

Greatfields Gazette

Goals for Greatfields!

----Year 7 Basketball Tournament for Girls----

04/07/2022

It was a pleasure to play for the first ever Borough tournament for the girls' basketball team in Greatfields School. Playing three other schools was a challenge, but thanks to all the gifted team members we had an amazing first place.

Despite losing the first match against Barking Abbey (4:14) we were able to up our game against Eastbury and Eastbrook. We displayed hard work and immaculate team work throughout the later matches.

Biggest thanks to all our team members on helping us win the first girls' tournament in Greatfields School and thank you to all that supported us. We are so grateful we have our first, first place trophy for a girls' tournament in our awards cabinet and we cannot wait to see what the future holds us.



Player of the match: Ganiyat Jimoh in 7 Jamu

Players:
-Miriam
-Ganiyat
-Alicia
-Zhi Han
-Rayya
-Ameera
-Imaan
-Hannah
-Fife
-Eugenia

---Year 7 Cricket game --- 05/07/2022

The year 7 boys cricket teams won 2/4 of their matches, beating Robert Clack's B and C teams but narrowly losing to Eastbury and Robert Clack A. Mr. Withers is delighted to say the boys played excellently well and managed to score over 70 runs for 30 balls in our last game. A tremendous shout out to the year 7 cricket team. Special mention goes to Farhan for 2 superb catches.

Player of the tournament: Shaheer in 7 Moore

- Atharva
- Shriyash
- Tarek
- Shahee
- Harry Madhav

--Year 7 Cricket game --- 09/06/22

The cricket team also displayed a brilliant win against Eastbury. All wickets were run outs by Greatfields players who fielded superbly well. Greatfields scored 50-2 from 8.2 overs.

Farhan was the player of the match and top scorer. A special mention to Shriyash who performed well as wicket keeper. The boys were delighted with their performance and all played a significant part in the win.



--Year 10 Handball Borough Championship game ---

The year 10 handball team became the borough winners for the Handball tournament. They smashed Gores brook 5-, Warren 10-2 and All Saints 3-1.

Year 7 history trip

This week the whole of year 7 went on a history trip to the Bank of England, the Historical Art Gallery and Amphitheatre. The trip was considered a much enjoyable and enlightening experience. Many of us have learned at least one new fact at the museums and galleries and have a souvenir heavily marked into our pocket, and memories formed in our minds. For example, we saw the amphitheatre which the gladiators originally fought in and that was an amazing thing to witness. We are thoroughly grateful for the lovely weather that accompanied us on this trip!



Borough market trip

This was a trip organised to help provide inspiration and knowledge for 10 Todd's coursework for Hospitality & Catering. All the students got involved in taste testing and choosing garnishes for their coursework dishes. Gregory was very good at asking questions of different stall holders to extract information. I was impressed with the behaviour and commitment to the tasks set from all the students that attended. Well done, Sophie, Gregory, Lamyra, James, Femi, Sevgi, Kartell, Deivile.



PRIDE MONTH BAKE SALE!

By Ra'naya Marshall, Zhi Han from 7Moore

On Friday 10th June 2022, Greatfields hosted our first ever Pride month bake sale to celebrate Pride month in June and all the people who are in the LGBTQIA+ community. There were activities such as bracelet making, reading leaflets and face painting available. Additionally, there were baked goods brought in by Greatfields students themselves. It was an after-school event from 3pm – 4pm. We also raised over £100 for the amazing Stonewall Charity who support members of the LGBTQIA+ society who have experienced hardships. ***We had an amazing turn out!***



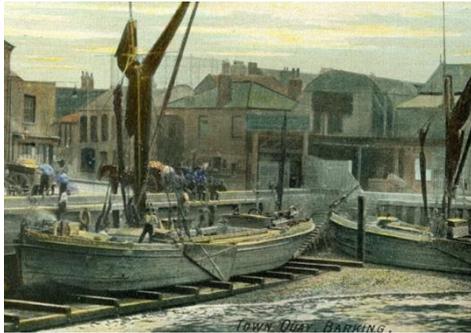
There were many different contributions to the event. The bake sale included many sweet bake goods, such as cupcakes, donuts, cookies, and brownies. Even teachers such as Mr Bagley, Mr Summers, Miss Haywood, Mr Withers, Miss Bevan and Miss White. These teachers and others enjoyed the event due to being able to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community. Students even decided to participate by helping to decorate the boards with different LGBTQIA+ flags and creating drawings with the concept of the LGBTQIA+ community. We appreciate and applaud the staff and students who made this event possible!



Bring back Barking by Memunat Agaba 10K

Barking has always had cultural significance but over the years, due to the forced urbanisation of our area, the pillars of importance that this borough holds are slowly fading behind the futuristic infrastructure and being buried under the newly paved roads. It is paramount that we cling onto the history.

Back in time



From the 14th century until the mid-19th century, the fishing industry was the number one generator of the borough's wealth with many of Abbey's residents describing fishing as their part time occupation. The fishery was such a large part of the economy so much so that when conservators of the Thames prosecuted Barking fishermen for the use of kiddle nets in 1406 many aggravated the offence by rioting.

Defoe even described Barking as 'a busy little port fishing for the London market.'

Barking is also where:

- William the Conqueror stayed during the construction of the Norman keep
- Where the explorer James Cook married in 1762
- Royal ships were repaired and fitted out during Henry VIII's reign

The evolvement of Barking

After many centuries, Barking began to evolve and grow opening its first community park in 1898. It was a symbol of pride for many Barking tenants as they labelled it as the 'best park in East London' containing an outdoor pool, children's play areas and pavilions. On a hot summer's day many flocked to the park-families, friends, and children all an amalgamation of a community.



However, Barking's metamorphosis does not end at the park; an exquisite library was also built filled to the brim with books a pandorica of fabulous interwoven randomness bursting at the seams with treasured literature. Believe it or not, but the borough even had a cinema lined with plush red carpets the aroma of sweet-smelling popcorn wafting through the air filled with an anticipating wide-eyed audience as they watched Ghostbusters capture monsters and Marty McFly travel back to the future with doc.

Barking Today

Now walk through the streets of Barking today and the library has been refurbished to hold more computers than books, the outdoor pool has been filled and the cinema has been



replaced with Nandos. And I know you may be thinking, places will always change and nothing ever stays the same but sometimes the fortunes of history are incomparable to the benefits of urbanisation. Don't get me wrong I appreciate the upkeep and attention Barking gets as we refuse to allow it to be forgotten and fade into its history. But we must remember that Barking's past holds more importance than any future.

The Dawn of Barking by Kaloyan Yalmov (10M)

For those lucky enough to have spent time in Barking, you will be aware if it's truly magnificent landmarks like... ASDA and LIDL. Okay, it may not seem so exciting but Barking definitely has an interesting past.

Its history goes well back to the 16th century, when development was centered in Barking Abbey. William the conqueror himself stayed present at Barking Abbey during the construction of the Norman keep. Up until the 19th century, it held great relevance in its fishing port, when marketing gardening became the main economic activity. Fishing in Barking dates back to the 14th century; embarking on significant attraction and attention of Barking's trade. The urbanisation led to remarkable creations, of which I believe a shame no longer exist. This includes a grand cinema, an outdoor pool and many more highlights.

In the early 1800s, the population of Barking was still very small: only 1585 in the town and 280 in Ripple Road. It rose steadily throughout the 19th century. Expansion of Barking increased with the upcoming population, which was heavily contributed by the town council. Housing continued rapidly along some of the main roads of Barking like Kind Edwards, Howard and Morley roads.

In the heart of Barking is the prestigious Barking Park, renowned for its beauty and impeccable scenery. Barking Park was first opened in 1898 as an integral part of the development of Barking. The park offered an ornamental garden area, a lake, an amenity grass area fronting Longbridge Road, containing a bandstand, a small central nursery, a bowling green and tennis courts. Facilities were expanded in the 1930s to include even more leisure activities and exciting features. By the 1950s, Barking Park was known as the best community park in London, with its prominent pool in constant use.

Barking today may not hold the most prestigious reputation, but in its core, it's still a beautiful place with an even more beautiful origin.

Greatfields first awaited musical...

THE WIZARD OF OZ

By Adeanna and Ilhan 7M

This long-awaited play has finally arrived into the clasps of Greatfields School. The wizard of Oz is the first ever play that that our school has ever produced. The wizard of Oz consists of over 70 students across each year group. Although they have faced challenges creating this masterpiece, they have made it through triumphantly. Our journalism club have interviewed the teachers that are part of the performing arts staff: Ms. White, Ms. Haywood and Mr. Bagley.



[Ms. White](#)

Interviewer: What are some challenges you faced throughout the production?

Ms. White: We had trouble fitting in rehearsals and there were over 70+ students that needed to learn their lines.

Interviewer: How do you have the time to prepare for the showcase?

Ms. White: We plan ahead our rehearsal times and practice during break, we also did a Saturday rehearsal closer to performance day!

Interviewer: What are you looking forward to the most?

Ms. White: Personally, I can't wait for the audience to see the effort and hard work our cast has put in the acting, sets and costumes.

Interviewer: How do you prepare everything?

Ms. White: Well, we make sure all the lines are learned and that the costumes are organised and that all the routines directing, and acting are all set and ready to go.

Interviewer: what are you excited about?

Ms. White: I'm most excited about seeing the cast coming together and for people to see the acting, dances, songs and for our play to show the Wizard of Oz.

Mr Bagley

Interviewer: what are you most excited about in the Wizard of Oz?

Mr. Bagley: I am most excited about people seeing the hard work and effort of our students.



Interviewer: What about your preparations? How did you have time for it?

Mr. Bagley: for that we rehearsed out main cast and outside cast every break time but on Tuesdays we mostly focus on the main cast, by making sure everyone learns all the funky and try moves in the dance.

Interviewer: Do you think you are ready?

Mr. Bagley: in my opinion, I think we are ready

Ms Haywood

Interviewer: Ms. Haywood what are you looking forward to the most?

Ms. Haywood: Well, I'm looking forward to all the dances and actors coming together.

Interviewer: What challenges have you face?

Ms. Haywood: We found it challenging creating rehearsal times because the students also have a busy schedule and different timetables in each year group. Additionally, there are different choreographs and props, with 10 to 12 dances in the whole performance. A lot to rehearse!

Interviewer: Are you excited?

Ms. Haywood: I am so excited, buzzing and looking forward to show everyone how amazing Greatfields is.

Interviewer: Do you have any fun facts about the Wizard of Oz?

Ms. Haywood: Indeed, I do, this is Greatfields first ever musical which has been awaited for 5 years. We are making history!

THE WIZARD OF OZ



By The Journalism Team.

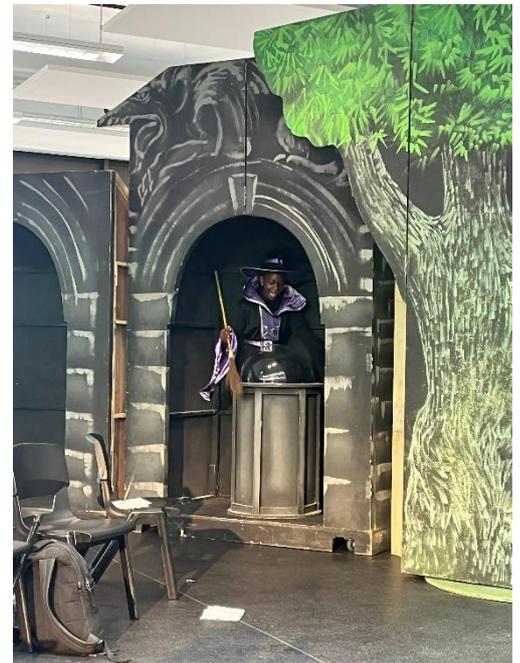


On Thursday 7th of July, students of Greatfields School performed the long-awaited musical: Wizard of Oz. Many of the school staff, Governors, parents and students have come to the show in their own time to support and cheer on the wondrous cast, for their diligent work this past academic year. This musical was a compilation of Greatfields School's student's tremendous talent and is only a glimpse of what they have to offer. Proud head teacher, Mr Paul reflected on his desire for the school 6 years ago: "When we first opened Greatfields School, my ambition was to have a big school play and through our new Cedar Block building we could accomplish our goal".

Directed by the Performing Arts department, the play starts off with Dorothy (played by Temidayo Sanda), singing 'Somewhere over the Rainbow'. This is accompanied by Elada Zilinskaite showcasing graceful, rhythmic gymnastics-inspired ribbon dance down the yellow brick road. Through the tempestuous storm, we are introduced to The Land of Rainbows, where we are introduced to the Good Witch of the North, Glinda (played by Bhadra Menon), who is portrayed with a gentle and ethereal nature. She guides us through Munchkin Land, where we see the Munchkins who warmly welcomed Dorothy by dancing. As the dance came to an end, they were shooed away by the Wicked Witch of the West. Soon, we were met with Scarecrow (played by Nancy Okoye Udeh) hung tirelessly, nailed on the wooden cross. Later on, we are met with the other 2 protagonists Tinman (played by Cayane Carvalho) and the Cowardly Lion (Shaheer Khan) who has joined on the forces on the adventure to the Emerald City. The play was closed with a harmonious and colourful rendition to the song 'Ease on the road'.



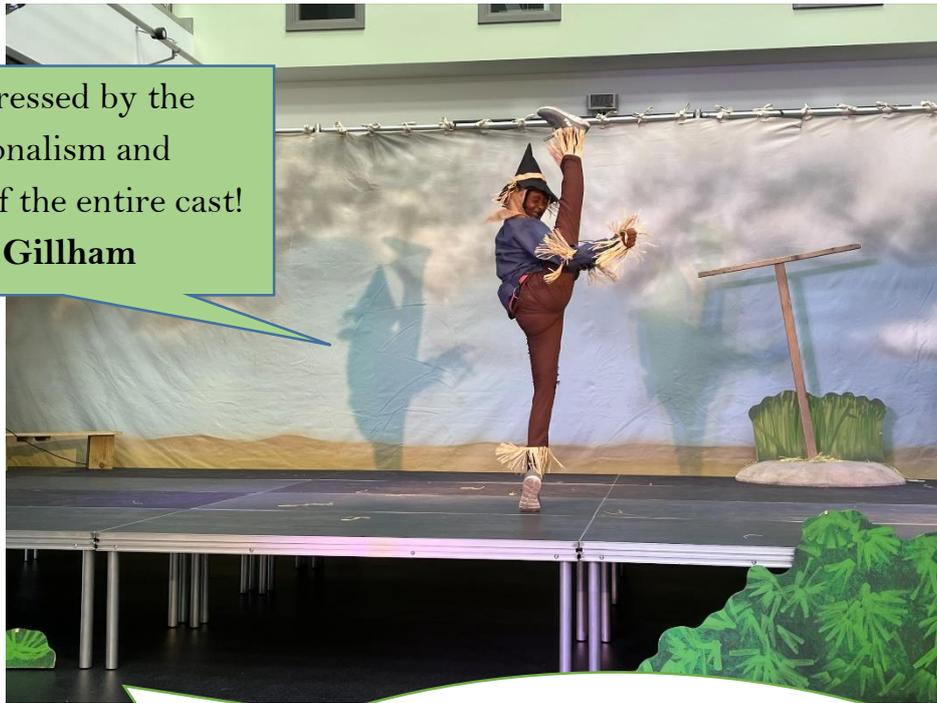
With blood, sweat and tears, each cast member performed their dance numbers phenomenally. I am certain each member of the audience was blown away by the charismatic acting displayed by The Scarecrow, The Lion, Tin Man and Dorothy. The script was truly brought to life with a spark embedded within each pupil—specifically the cowardly lion who stole our hearts. An additional praise to the excellent supporting cast: the witch whose cackle could be heard in Barking and instilled fear in us all. As well as the Wizard whose dominating presence brought us back from the beautiful Emerald City. It would be insane to not praise the sound team, led by Mr Bagley, who orchestrated the beautiful musical journey from Kansas City back to Greatfields.



In addition to the astonishing cast members' great talent, in the magnificent musical, it would be out of order not to acknowledge the props that held the show together. Not to mention the fact that these awesome materials and tools were not free. Therefore, we would like to give a special thanks to the magnanimous art department who blessed us with their talented hands.

Wizard of Oz remains a hugely enjoyable slice of musical entertainment, which will set the tone for many more Greatfields' performances to come. A tremendous round of applause to the entire Performing Arts team and pupils who took part in the show, thank you for blessing us with such a beautiful show that we will never forget!

I was impressed by the professionalism and enthusiasm of the entire cast!
– Mr. Gillham



I thought it was amazing. Three things struck me. First of all, all the hard work put into the performance. Secondly, the talent of the students. Thirdly, the quality of the production; the sound, music, and the lights. Absolutely superb! - Mr Paul



BARKING 100 YEARS LATER

-Amy Lela



Barking has remarkably adapted into a modern, accessible, and homely town making it perfect for the citizens which reside there. Barking is equipped with leisure centre's which provide a plethora of activities, a variety of green spaces enabling people to indulge in the picturesque scenery and a vast shopping district which offers a range of unique and culturally diverse shopping experiences. Barking is a town dedicated to its people and has transformed over the years to suit the people who call Barking their home.

Barking and the Nobles

Although Barking is renowned for its up-to-date qualities, the town is rich with valuable history; significant to the reformation of the borough. Although it may not seem like it now, Barking was an immensely popular town amongst nobility for instance, the once famously known fishing district became home to William the Conqueror who surrounded himself with the luxuries Barking Abbey had to offer. The notorious Barking Abbey church was also the landmark James Cook married in, in 1762 making it notably important to the history of Barking. What made Barking Abbey a pleasurable destination was its exquisite gardens which enabled its inhabitants to fully immerse into the delightful scenery Barking Abbey had to offer. Barking Abbey and its gardens are at present day open to the public, offering visitors an exclusive look into what nobility experienced in the past.



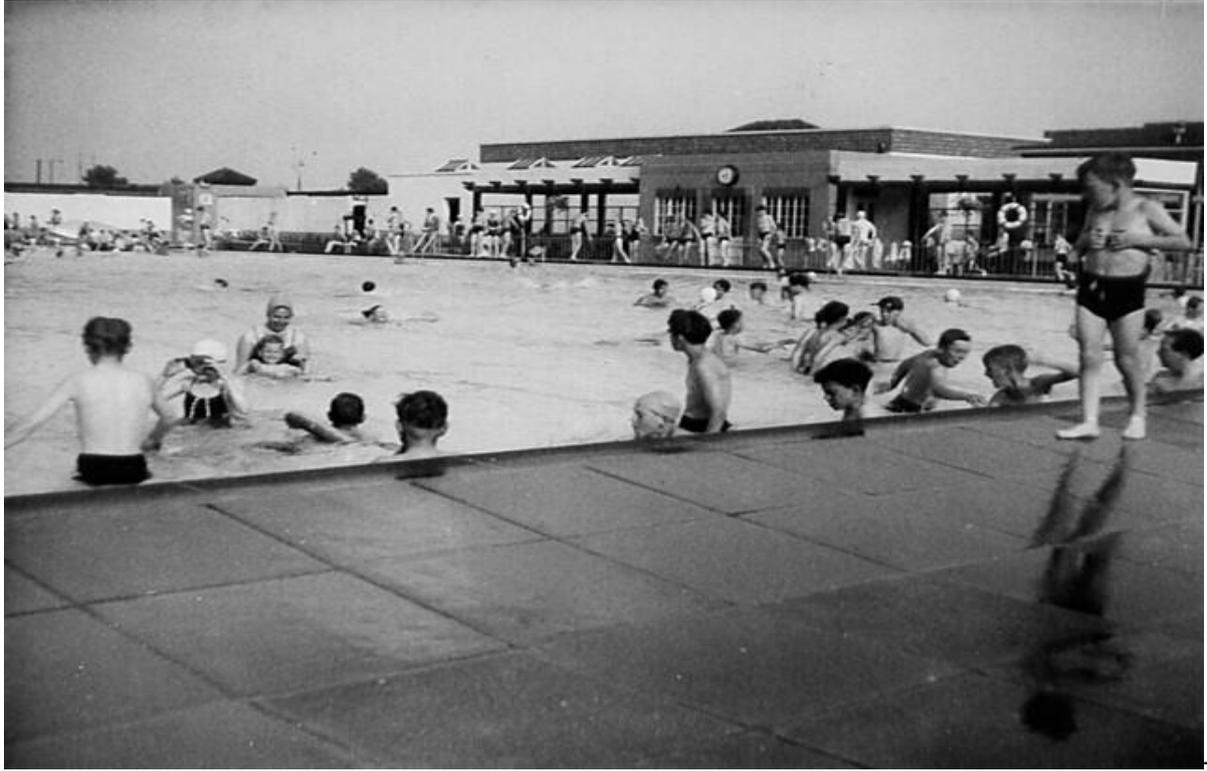


Barking also inhabits Eastbury Manor House, Valence House and the Church of St Peter and St Paul which pile onto the towns rich history as well as making them landmarks notable to visit.

Barking Park

Another point, in Barking, which surprisingly holds a substantial amount of history and has played an incredibly important part of Barking's modernization is the town's very own Barking Park. During the 20th century the green space was booming with popularity, even being named 'the best park in East London'.

When the parks facilities expanded in 1930, the park obtained a brand new, wide-spread outdoor pool, perfect for relaxing in the sun whilst enjoying the company of a joyous atmosphere. A children's play area was also an amazing addition to the park allowing parents to safely let their kids run around and relish the parks entertaining facilities. Numerous tennis courts permitted citizens to get warped into the exhilarating environment the sporting world offered as well as encouraging residents to exercise and keep fit. Finally, along with the 1930 expansion, the park was also equipped with pavilions and laboratories which citizens could acquire ensuring citizens have a comfortable visit at the park.



Barking Park open Lido in the 1930s

Although now, the exceptional pool has been filled in due to high maintenance costs, Barking Park has still successfully adapted to modern society hence converting the old-fashioned lido pool to a contemporary ‘Splash Park’ which presents an exciting new aquatic experience for young children as well as a space for adults to soak up the sun whilst plunging into the confectionary from the exclusive park shop and café. The present-day upgrades that have taken place in Barking Park still makes it a conspicuous landmark which garners popularity from citizens of all ages.

Estates

A factor which is constantly changing with the times in Barking is the accommodation it offers to its citizens. The town council has consistently played an active role in guaranteeing its citizens a comfortable place to live. These changes date back to almost 50 years ago when the borough council endorsed a motion to build spacious apartment blocks which was an architectural design that appealed a lot of interest from people during the period. These flats have served hundreds of families a comfortable and safe



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home for decades but as we know Barking shifts their architecture with the times hence why the once architecturally interesting flats are being knocked down and are being replaced with sleek new apartment complexes equipped with cosy lounges and personal gyms granting a new luxury experience for people in Barking.

New apartment complexes also happen to be situated near the brand new Greatfields School building and in between both Ripple and Gascoigne primary school making these estates perfect for families to live in due to accessible primary and secondary education nearby. The brand-new apartment schemes have also been complimented by places of worship, an upgraded vicarage field shopping centre and the opening of the new leisure space: Everdove Park.



-new flats built in Barking Riverside



What is in store for Barking next?

Barking is continuing to transform with the regeneration project currently into motion. The council recognizes that the regeneration of Barking is crucial for future and current residents which is why Barking aims to create place which offers a range of opportunities suitable for all individuals as well as create a space which endorses creativity and sustainability.

