

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week with trips to the local bookshop, World Down Syndrome Day, Comic Relief and then the Variety Show tonight. What a busy and fun week we have had. We are very excited about the Variety show tonight and look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for supporting it and buying tickets. Thank you for also supporting Comic Relief. The children looked great wearing red today.

The Nursery children and staff looked fab rocking their funky socks this week and did very well learning new Makaton signs.

The children enjoyed their trips to the bookshop and were able to spend their book vouchers. It is great that we can support a local business too.

Over the Easter holidays, as part of our school works we will be having new gates at the entrance of the school. These will replace the current wooden ones. As I am sure you are aware safeguarding the children is extremely important and we review site security at all times. These gates will be open when you drop your children off and when you pick them up. They will be closed during the day. You are always welcome though. All you would need to do, if you need to visit during the school day, is to buzz and we will let you in. We will continue to be as welcoming as we are now. School/family links are very important to us and something we are always looking to develop. I feel Betty Layward is very lucky to have such supportive parents and carers. Thank you.

Year 4 Fuchsia class led a fantastic class assembly this week. They spoke in loud clear voices and we were all impressed. We learnt a lot about sound and their performance at the end with Boomwhackers was fabulous. Well done Fuchsia class.

Please can I remind you to park legally around school. There have been a couple of incidents recently with people parking illegally. You risk a fine or an accident if you do this.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Jessica
Headteacher



News

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY ON 21ST MARCH



Nursery children joined in the celebrations by wearing funky socks and learning sign language. As many children with Down syndrome have either hearing or speech difficulties or both sign language is a really helpful tool for children to use to communicate and understand each other. The children learnt signs for phrases that we use regularly in Nursery such as please, thank you, help, finished and play. The children also learnt a great song using Makaton signs called 'The more we are together the happier we will be'.

The children picked up the signs very quickly and had fun learning the song. Thanks to all the parents who helped this along by learning the signs and 'rocking their socks'!

Paula Ramsden, Nursery Classteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Bookings open for clubs this Monday 27th March at 8.30pm. Please follow instructions below to book onto a club:

How to apply online:

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and follow these simple instructions.

1. Enter the following event code: **cazzw**
2. **Step 1:** Enter your details-name, email address, child's name etc
3. **Step 2:** Choose from the drop-down table for your child's year group, and then choose from the drop-down club listings. **Note: You will have a maximum of 5 choices.**
4. When you have selected all clubs, click GO and you will receive a confirmation email - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.
5. Check all the details before clicking Finished.

CHESS CLUB DAY CHANGE - Chess club will now be running on Thursdays not Wednesdays

Also, please note: Wednesday Y5/6 Cooking club will now run from 3.30 - 4.30pm **not 5pm.**

There are now **no more spaces on Y1/2 Monday Cooking Club** due to a long waiting list of children. If you wish for your child to be put on the waiting list for next year, please email Mel on

mmchugh@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk

VOLUNTEER READERS

Year 3 require additional parent volunteer readers. If you are able to offer 30 minutes a week to support us with reading, please can you send me an email on

cstraayer@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk

- Curious: Science Week next week.
- Creative: Fuchsia's performance at their class assembly with Boomwhackers.
- Ambitious: The School's Variety Show tonight.
- Respectful: The Comic Relief fundraising.
- Happy: Book shop trips where the children were able to spend their World Book Day book vouchers.

Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week is: Year 3 Jade with no lates.
 The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is: Year 3 Emerald with a 100% attendance.
 Whole school attendance from 5 September until 24th March is 96.7%



Picture of our Star of the Week students

Next Week's Menu

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

- Monday**
 *Cheesy Leek Pasta
 *Veg Pasta Bake in cream sauce
 Potato Wedge, Seasonal Vegetables
 Peach Melba cake with custard
 Yoghurt
- Tuesday**
 Chicken fried rice
 Vegetable fried rice
 Fruits, Yoghurt
- Wednesday**
 Homemade Shepherd's Pie
 Veg Shepherd Pie
 Oven Roast New Potatoes
 Seasonal Vegetables,
 Ginger Biscuits and Yoghurt
- Thursday**
 Lamb Curry & Rice
 Quorn Curry & Rice
 Naan Bread
 Seasonable Vegetables
 Banana Oats Muffin
 Fruit Selection or Yoghurt
- Friday**
 Breaded fish
 *Vegetable Pasta Bake
 Potatoes & Seasonable Vegetables
 Fruit Selection or Yoghurt

*smaller gluten free dishes will be available

DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016-17
 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, on top form, bit chilly though, isn't it.....
Diaries Out
Summer Fair 1st JULY
 Forget Goa and Glastonbury, Blackpool or Bognor, the date that makes everyone's Summer is 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
 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
NEVER LOSE A COAT OR FLEECE AGAIN!
 STAMPTASTIC...a fantastic way to name all your child's belongings *and* raise money for the PTFA. Every order placed gives us a 30% cashback. Get stamping!
www.stamptastic.co.uk
PRINTER WANTED

Can you help print the Yr6 leaver's book? Please do get in touch if you can help Cath at cathmcardle@virginmedia.com

20P CHALLENGE
 The 20p challenge –Get your children to do a 'jobs' at home to collect 20p pieces. You know the drill, washing up, making the beds, putting clothes away etc. They collect them over the course of 3months and the class raising the most money gets £20 to spend on something for their classroom. We are hoping to kick this off in partnership with the school over the next few weeks and will end in The Summer.

PTFA MEETING MINUTES
 The minutes from the PTFA meetings we had a couple of weeks ago have now been circulated to class reps to send on to classes.
 Have a fantastic weekend one and all. Adam and Andy, PTFA

SPORTS NEWS



On Thursday 16th March, the Girls' football team took part in the repechage, which means a second chance to qualify for the finals! Luckily, we already qualified for the finals. We lost our first game against Mandeville however we picked up draws against Rushmore and Parkwood. We also recorded our first victory of the tournament against Jubilee!
 Well done to the following Girls: Yasmine, Lola, Maddy, Immy, Orla, Rosa and Bella. **By Imogen McCabe (4 Fuschia)**
 On Thursday 23rd March, 8 boys from Betty Layward took part in a 5-A-Side finals tournament at Queensbridge Sports Centre. There were 5 teams including us. We were able to record victories over Grasmere and St Scholasticas and draws against Mandeville and Rushmore, which meant we were unbeaten. We lost out on only +1 goal difference but apart from that the boys played extremely well and to us, we are champions!!
 Well done to the following Boys: Buzz, Max, Eddie, Benji, Leo, Ethan, Atticus and Daniel. **By Max Clements (Year 6 Ruby)**