

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have really enjoyed the sun shining this week and the warmer weather. Long may it last.

We had a fire alarm test this week and I was really impressed with how quickly and calmly the children went outside. We let them know how impressed we were.

Thank you for attending Parent's evening. We hope you found it helpful and informative. We are always happy to ask any questions and operate an open door policy. It was great to see so many of you there.

A reminder that it is Comic Relief next Friday. Please can your child wear something red to school. They do not need to wear uniform that day. Any voluntary donations are very welcome. Thank you for supporting this.

Thank you to those of you who have already bought your Variety Show tickets. It is on Friday 24th March at 5:30pm. All parents and children are welcome. It should be a fun and entertaining evening so please join us. Tickets are available for sale in the school office - £4 for adults and children are free.

Our Year 5 children have been enjoying their cycling training this week. It's been great to see them on their bikes.

It is World Down Syndrome Day on Tuesday 21st March. We have been raising awareness of what Down syndrome is, what it means to have Down syndrome and how people with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities. Nursery will be rocking brightly coloured socks on Tuesday. All children are also welcome to wear brightly coloured socks on that day to show awareness too.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Vanessa in Reception Ocean

News

After School Clubs

The last day for after school clubs will be on Friday 31st March.

Club application lines will open on Monday 27th March at 8.30pm and close on Thursday 30th March at 6pm. A letter will be sent out next week detailing all the clubs available and if your child was successful in receiving a place on a club because they were on the waiting list, they will receive a letter to confirm their place next week.

Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week is: Year 1 Violet with no late marks.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Year 3 Emerald with 98% attendance this week.

Whole school attendance from 5 September until 17th March is 96.7%.



Picture of our Stars of the Week



Rachel Bartlett, our woodwind teacher, gave a short demonstration of saxophone, flute and clarinet in Star of the Week assembly and we subsequently had much interest from children wishing to take up the opportunity to learn an instrument at school. Here's a photo of some of the interested children enjoying a taster class with Rachel. We also offer lessons in guitar, violin and piano. Lessons are on a first-come first served basis, payment in advance termly at £36 per term with a maximum class size of 5 and instrument hire also available at £10 per term.

Curious: Year 2 Peach class exploring 'MRS GREN' living things in science.
 Creative: Year 4 doing 'green screen' work in computing.
 Ambitious: Variety Show performers ready for next week!
 Respectful: Year 6 debating between classes.
 Happy: 5-a-side girls football runners up.

Next Week's Menu

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

- Monday**
 Chilli Con Carne
 Vegetable Chilli Con Carne
 Potato Wedges, Seasonal Veg,
 Fresh fruit and yoghurt
- Tuesday**
 Tandoori Chicken & Mango Chutney
 Vegetable Curry
 White Rice
 Seasonal Veg
 Cherry Jelly & Yoghurt
- Wednesday**
 Beef Sausage
 Vegetable Sausage
 Mashed potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
 Coconut square cake & Yoghurt
- Thursday**
 Macaroni Pumpkin Bake
 Macaroni Bake
 Seasonal Veg
 Fresh fruit & Yoghurt
- Friday**
 White Fish Fingers & Baked Beans
 Vegetable Burger
 Oven chips
 Seasonal Veg
 Ice cream or Yoghurt
 *smaller gluten free dishes will be available

DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016-17

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Comic Relief on Friday 24th March – children can wear red clothes to school
 The Variety Show on Friday 24th March at 5.30pm



Follow our school on Instagram for news and updates on school events and learning.
 @bettylayward

Greetings PTFA ers
 Hope you're all well, on top form and have had a sensational week.
 See below the new dates for Summer Fair and the correct date for the BBQ. Apologies for any confusion

Summer Fair 1st JULY

The date that makes everyone's Summer has been changed to the 1st July. We absolutely need volunteers to help organize it, so if you fancy being a PTFA hero please do email adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk

Jumble Sale Date – 29th April 12.00-2.30

Thank you to Liz Stanbury and Sarah Warren who will be helping to organize the Jumble Sale. We salute you, you PTFA heroes! Get sorting through your toys, clothes, trinkets and books to help support the Jumble Sale.

Summer BBQ – 14th JULY early evening 6-8pm

Previous newsletters had another date- CORRECT DATE- 14th JULY !

The Summers Betty Layward gourmet get-together is ON! It's great fun and a casual, relaxing evening for everyone in the BL community. Amazing food and drinks and great company! If you fancy organizing drop Adam an email

VARIETY SHOW Friday 24th March

Can anyone help PTFA secretary Julia set up and sell teas, coffee, soft drinks, Kit Kat or other similar wafer based snacks from 5.30. Perhaps you can email her juliagibbs@me.com, volunteers get a free cup of tea and entrance to the show!

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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?ben_id=62956

Have a fantastic weekend one and all. Adam and Andy, PTFA

SPORTS NEWS



On Saturday 5th March, a few children from Betty Layward took part in an Inter-borough running race at Finsbury Park. Well done to Eve, Leo.C, Theo, Fin and Benji. You done yourselves and Betty Layward proud!

On Wednesday 15th March a selection of students from Year 4 and 5 went to a football tournament at Mabley Green. We won all of our league matches against De Beauvoir, Jubilee, St John and St James, Grazebrook and Sebright, working our way in to the semi- finals where we beat Parkwood 1-0 to qualify for the finals. We lost the final 2-1 after extra time and the golden goal rule however we finished second out of 26 schools in Hackney. Well done to the following Girls: Ella, Katie, Dureti, Betsy, Ava, Imogen, Rosa.L and Elsa. **By Rosa Lloyd and Ava Marter (Year 5 Buttercup Sports Ambassadors)**