

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

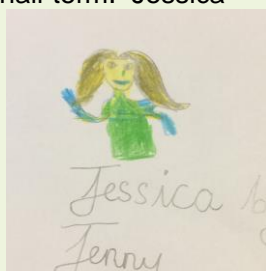
What a great start to the academic year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term. I'm really enjoying getting to know the children and they impress me every day. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. I am really looking forward to working with you over the coming months and years. Betty Layward is a great place to work and I feel lucky to be the headteacher here. The staff are dedicated and work incredibly hard. They are passionate about what they do and really want the best for your children. I strongly believe in this ethos too and want to ensure that your children feel happy and safe at school.

It's been a fab week. On Monday we enjoyed an assembly by Paula Varjack, a spoken word artist who then led poetry workshops with Year 6. On Tuesday, Barney's African drumming assembly was fantastic and the week culminated in a whole school assembly on Thursday. Mel and the children sang enthusiastically and Year 6 performed poetry.

I attended the PTFA meeting last night and was really impressed by the commitment and dedication from all the parents and Carers who offer their time to help. Every parent is an automatic member and any help is very welcome, big or small. It all makes a difference. We feel really lucky that all the bids were accepted and the activities and resources will really benefit our children. Thank you for helping fundraise such a fantastic amount of money. I'm looking forward to the quiz night and the winter fair. If you are able to volunteer or help organise our winter fair, please let the PTFA know, it would be much appreciated. I have also attached a letter about project playground. Thanks to Nicola and Anna, the parents who have donated their time to make this happen. We are on an exciting journey.

We say goodbye to Chloe today. Chloe has really helped me settle in and we wish her well for her new venture.

Have a fantastic half term. Jessica



News

Hackney's outstanding children leading the country

Hackney is ranked number 1 local authority in England for Key Stage 1 for reading, writing and maths!

This is the first time the new, more challenging national curriculum has been assessed since it was introduced in 2014. The report shows that Hackney is ranked first in England for children reaching the expected standard for reading, writing and maths.

Hackney pupils eligible for free school meals and those with an Education Health Care Plan are also ranked in the top five in the country for all of the three core subjects.

These figures represent an outstanding set of results for Hackney in every measure.

Deputy Mayor and Cabinet member for Children's Service, Cllr Annetonette Bramble said: "I am delighted to see these results, which is down to the hard work of Hackney's children, parents/guardians and teachers. "We aim to give every child the best start in life and these figures along with the success at Key Stage 2 give me the confidence we are doing just that. "Congratulations and well done to everyone."

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 8th November – School photographer in school to take individual photographs of the children

Thursday 10th November – Parents' evening

Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week is: Year 6 Chillii with no late marks.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is: Year 1 Violet with 99.3% attendance

Whole school attendance from 5 September until 21st October is 97.4%

VOLUNTEER READERS

Years 1, 2 and 3 require additional parent volunteer readers. If you are able to offer 30 minutes a week to support the class teacher's with 1:1 reading or Daily Supported Reading, please can you send me an email on sghanem@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk

Thank you, Salwa Ghanem

SPORTS NEWS



On Wednesday 19th October 2016, Betty Layward Boys Football Team took part in The Glyn Williams 7-A-Side competition at Mabley Green. Our first game was against Grasmere and we fought hard for the victory however Grasmere came out on top and won 2-0. We were able to record draws against Southwold and St Scholastica's Primary School.

Well done to the following Boys: Clay, Max, Louis, Eddie, Clem, Benji, Devari, Milo and Josh. **By Clay Corbett (6 Ruby)**

Creative: Year 6 poetry
 Curious: Year 5 learning about Ruby Bridges
 Ambitious: Reading in Year 2
 Respectful: Year 1 girls demonstrating excellent manners at lunchtime.
 Happy: Singing in assembly

Next Week's Menu

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

Monday

Beef curry
 Vegetable and Chickpea curry
 Jacket potato with choice of fillings
 Fresh fruit platter or yoghurt

Tuesday

Lentil soup with a bread roll
 Jacket potatoe with choice of fillings
 Chocolate cake with chocolate custard

Wednesday

Beef Bolognaise with spaghetti
 Quorn Bolognaise
 Jacket potatoes with tuna
 Pineapple cake
 Wholemeal bread
 Fresh fruit salad

Thursday

Fish Fingers
 Mashed potatoes
 Veggie Burger
 Strawberry & banana smoothie
 With shortbread biscuit
 Broccoli & Leeks
 Fresh fruit platter

Friday

Fajita Friday
 Tortilla, chicken, salsa, salad and Cheese
 Coleslaw
 Jacket Potatoes
 Fresh fruit platter
 A salad bar & fresh fruit selection is available every day
 Food in 'red' is gluten free.

For full menu please follow this link:

<http://bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk/parents/school-meals-2/>

DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016-17

Year 5 Buttercup Thursday 17th November at 9.15am
 Year 4 Cerise Thursday 1st December at 9.15am
 Year 2 Apricot Thursday 8th December at 10.20am
 Year 6 Ruby Thursday 15th December at 9.15am
 Year 3 Emerald Thursday 19th January at 9.15am
 Year 2 Peach Thursday 26th January at 10.20am
 Year 1 Violet Thursday 9th February at 10.20am
 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



Good Afternoon PTFAers

We hope you all have had a marvelous week and are looking forward to half term

PTFA AGM

Thanks for all that attended yesterday, we celebrated a record breaking year with hob nobs, ginger nuts and chocolate digestives. How ace is that?

All the bids that you saw in your book bags and on the website are going ahead. And in addition we will also be funding coach travel for the Year 5 trip, staff walkie talkies to communicate from playground to school, Lego for early years and a new library book shelf. We will also distribute the minutes of the meet to your class reps

So again a massive thank you!

QUIZ NIGHT 18th November

The night of the year is back! Book your baby sitters and start revising! A fantastic fun night for parents and teachers.

Get your teams together or join a team, it is a great night!

Massive thanks to Quiz Queens extraordinaire Janey, Alie and Jaqui for being ace organisers!

WINTER FAIR NEEDS YOU! 10th December

Urgent help needed! If you fancy being an ace Winter Fair leader/helper please do let us know

andyjspence@me.com or
adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk

We will help you round up a crack team of Winter Fair helpers

Dates for your diary

Winter Fair 10th December

Quiz Night 18th November

Cake Sale DATES

Fri 18th Nov - Y2 and Y6

Fri 2nd Dec - Nursery and Y3

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

PTFA Facebook Page

The PTFA has its own Facebook page. To keep up to speed with PTFA events, cake sales, Fairs, BBQ's and other useful info including whether hamsters or rats are good pets, please do join and enjoy.

For more info on the PTFA and what we do, check out our section on the school website or catch any of us in the yard.

Have a fantastic half term break.

Adam and Andy