

# Betty Layward School

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a good half term. We have had a great first week back. Storm Doris did not stop us having a good week! We watched some amazing instrumental performances this week on Wednesday at our instrumental concert. We are fortunate to have a lot of children who enjoy playing instruments and were happy to perform in front of others. They did very well and should be very proud of themselves.

It is World Book Day next week. We have an exciting week ahead with authors visiting and a storyteller on Thursday. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up on Thursday.

Thank you for supporting the project homework. It's always a pleasure to see the children's work and hear them talk about it.

We received a letter from Nick Gibb MP this week congratulating us on our results and progress. The letter is attached with this newsletter. A big well done to all the children and to all the staff who worked very hard to make this happen.

We had the BBC in school this week filming mindfulness and how it benefits the children at school. They filmed Peach class in a mindfulness session and then interviewed some children about it. I was so impressed with how well the children did and how they chatted about what mindfulness is and how it benefits them. Well done Peach class. If you would like to watch it we have been told it is on BBC London news tonight at 6:30pm.

We have a new menu from Monday. This is attached with the newsletter.

From Monday the children in KS2 will be lining up in the playground and taken to their classroom by an adult from their class. This enables children to be greeted as they arrive to school and children can walk into class together ready to learn. We have practiced this today. KS1 and reception will continue to go to their classroom doors as before. Thank you for your support with this.

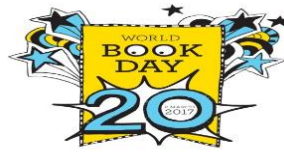
Have a lovely weekend.

Jessica  
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Douglas in Year 4 Cerise

### News



Next week is world book week and we have lots of exciting events happening including author workshops, magical storytellers and of course on World book day we'd love you to come dressed up as your favourite book character. As part of the celebrations we will also be visiting Stoke Newington bookshop during the week commencing 20.03.17 when children will receive their world book day vouchers. Keep reading everyone!

### SPORTS NEWS



On Wednesday 22nd February, year 5 Buttercup took part in an event called Personal Best.

Personal best is an event where three coaches come to schools around Hackney. The aim of the event is to do different Olympic based sports for example javelin throwing, shot-put, sprinting back and forth and long jump (leap, leap and jump). Personal best is an opportunity for children to show off their skills against no one but themselves.

Well done to the whole of 5 Buttercup!!!

By Daniel Linehan and Rosa Lloyd (Year 5 Buttercup Sports Ambassadors)

On the 23rd of February we took place in a 7 a-side tag rugby tournament at Petchey Academy. We played 4 matches; we won 2 and lost 2. Our team in total scored 6 or 7 tries. Every 4 minutes Toby (coach/Max's dad) would take one of us out because we had an extra player. 8 schools turned up. At the end, we came in 7th place but we are still quite proud as we even beat the winning team!

Well done the Tag Rugby team and thank you to Jason Stuart and Toby Clements for their fantastic coaching sessions during lunch time. By Stella Sandmeier and Orla Hippisley (6 Chillii)

## Hola



Excitingly this week, we received lots of letters from our Spanish partner school in Madrid: Colegio Francisco de Quevedo. The children were really excited to read them and are busily writing their replies. Hasta luego, Helen

- Curious** – Year 6 Maths ‘probability’ investigations.
- Creative** – Ed and Terry creating an amazing mud kitchen for nursery.
- Ambitious** – Year 3 learning how to code.
- Respectful** – Creating our golden rules.
- Happy** – To receive our pen pal letters from Spain.

**Awards**

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week are: Year 2 Peach and Year 3 Emerald with no late marks  
 The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is: Year 5 Saffron with 100% attendance  
 Whole school attendance from 5 September until 3<sup>rd</sup> February is 96.7%



Picture of our Star of the Week children

**Next Week's Menu**

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

- Monday**
- Chilli Con Carne
- Vegetable Chilli Con Carne
- Herbed Diced Potatoes, 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

**DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016-17**

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

**JASON AND BARNEY RUNNING A HALF MARATHON!**

Jason and Barney are running the ‘Brighton Half Marathon’ this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017; they are raising funds for ‘Water Aid’. If any parents would like to contribute to their fund raising, please see Jason or Barney (if they make it through Sunday!!)

Greetings PTFA ers  
 Hope you’re all well and have had a marvelous half term, Get your diaries out.

**Cake Sale Dates**

- 3rd March - Nursery and Y3
- 17th March - Y1 and Y4

**PTFA Meet 9th March 7-8pm and 2-3pm School Hall**

We have two meets scheduled for those of us who can’t make the evening meeting. Come down to the school and join in the meeting, volunteer for activities, discuss and suggest other fundraising activities and meet some other parents and carers. All are welcome. It’s everyone’s PTFA

**Jumble Sale Date – 29<sup>th</sup> April early afternoon exact times tbc**

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 Fair 24<sup>th</sup> June early afternoon exact times tbc**

The date that makes everyone’s Summer is confirmed. Forget Blackpool, Bognor, Glastonbury or Goa and make sure you get yourself down to the BL Playground for a Summer extravaganza. If you fancy organizing or joining an organizing committee let us know [adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk](mailto:adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk)  
**Summer BBQ – 9<sup>th</sup> June early evening 6-8pm**

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

We are all part of the PTFA, and if you’d like to create and organise a new event, please do email 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?ben\\_id=62956](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary.php?ben_id=62956)

Have a fantastic weekend everyone. Adam and Andy, PTFA

**STAR SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICER AWARDS**



Donna was awarded the runner up prize at the school crossing patrol officer awards. She is very grateful to the nominations from the parents, children and school.