

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another great week. When visiting Nursery and Reception I have been really impressed with how well our new children are settling. They were fully engrossed with what they were doing and had big smiles on their faces. What a great first week for them. Thank you for your support in helping them settle.

I saw Year 6 during their mindfulness lesson and it was a pleasure seeing them participate. Mindful awareness exercises help children develop concentration and self-awareness which can then help them with their concentration with learning. All classes will participate in mindfulness this year.

One of our priorities this year for the children and their learning is spelling. We will be looking at ways to improve and develop children's spelling in the context of their writing. Spelling is an integral part of the writing process. Pupils who spell with ease are able to concentrate on the content of their writing and its meaning. While it is important to remember that spelling is not the most important aspect of writing it can contribute to developing a writer's confidence.

In Nursery and Reception we like the children to use real life objects, so if you have any going spare at home we would really appreciate them. Examples are saucepans, frying pans, kitchen utensils, old microwave, phones, hairdryers, baskets, towels, old bedding, small gardening tools, etc. Any donation of bricks, lego etc, cardboard boxes would also be greatly appreciated too. Thank you.

Year 3 would love some volunteers to listen to children read. If you are able to donate some of your time please come and see us. It would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your Calais donations. The box will remain in the Reception area until the end of next week.

We will be sending out all the dates up until Christmas very soon.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jessica



Picture of Jessica by Rose in Year 2 Apricot

News

"MINDFULNESS IS PAYING ATTENTION TO THE HERE AND NOW WITH KINDNESS AND CURIOSITY" - ASSOCIATION FOR MINDFULNESS IN EDUCATION



Mindfulness helps us become more aware of what is happening in the present moment, with openness and interest to things as they are. This year at Betty Layward the children will be learning this skill to support and prepare them for their learning. The training focuses on the development of attention, emotional balance and compassion. Through the mindfulness program, children cultivate skills to increase: attention, awareness, stress management, positive social skills, well-being and academic performance. We will keep you posted on how we are getting along!

Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week are: Year 1 Lavender and Year 6 Chilli with only 1 late;
The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week are: Year 3 Jade and Emerald with 100% attendance

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS



Drop-in Support Service for Children in Betty Layward

Just a quick reminder to all parents and children that Betty Layward provides a drop-in support service for children that is available to anyone who wants to use it. The children can choose to have a one-to-one session during lunch break. They sign up for it themselves and can have up to three meetings to discuss their personal concerns – these include friendship issues, classroom or playground concerns and anything that is worrying a child big or small!

To use it, all they have to do is write their name on a slip of paper and put it into the post box by the downstairs hall. The slips with children's requests are picked up by Kate and Ania.

If you want to find out any more information or you don't want your child to use the service please contact:

Kate on kmiddleton@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk and

Ania on abrataniec@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Please ensure you explain to your child(ren) what after school club they will be attending each day as we have had a number of children who were unsure of which clubs they were meant to be attending this week. Many thanks for your cooperation.

- Curious** – Nursery children investigating different textures.
- Happy** – Children receiving gold awards for their behaviour.
- Respectful** – Children not scooting or cycling on the school grounds.
- Creative**– Year 6 boys using Puppet Pals on the ipad to recreate the story of Odysseus.
- Ambitious** – Year 6 attending the career day.

Next Week's Menu

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

Monday

- Chicken Burger
- Cheese, onion & potato pasty
- Potato wedges
- Broccoli & Sweetcorn
- Fresh fruit platter or yoghurt

Tuesday

- Peri Peri chicken
- Sweet potato and chickpea curry
- Corn on the cob
- Victoria sponge with strawberry jam and fresh strawberries

Wednesday

- Sausages, cheese and tomato quiche
- Cheese and tomato quiche
- Fresh fruit salad

Thursday

- Lamb lasagne
- (small amount made with gluten free lasagne)
- Lamb lasagna
- Vegetable Lasagne
- (small amount made with gluten free lasagna)

Oat cookies

Friday

- Fish and Chip Friday
- Breaded cod, chips
- Vegetarian pizza on wholemeal base
- New Potato salad, Mushy Peas, Jacket Potato with cheese or tuna
- Cinnamon rice pudding (with optional raisons)
- 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 6 Chillii Thursday 29th September at 9.15am
- Year 3 Jade Thursday 13th October at 9.15am
- 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

Music Information

Instrumental Lessons: As per usual, individual instrumental lessons are available on a first-paid-first-served basis. Betty Layward gives lessons in Violin (Wednesdays), Guitar (Thursdays) and Woodwind - flute, clarinet and saxophone (Fridays). Lessons start from the week of 19th September. The cost is £30 per term and payment must be made at the reception office. Payments will only be accepted in an envelope with the full fee, child's full name, class and year they are in and the instrument they wish to learn stated in writing. Piano lessons are now run as an after school club and follow the rules for all after school clubs (see separate information about this).

Hi PTFAers

We hope you all have had a splendid week and are firmly in the groove

[Dates for your diary](#)

PTFA AGM – 20th October

Christmas Fair 10th December

Quiz Night TBC – some time in Nov

PTFA Cash to Spend

We've already raised some great cash that has gone to fund hundreds of books for the library, architect and philosophy workshops, climbing frames, book corners, play equipment for the playground, World Book Day author visits and loads more! We have around £18,000 to spend so the school and all our children can benefit. It's been an amazing effort over the past year, where everyone has raised cash to pay for all of the above but also raised more cash to spend on future projects. We salute and thank you!

If you have a specific project that you would like to run at the school that you think will help our children's education, environment and the school community you can apply for funding following the step by step guide. If you don't fancy committing to running a project, no worries, you can still help decide how we spend the cash via the on-line vote.

Step 1 HEALTH CHECK

Check with a member of Senior Leadership Team that your idea is appropriate for the school

Step 2 BID

Write your name, your project name, why you think it's a great idea (approx 50 words), costs of project (amount you're bidding for) and the name of the member of the SLT who has given the project the approval to be submitted. All bids to be submitted by 7th October

Step 3 SUBMIT

Submit your bid to PTFA secretary to Julia Gibbs juliagibbs@blueyonder.co.uk - by Oct 7th if you don't have access to email please drop the bid in to Max on reception

Step 4 VOTE - October 12th - October 18th

We will send out details of the bids in book bags, on the PTFA section of the site and via class reps. The school community will then be able to vote via an online voting system which will be sent to everyone. If you are unable to vote online, please contact us or your class rep and we will provide a ballot paper

Step 5 RESULTS October 20th

Results of the ballot are announced at the AGM on the 20th October

Cake Sales

Fri 30th Sep - Y1 and Y4, Fri 14th Oct - Reception and Y5
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 are good pets, please do join and enjoy.

Have a great weekend. Adam and Andy

SIZZLING END OF SUMMER SALE AT IVORY - 15% off for Betty Layward!

Betty Layward Mum Alev who owns Ivory (ladies fashions) on Stoke Newington High Street is offering 10 percent discount to BL parents on top of the usual 5 percent for cash payments! There's a brilliant sale on now of sizzling summer stock & there's some gorgeous new Autumn lines in so don't miss this amazing discount on sale & non sale items. Just quote Betty Layward. Ivory is open until 7pm midweek & is situated next to Benjamin's chemist opposite The Three Crowns Pub where Church Street meets the High Street.