

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are half way through the year and what a great half it has been. The children show great enthusiasm for their learning and it is lovely to watch them grow with confidence and flourish with their learning. We have had some great trips and events and the children have performed some amazing assemblies. We are looking forward to the class assemblies next term.

We had a lovely assembly this week with Violet class performing Traction Man. They were loud and clear and demonstrated excellent acting skills. Well done Violet class.

Well done to Fuchsia class who performed with the Royal Academy of Music today. They worked extremely hard and demonstrated excellent behaviour. Thank you to Suzi and the Royal Academy of Music and Mel McHugh who organised and ran the event.

I would like to say a big thank you to you, parents and carers for all your time and positive support for the school. It is much appreciated. It's lovely to see you and your children happily walking into school every day. There is also an amazing staff group here who work very hard to provide fabulous learning opportunities for your children, so a big thank you to all of them too.

Have a fantastic half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 20th February. Enjoy your week.

Best wishes

Jessica
Headteacher



News

MUSIC NEWS & EVENTS

- 1) Hackney Music Service is delighted to be re-launching the Hackney Bateria in the near future. This is an exciting opportunity for your young musicians to come and join pupils from all over Hackney and make music. This is an open access group aimed at pupils in key stage 2 and 3. Previous members of the group have performed at the Hackney Empire, City of London Festival procession, City of Birmingham Orchestra Hall, the Troxy, Sadler's Wells Theatre and the Tate Modern. The new group will rehearse at Colvestone Primary School, Colvestone Crescent, E8 2LG on Thursdays from 4.00-5.00. The start date will depend on the number of applications we receive and the levels of interest. The fee is £30 per term with concessions for those on free school meals. Application forms are available from reception at the school office.
- 2) Betty Layward Instrumental Concert - as in the previous two years at this time, we are holding an instrumental concert to showcase some of the young musicians we have in KS2. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend and support (they need an audience!). The concert is on Wednesday 22nd February at 2.30pm and finished by 3.15pm.

SPORTS NEWS



On Monday 6th February, a group of year 5 and 6 children from Betty Layward school set off to Hackney Downs park for their last Cross Country race of the school year. There were 14 other schools and amazingly our school came third altogether over 4 races. There were 171 Girls in total. Our girls finished in the top 50 with the likes of Rosa Lloyd in 10th, Betsy 15th, Orla 22nd, Frida 26th and Rosa-May in 29th place. There were 189 boys there with Ethan in 4th, Clem 15th, Bertie 23rd, Theo.H 25th, Dillion 26th and Jonah 27th. Even though some of the runners missed some of the races, they set really high standards for a primary school.

Thank you to all the parents for their wonderful support throughout, especially to Rob (Theo's Dad) and Anna (Rosa-May's Mum) for accompanying us to and from the venue. **By Mia Kininmonth and Meryem Erk (6 Ruby)**

On Sunday 5th February, we took part in a Cricket tournament against Finchley, Stanmore and Haringey. We won all of our games and the final! **By Atticus Edean and Iyn Ullah (5 Buttercup)**

For the last two weeks I have been taking part at a swimming gala called The Middlesex County Championship. I won a silver medal doing a 200m relay, swimming breaststroke (eight lengths). This means that I am one of the best swimmers in the whole county! This was a huge achievement for me and I am glad that I can share this news with The Betty Layward School. **By Aranka Serfozo-Celik (6 Ruby)**

On Saturday 4th February, Hackney District football team had a quarter final match against Barking and Dagenham in the Crisp Cup at Douglas Eyres sports centre. It was a very heated match with Hackney winning 3-0 to qualify for the semi-finals. **By Leo Adjaye (6 Chilli) and Benji McCabe (6 Ruby)**

- Curious** – Year 2 Peach learning all about money for the first time
- Creative** – Year 4 Fuchsia 'Into the Wild' with the Royal Academy of Music
- Ambitious** – Our cross country runners who all did really well
- Respectful** – Year 2 Apricot were very respectful on their first visit to St Mary's church
- Happy** – All the children happy to enjoy a well-deserved break

Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week are: Year 3 Emerald and Year 5 Saffron
 The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week are: Year 3 Emerald and Year 3 Jade
 Whole school attendance from 5 September until 3rd February is 96.3%



Picture of our Star of the Week students

Next Week's Menu

All meat served at Betty Layward in school dinners is halal.

- Monday**
- BBQ Chicken**
- Sweet potato and chickpea curry**
- Rice, corn on the cob**
- Victoria vanilla sponge with strawberry jam
- Yoghurt**
- Tuesday**
- Beef sausages with red onion gravy
- Veggie sausages
- Mashed potato, carrot and peas**
- Fresh fruit platter or yoghurt**
- Wednesday**
- Chicken with aubergine and olives in a tomato sauce**
- Lentil and butternut squash tagine**
- Cous cous
- Jacket potato half**
- Green beans**
- Fresh fruit salad and Yoghurt**
- Thursday**
- Beef and red pepper stir fry
- Vegetable stir fry
- Noodles
- Mixed chef salad**
- Jacket potato with baked beans or tuna**
- Oat cookies
- Friday**
- Fish and Chip Friday
- Breaded cod & chips
- Vegetarian pizza on whole meal base
- New potato salad**
- Mushy peas**
- Jacket potato with cheese and tuna**
- Cinnamon rice pudding**

DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016-17

- Year 5 Saffron Thursday 9th March at 9.15am
- Year 4 Fuchsia Thursday 23rd March at 9.15am
- Year 1 Lavender Thursday 30th March at 10.20am
- Reception Ocean Thursday 4th May at 10.20am
- Reception Aqua Thursday 25th May at 10.20am

Greetings PTFA ers
 Hope you're all well and have had a marvelous week
Cake Sale Dates
 10th Feb - Reception and Y5
 3rd March - Nursery and Y3
 17th March - Y1 and Y4

Jumble Sale Update

Thank you to Liz Stanbury and Sarah Warren who will be helping to organise the Jumble Sale. We salute you, you PTFA heroes! The date will be announced next week. But in the meantime get sorting through your toys, clothes, trinkets and books.

There will be loads going on this year including the aforementioned Jumble Sale, Summer Fair, Cake Sales and of course our amazing BBQ. All dates will be confirmed over the next few weeks. If you fancy helping organise and running any of these ace events please do let us know, we can't run them without you!

We are all part of the PTFA, and if you'd like to create and organise a new event, please do email adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk or catch us in the school yard and we can help you plan it, mobilise troops and give you loads of support.

The Giving Machine

The Giving Machine helps us raise money for our school. Anybody who shops on-line can help us raise money for Betty Layward simply by registering and then clicking through to their preferred retailer via The Giving Machine and shopping as normal. Doesn't cost a penny but raises money for the PTFA and our school.

Here's the link so please do give it a go
http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary.php?beneficiary_id=62956

PTFA Facebook Page

The PTFA has its own Facebook page. To keep up to speed with PTFA events, cake sales, Summer Fairs, BBQ's and other useful info including whether Hamsters are good pets, please do join and enjoy.
 Have a fantastic weekend. Adam and Andy.



This week year 6 Ruby Class participated in the BBC's ten pieces. We were visited by the composer: Kerry Andrew who worked with the children to develop lyrics for a piece of music she is composing. The children really enjoyed the experience and can't wait to find out if their ideas are used – watch this space...