is popular with children and adults alike. The children were invited to learn a selection of songs based on a relevant and exciting theme. Each school also had the opportunity to choose an individual song to perform as part of the event. The children had a fantastic time and performed beautifully.

### #WeWill Awards Celebration Event

Students and pupils across The GLC were invited to attend the Ormiston Trust #WeWill awards celebration event in Birmingham. The children had a great time, they received their awards in front of a large audience, they had the opportunity to read their winning written work and took part in workshops.

A huge well done to our winners, a fantastic achievement.

#### Exceptional Leading YSA Student - Secondary

Ebony and Esa – GLC – **JOINT WINNERS**

#### #WeWill Creative Speech - Secondary

Mason and Ella-Bella - GLC - invited to present their winning written pieces

#### Environment - Best YSA Primary Project

Sustainability Ambassadors – Gateway Learning Community Trust





## The GLC Summer Arts Festival

On Thursday 13th July 2023, The Gateway Learning Community wowed families and staff with their stunning performances at The GLC Summer Arts Festival. The children from the primary schools to secondary school came together to perform dances, sing, play musical instruments, share their life stories in multiple languages and recite poetry. Leaving parents and staff 'glassy eyed'. Sponsored by Ormiston Trust #WeWill project.

We worked with various partners who individually inspired the performances in the show, sharing our lives with Together Productions, Kinetika Bloco, Beacon Hill, South Essex College, Coda Dance Company, Royal Opera House Trailblazer, we showed clips of our involvement in the Windrush 75 celebrations at Tilbury Cruise Terminal and of our early years pupils reciting the story 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt'. The evening showing featured a special performance from Thames Opera Company.

A heartfelt thank you to all staff members and parents who worked hard to make the show a success and who gave up their time on performance day! Here are some of the photos, check out the website for more photos and videos of the event.







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## GLC Primary Sports Awards



On Monday 17 July 2023, The GLC Primary Sports Awards took place in the Ellis Theatre. Certificates and trophies were given for 'Excellence in PE', 'Progress in PE', 'Best team performance of the year', 'Best individual performance of the year' and 'PE and School sport personality of the year'.

The children celebrated each other's success with whistles and other fun noisy accessories placed on their table. A fantastic way to end the academic year. Well done!



## Holiday Provision with Kinetika Bloco, Sian Lister

Children from across the GLC participated in a three day intensive workshop with London Bloco. The London Bloco holiday provision offered children an opportunity to engage with Brazilian music and culture. They learnt about the vibrant rhythms, dances, and traditions associated with Bloco, which can broaden their horizons and foster an appreciation for diversity.

1. Children interacted with their peers in a collaborative and inclusive environment. Engaging in group activities whilst performing music together promoting teamwork and the GLC core values.
2. The week finished with a celebration of their work performing to friends and families.

A parent from HPA commented *"My daughter struggles with her confidence, but since joining the GLC Bloco I can see a positive change. Thank you"*

The GLC Bloco will be performing at a number of events across the summer term







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## Gateway Academy students have high aspirations

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Gateway Academy students took part in a round table event with representatives from Forth Ports, during National Maritime Week. Lucy, Chris and Erin from Forth Ports met with our students regarding pathways to university and the types of jobs available, they shared their own experiences of university and how this supported them in getting to the career they currently have. Our students asked them some fantastic questions about the value of university and what their daily jobs entail.

*"It was interesting to know other people's career paths and what they studied as it made me really consider my future university choices."* - Bobby, Year 10



## All Different, All Equal, All Fed

On Wednesday 21 June 2023, Peter Newell, Thurrock Foodbank CEO met with some of our Year 10 Gateway Academy students ahead of their work experience at the Thurrock Foodbank.

#Thurrock #Foodbank #WeWill #OrmistonTrust







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### Sharing our Lives Production

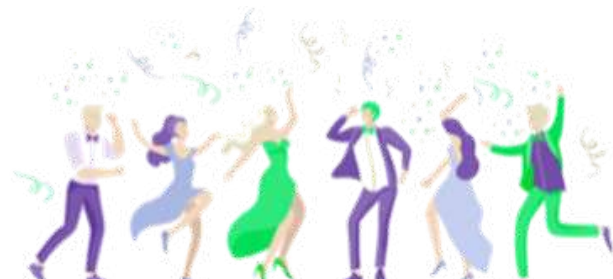
On Thursday 15 June 2023, a group of our Year 7 and 8 students attended the Port of Tilbury to be part of a production. All staff at the port praised the students for their knowledge and hardwork.



### Year 11 Prom

As we reach the end of our current Year 11's time with us, we are so proud of how they have worked and shown our core values, with aspiration to do their very best, whilst showing resilience for all the challenges they have faced. After an eventful year, we know many of our students are now ready to take the next step in their lives.

The prom was an amazing send-off for our Year 11 students. We wish them so much happiness in their future endeavours.







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## District Champions!

A huge congratulations to the Gateway Academy, who were crowned district champions!



Thanks to everyone that supported the PE team, this support has helped us become District Champions for the first time in the school's history in Athletics.

It really is an incredible achievement to beat every school in Thurrock to this title and the students worked incredibly hard over the past few months to achieve this. A breakdown of team scores are as follows:

- Year 7 Boys – District Champions
- Year 8/9 Boys – District Runners-Up
- Year 10/11 Boys – District Champions
- Year 8/9 Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup> in District
- Overall Boys Team – District Champions
- Overall Team – District Champions.

'I am so proud of the students and also, the effort my team has put in over the past few months cannot go unnoticed.' - Matt Clark, Head of PE [Gateway Academy]

I couldn't be more proud- The GLC living it's motto All Different: All Equal Together Improving Upon Our Best in partnership with a range of partners.





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## Culture Day

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, the Gateway Academy commemorated its rich diversity through the second annual Culture Day. Students and staff arrived in their traditional dress. Collaborating with members of Year 7 and 9, the Student Leadership Team orchestrated a remarkable occasion for students and staff to express their individuality and share different aspects of their cultures with their peers.

The students showcased their heritage by adorning themselves in traditional attire or incorporating the colours of flags that represented their backgrounds. Additionally, they took charge of organising and preparing food for both the break and lunch periods, with the invaluable assistance of our dedicated staff. The day featured vibrant activities such as face painting, Henna-inspired tattoos, and a captivating catwalk where students proudly exhibited their unique outfits.



The event was an exuberant celebration filled with music, delectable cuisine, and lively dancing. We take great pride in the unity displayed by our students, as they come together to acknowledge and appreciate how each individual contributes to making the Gateway Academy family an exceptional and welcoming community. Student Leadership team with Year 9 and Year 7 students who coordinated the event:





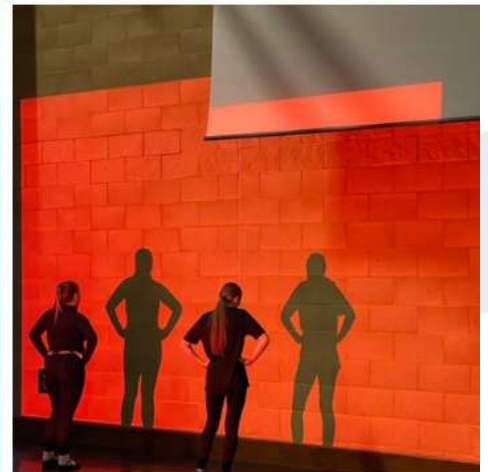
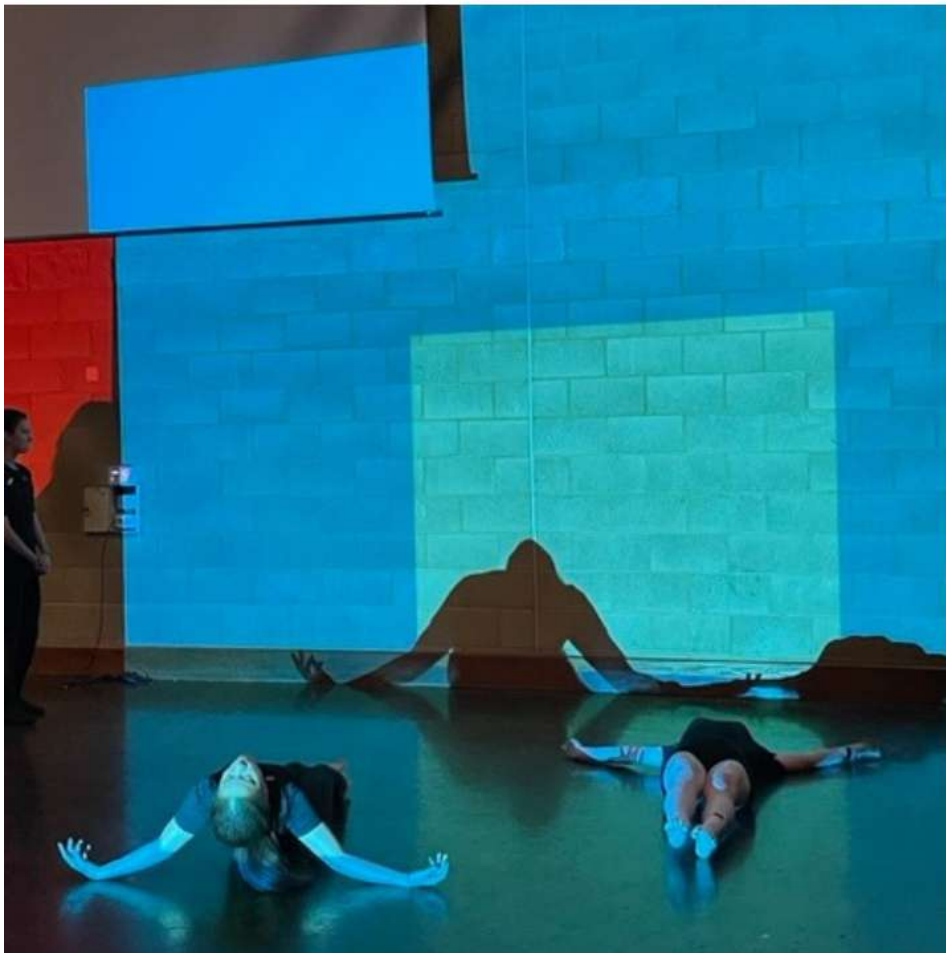


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### Trailblazer with Flexer & Sandiland

On Friday 14 July 2023, the Gateway Academy hosted a Trailblazer with Flexer & Sandiland. The students in Year 9 dance and computer science worked together to both choreograph and create camera work and projections for a digital dance performance with a stunning outcome!







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## Gateway Academy receives prestigious Artsmark Award



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

Pupils and staff at **the Gateway Academy** are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Artsmark Award in a momentous year for the programme as it celebrates 20 years of arts, culture and creativity in schools.

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, putting creativity and wellbeing at the heart of the curriculum. Artsmark ensures every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.

In order to achieve their Artsmark Award, **the Gateway Academy** had to develop their arts and culture provision to embed a broad and ambitious curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

The Artsmark assessor commended **the Gateway Academy** -

*'Through your established partnerships you have worked with a range of cultural organisations such as Kinetika, Comedia, ROH and Trestle & Breakin' Convention to provide new experiences for disadvantaged students. Student voice has been a key element of your Artsmark journey with staff following up students' requests for more representation of diversity and inclusion in the curriculum. There is now a unit in photography 'All Different, All Equal' which explores identity and in Year 9 art, cultural activism, inclusion, and diversity in communities is celebrated through students' chosen icons. Students also take a lead in other areas: school productions, assemblies, organising Cultural Days and leading and supporting pupils from other settings at workshops. To give them a greater sense of ownership, students have also started their own newspaper to share their heritage and celebrate successes. It would have been lovely to hear more about how the arts are promoted through the newspaper. There are opportunities for students to perform as well as engage in community events such as Tilbury Lights and Thurrock Music Festival and take part in school trips to museums, art spaces and theatres.'*

The Gateway Academy was supported by Royal Opera House Bridge in planning and developing their objectives. They worked alongside the school at various stages to support their Artsmark Award achievement.

Dr Darren Henley CBE, Chief Executive of the Arts Council, said:

*"I would like to congratulate the Gateway Academy on their Artsmark Award. Becoming an Artsmark school demonstrates that through offering a broad, ambitious, and creative curriculum, every pupil can develop character and resilience, increasing their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them through to adult life."*





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## GPFS KS1 Bronze Medal Winners



On Friday 26 May, selected Key Stage 1 children competed in the Quad Kids tournament. The children performed fantastically in the events, they competed in a long distance run, a sprint race, a vortex throw and standing long jump.

Collectively, Gateway Primary Free School achieved a well-deserved bronze medal award. A huge well done to the GPFS team.



## The GPFS Reading Festival 2023

The Gateway Primary Free School hosted their first ever Reading Festival on Tuesday 27 June 2023. Teachers across the school were the headline acts, who read a variety of stories to children from Reception up to Year 6. Thank you to all the staff who supported during the event!







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## Sustainability Day!

Tuesday 27 June 2023, marked 'Sustainability Day', this brought with it several wonderful opportunities to celebrate the world we live in and to improve the environment we learn in here at GPFS. Each class had the opportunity to plant and water a range of colourful plants, with these being placed into our brand-new planter boxes which are now lining the path leading up to the main office. Children were encouraged to place bark and soil into the planters, and to ensure that their year group's plants were watered after being placed neatly inside. Children spoke about the need to look after these plants, and how we will keep them healthy and thriving long-term.

The entrance way now looks so much brighter and more welcoming! After school, our Eco Warriors team led a book swap event, where our school community was encouraged to bring in books from home, to swap with books that were donated to us for the event. The Eco Warriors did a wonderful job of sharing their learning about sustainability, as well as encouraging our children, parents and carers to stay and read on the grass outside the school office. It was a really successful event that brought our community together. As a team, we are very proud of how the events on the day came together!







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## Disco Time!

On Thursday 6 July 2023, the GPFS PTA ran their first events! Two neon themed school discos for KS1 and KS2. They were a huge success and the children have not stopped talking about them. The next morning, one of our pupils asked her carer, "Did I dream it?"

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all of the PTA members for organising the fantastic neon discos and for their hard work on the night, Mr Debono for his DJ skills and all of the teachers who volunteered their time to help the event run smoothly. We are looking forward to the Halloween disco!



## The newly refurbished Nursery and Reception Garden is open!

The Gateway Primary Free School children had great fun exploring the newly refurbished Nursery and Reception garden.

*"We love our new garden, it's lots of fun!"*







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## Hip Hop Workshop with Breakin' Convention, Royal Opera House



On Wednesday 7 June 2023, pupils across the school were selected to take part in a Hip Hop workshop with Breakin' Convention, as part of the Royal Opera House Trailblazer programme. They worked with the artists on: building aspirations, self-confidence and teamwork. The pupils had a wonderful time working on rhythm, writing rap songs and using the mike to perform individually.

Lianne Boreham who supported the workshop said *'it was lovely to see those children who normally lack that self-confidence in class, to stand up individually and perform in front of others.'*

Quotes from some of the pupils: *'This has been the best day ever' 'It was a brilliant workshop' 'I absolutely loved it'*

## HPA Sports Day

The children and adults had a fantastic time at the HPA sports day, the children showed great teamwork and resilience as they took on each challenge.

A big well done to the children and the PE team. Thank you to parents and carers who were able to attend to cheer the children on.







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## Year 1 Trip to Chalkwell Beach

On Tuesday 28 June 2023, Year 1 visited Chalkwell Beach. The children enjoyed travelling to the beach at the top of a big yellow bus. When they arrived they took their shoes and socks off ready to play in the sand and build sandcastles. They found some shells and treasures and enjoyed lunch in the sunshine. Finally, they had a paddle in the pool with friends.

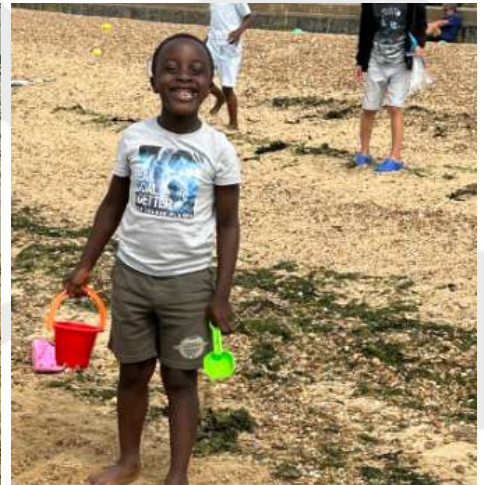
*"My favourite part was finding the crabs and jellyfish."*

*"My favourite part was splashing and jumping in the pool."*

*"My favourite part was finding beautiful seashells and stones on the beach."*

*"My favourite part was building sandcastles."*

*"My favourite part was making a mermaid on the beach."*



## An email from Helen Ward, Author

During the week of Monday 26 June, Year 3 had been writing a biography all about Helen Ward after reading her book 'The Tin Forest'. They couldn't find the information they wanted to complete the early life section, so they decided to email her and on Friday 30 June she wrote back! They were all extremely pleased and honoured to have received the below email.

*"Hi Raj, Hi Children of Herringham Primary Academy  
I hope you all enjoyed reading The Tin Forest.  
I am very flattered that you are writing my biography... and pleased to help if I can.*

*My parents are both artists (and very old now).  
My brother and sister both went to art school and studied illustration. My sister illustrates and does graphic design work too. My brother teaches art at a university... as well as doing his own creative work.*





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*I think we got on quite well as children. We all seemed to like doing very different things. Our house had a very long garden so there was plenty of outside space to run about and let off steam. Of course we had the occasional squabble although I have no idea what we squabbled about.. it was decades ago.*

*I don't think my sister and I particularly liked sharing a bedroom when we were little. I think we probably just needed our own space to do our own thing.*

*I think all three of us have an appreciation of solitude.....which is probably something to do with needing to be creative and the quietness and the stillness in ones head that allows that to happen.*

*Which is not to say we don't enjoy getting together when we can. We don't really squabble anymore. We still like a good laugh.*

*We all believe that imagination and creativity are VERY important and that neither should be overlooked or pushed aside. Creativity is obviously a huge part of our lives.*

*I think imagination is fundamental to ones understanding of the world... to be able to imagine other possibilities... and then to come up with questions, is a creative process. It moves us all forward.*

*Asking the right question is maybe more important than knowing the right answer?*

*Stay creative!*

*Very best wishes to you all*

*Helen Ward"*

### Reception's Wow Start to their topic 'Going Green'



The Reception children had a fantastic start to Summer 2, they dressed up as insects to celebrate their new topic which is 'Going Green'. The outcomes for the homework project were very impressive.





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### LPA's Author Visit and BBC Radio Mention!

On Thursday 8 June 2023, Ian Brown, an author of books written about Albert the Tortoise, visited LPA. He lives locally and so came in to talk to the children in Year 1 and Year 2 about his work. He explained how he became an author and how he came to write about Albert the Tortoise. The tortoise is his family pet. The children felt inspired to write stories about their own pets and the wonderful adventures they could go on.

Ian also mention LPA in his BBC radio interview, 1:38mins in - listen here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0fpr348>

Check out his range of books here: <https://www.waterstones.com/author/ian-brown/5254>



### Pupils at Lansdowne Primary Academy awarded a coveted Eco-Schools Green Flag!



Pupils at Lansdowne Primary Academy have earned an international accreditation this academic year, recognising their amazing work in making their school more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness in fellow pupils.

The Eco-Schools programme was established in 1994 and is now delivered in more than 70 countries across the globe. More than 1 million pupils attended an Eco-School in England in 2022-23.

Pupils first formed an Eco-Committee, then collaborated with **Lynsey Bevan** to conduct an environmental review, assessing how eco-friendly their school is. They reviewed everything from biodiversity within their school grounds to how pupils and staff members travel to school. Building on their findings,

pupils then planned a year of action designed to advance their school's green credentials, improve their local environment, and protect our planet.





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The Eco-Committee connected their work to 3 Eco-Schools topics: **Biodiversity, Waste and Global citizenship**. They then planned a variety of projects including;

- **Biodiversity:** creating bug hotels, natural beehives, bee-bombs, building hedgehog homes and building a pond.
- **Waste:** providing a broader range of recycling bins throughout the school including dinner hall, staff-room and classrooms.
- **Global Citizenship:** carrying out termly litter picks within the community, adopting a Hawksbill Turtle and completing a nature walk to raise funds for WWF and other local nature projects.

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: "The Eco-Schools Green Flag award is an internationally recognised symbol of high environmental standards. The pupils and school staff that earn the award deserve immense credit for their hard work, determination, and creativity. Their passion for protecting our planet is an inspiration to us all."

Here is what the Eco-Schools Green Flag Team had to say:

"It's wonderful that you have appointed such a representative Eco-Committee, this shows your school's excellent commitment to both the programme and the eco-cause. It's great to see that you had such a group of eager, enthusiastic volunteers. It was also wonderful to see that they were supported by two staff members and that a key member of the SLT was deeply involved. We love that you kept minutes from your meetings and that they helped to track, guide and prompt your activity. It was great to see that young people were responsible for completing those meeting minutes – this helps them develop new skills! This is a mature and professional approach. Great work! Congratulations to everyone for the great work you have managed to do, earning your Green Flag with style. You should all be very proud of your work and the application you have submitted!"

"As always THANK YOU very much for your hard work, we are so proud of all our schools and the collective achievements they have made to protect our planet for future generations. We look forward to working with Lansdowne Primary Academy again next academic year to help you expand on your eco-actions and successes of this year."

A huge well done to Lynsey Bevan and her team for all their hard work with the LPA Eco Warriors. Congratulations. To learn more about Eco-Schools head to [www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk)







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## Unveiling of the Windrush Commemorative Plaque

On Thursday 22 June 2023 a special plaque was unveiled at Tilbury Town Station to mark the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush.

The commemorative plaque was a joint community project between the council, [Thurrock BME](#) and [c2c Rail](#) and was unveiled by Cllr Qaisar Abbas, Deputy Mayor of Thurrock, Tunde Ojetola, Thurrock BME Group Director, Deputy Lieutenant of Essex Sidra Naeem, c2c's Customer Experience Director Abu Siddeeq, Jackie Doyle-Price MP and the Deputy Mayor of Basildon, Yetunde Adeshile.

[The Gateway Learning Community](#), Lansdowne Primary Academy sang a specially commissioned song 'Tilbury is the Place for Me.' The song was written by children in the trust in partnership with Thurrock-based arts organisation, [Kinetika](#) as part of its T100 Festival.

[#Windrush75](#) [#Windrush](#) [#Community](#)



## Year 2 Visit to Colchester Zoo

On Monday 26 June 2023, Year 2 visited Colchester Zoo to support their Science topic. They explored animal habitats and learnt about them from the information boards that are present all around the Zoo. They had a fantastic time.







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### Wimbledon 2023

On Thursday 13th July, selected Year 5 children had the incredible opportunity of attending the Wimbledon tournament and watching a game on No.1 court!

The children spent the day soaking in the whole Wimbledon experience, watching multiple games of tennis, visiting the Wimbledon museum, sitting on the infamous Henman Hill/ Murray Mound and eating the iconic strawberries and cream!







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## Congratulations to LPA for being awarded School Games GOLD Mark Award for 2022/23



We are delighted to announce that Lansdowne Primary Academy, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Bronze medal in Y1&2 Football
- Bronze medal in Y5&6 Boccia
- Bronze medal in Y5&6 Badminton
- Bronze medal in KS2 Archery
- Gold medal in Y5&6 Tri-Golf

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been awarded this year. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

## TPA Sports Day

The children and adults had a fantastic time at the TPA sports day, the children showed great Teamwork and resilience as they took on each challenge.

A big well done to the children and PE team. Thank you to parents and carers who were able to attend to cheer the children on.







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## Year 3 Focal Point Gallery Workshop

On Monday 12 June 2023, Year 3 took part in a fantastic workshop where visitors from Focal Point Gallery came to teach them all about portraits using cubism. The children were fully engaged and enjoyed drawing their own portraits using a mirror.



## Taster Day at the Gateway Academy

This half term Year 5 were treated to a taster day at the Gateway Academy, they started the day baking tasty treats, took part in a dance class and then went on to learn about PH levels in Science. Overall, the children had a great day, the Gateway Academy hope to see them back for a secondary tour during their open days/ evenings.







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# UPCOMING

## Autumn 1 Dates for your Diary

<b>5 September 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Return to school</li></ul>	<b>22 September 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Y5 and 6 Girls' football tournament at St. Cleres</li></ul>
<b>6 September 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 7 Admissions meeting with TPA Parents and Y6 pupils</li></ul>	<b>29 September 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cross country event Y3 and 4 at William Edwards</li></ul>
<b>7 September 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 7 Admissions meeting with GPFS Parents and Y6 pupils</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>October = Black History Month</b></li></ul>
<b>8 September 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 7 Admissions meeting with LPA Parents and Y6 pupils</li></ul>	<b>4 October 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Primary Creative Writing through the Arts: Music Inspiration Day, Harris Academy [9.30-3.30]</li></ul>
<b>12 September 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 7 Admissions meeting with HPA Parents and Y6 pupils</li></ul>	<b>6 October 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cross country event Y5 and 6 at William Edwards</li></ul>
<b>13 September 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gateway Academy Open Day</li></ul>	<b>Dates are subject to individual school changes, any changes will be communicated to you via your school communication app.</b>
<b>15 September 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GA Tours for Years 6 and their parents [as detailed below]</li><li>Y5 and 6 Girls' football tournament at St. Cleres</li></ul>	





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# THE GATEWAY ACADEMY OPEN DAY & EVENING WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

Group Tours: 09:00 - 12:00

Open Evening: 18:00 - 20:00

Tours are available every Friday from 15 September 2023  
until 20 October 2023 from 09:00 until 10:30

Pre-bookable Individual Family Tours:

**Saturday 16 September 2023** from 09:00 until 12:00

To book a tour please contact Miss O'Dwyer on **01375 489000** or  
email: [siobhan.odwyer@theglc.org.uk](mailto:siobhan.odwyer@theglc.org.uk)

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# GLC RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

**GATEWAY PRIMARY FREE SCHOOL**

**WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2023**  
**9:30AM & 1:30PM**



**HERRINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY**

**WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2023**  
**9:30AM & 1:30PM**



**LANSDOWNE PRIMARY ACADEMY**

**THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023**  
**9:30AM & 1:30PM**



**TILBURY PIONEER ACADEMY**

**THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2023**  
**9:30AM & 1:30PM**



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Summer Reading Challenge 2023

# Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

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from 8th July until 2nd September

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## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

### PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

### TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns





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## **FREE EVENT** **Feel Good In The Forest**



**Saturday, 22 July 2023**  
**10am – 3pm**

**Feel good in the forest this summer with Thames Chase and Forestry England**

Join us at Thames Chase Community Forest for a free day of activities for the whole family  
All ages and abilities are welcome

Come and explore your local Community Forest and all it has to offer with FREE taster sessions of various activities including:

Family Yoga  
Cycle Hire  
Meditation  
Wildlife Walks  
Children's activities  
Artist sketch and walk session  
Wellbeing and Tree Walks  
Food and refreshments will be available

**Book tickets via Eventbrite ([eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) search for 'Feel good in the forest')**



For more information call 01708 642970 or visit the Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Upminster RM14 3NS.  
Email: [enquiries@thameschase.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thameschase.org.uk)  
Website: [www.thameschase.org.uk](http://www.thameschase.org.uk)  
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## **Thames Chase Talks** **Wildlife**



**Friday, 4 August 2023**  
**2pm – 4pm**

**Come and hear about the interesting forest tales and wildlife within the Thames Chase Community Forest!**

Our three guest speakers will speak about forest wildlife and the story of the Bedfords Park Walled Garden. A complimentary refreshment will be available.

Speakers include: James Doyle (Thames Chase Trust), Richard Wonfor (Forestry England), and Lois Amos (Bedfords Park Walled Garden)

Location: Thames Chase Forest Centre, Education room  
Booking: The cost is £3 per person including a complimentary drink.  
Booking via Eventbrite: [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) (search Thames Chase Talk)



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## Celebrate Windrush 75



**BOAT DEPARTING FROM TILBURY TO GREENWICH PIER AT 10:00AM AND RETURNING AT 18:00PM**

**Please be aware that this event is being filmed and photographed**



### Saturday 19th August 2023

call 01375768233 or 07388724740

info@onecommunity.org.uk

**£10 donation per person to secure your space**  
**Places are available on first come first serve basis**



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## Southend-On-Sea Family Fun August Bank Holiday

## Celebrate Windrush 75



**DEPARTS FROM TILBURY TOWN - PLATFORM 2 - TIME: 10.00 AM**  
**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY IN FRONT OF THE FLOWERBED - 9.45 AM**  
**DEPARTS FROM SOUTHEND CENTRAL - PLATFORM 1 - TIME: 18.00 PM**

### Monday 28th August 2023

call 01375768233 or 07388724740

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You can now purchase **DISCOUNTED** Adventure Island and Sealife Adventure wristbands at the One Community Shop

**Secure your seat on the train with a donation of £2 per person**



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