

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I was really impressed by the Quiz night – what fun! It was so well organised and run. It was a great night. Thank you to everyone who organised, helped and participated. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers there. I feel lucky to be part of such a committed staff and parent community. Now we have the Winter Fair to look forward to!

Our new Attendance Officer from Hackney, Laurel Theodosiou, visited this week. She will be visiting regularly and checking our registers and attendance. Absence, apart from illness, is unlikely to be authorised unless it is considered exceptional. Attached to this newsletter is part of our attendance policy which defines what exceptional circumstances could look like and what will and won't be authorised. The full policy can be found on the school website. We currently have excellent attendance and are looking forward to this continuing. Thank you for supporting us with this.

This week we have been talking about being kind to each other and how great it feels to give and receive compliments. I have been hearing children give each other some lovely compliments and really smiling about them.

Thank you to Vicky and Jess who led Maths parent workshops on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to those of you who attended them. If you have any questions about your child's learning please do not hesitate to ask.

We have purchased new equipment for our playground which the children are really enjoying. Thank you to Sharon and all our lunchtime supervisors for introducing and organising this. We want playtimes and lunchtimes to be a happy and safe environment for all the children and an enjoyable time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jessica
Headteacher



News



Thanks to Mrs H and her band for a wonderful afternoon of songs and fun for our reception classes on Thursday afternoon.



Picture of our Stars of the Week

Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week is: Year 3 Jade with no late marks.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is: Year 3 Emerald with 99.6% attendance

Whole school attendance from 5 September until 25th November is 97%.

SPORTS NEWS



First we played Rushmore and won 1-0 thanks to goal scored by Orla from a free kick that went past many defenders and through the goalkeepers legs.

Next game we drew 0-0 with Jubilee.

There were hardly any goals in the tournament as the defence was so good. Most of the other teams were made up of girls from Y6 so we did really well as Immy is only in Y4 and Martina and Rosa are in Y5.

In our next game we lost 1-0 against Rushmore - which was the only goal let in by Yasmine in all 4 games.

For the final match we yet again drew 0-0 against Jubilee.

Thank you to Simon for all his coaching and support as always, and a shout out to Emily and Paul for coming along.

Overall we enjoyed playing but wish we had got more goals in the net. **By Lola Kennedy, Year 6 Ruby**

Curious: Science club on Friday afternoons.

Creative: Kelly's Year 4 Art classes using line and shape for characters in artworks.

Ambitious: Y6 students creating Apps in computing.

Respectful: Students being involved in Anti-Bullying week across the school.

Happy: Children giving each other compliments.

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 potato with choice of fillings

Chocolate cake with chocolate custard

Wednesday

Beef Bolognese with spaghetti

Quorn Bolognese

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.

Please use the link below to see the full menu:

<http://bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Betty-Layward-Primary-School-Lunch-Menu-Autumn-2-2016.pdf>

DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016-17

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

Parent Workshops for Years 1-6

Parent workshop (years 1-6) on Thursday December 8th 3:30-4:15 - Multiplication and Division and how we teach for mastery.

Library Shout-Out

Please can you donate any new or nearly new cartoon books or graphic novels? We do not need any other books at present. e.g. Alex Rider, Adventureland. Please leave with Max at Reception. Thanks!

Greeting PTFAers

Hope all is well gang and you've had a splendid week

WINTER FAIR 10th December 12.30 – 3pm

The Winter Fair is really beginning to take shape. The stalls have been allocated to class reps, the Raffle prizes are amazing!, the musicians are booked and Santa is on his way!

A massive thank you to all that are volunteering to help out. We will need more help though for the Fair to really rock and roll.

Please do sign up to help with stalls, set up and tidy away when the board goes up next week. Please get involved and help out, sign up and let your class reps know.

If you can donate the following please do.....

- **KIDS' TOMBOLA PRIZES**

New and nearly new toys, games, puzzles, craft kits etc.

Please leave labelled with Max

- **KIDS' ONLY SHOPPING ZONE GIFTS**

Unused toiletries, scarves, books, cufflinks, games etc -

anything that children can choose to give as a pressie

Please leave labelled with Max or let Julia Gibbs know

(juliagibbs@me.com)

- **PHOTO BOOTH PROPS**

Please dig out adult and kids Christmas jumpers, Santa hats, reindeer antlers, wigs, glasses, tinsel, holly crowns or anything else & leave them labelled with Max or let Claire Ginzler know (claire@claireginzler.com)

- **STITCHERS**

We are making handmade Christmas decorations so we will need people who can sew (or glue). Contact Sam Stesili (samantha.sestili@googlemail.com) Sam is organising a decorative craft making night, which should be a lot of fun on Mon 28th. Contact Sam for details.

Buy your **Christmas tree** via the **PTFA** raise funds for our community. The Christmas Forest (whose stall is by St Paul's Church on the High St each year - the Farmer's Market space) have kindly agreed to donate a cut of profits to us. Contact Helen Porter aitch.pea@blueyonder.co.uk to order your No 4, 5, 6ft tree. Beautiful quality and supports Tree Aid (each tree sold funds a tree for a community in Mali).

6-7ft non-drop Nordmann Firs £54

5-6ft non-drop Nordmann Firs £45

4-5ft non-drop Nordmann Firs £38

Cake Sale DATES

Fri 2nd Dec - Nursery and Y3

BL Quiz

Massive thanks to our Quiz Queens Janey, Allie and Jaquie who organised yet another spectacular and fun event last Friday night. We Thank You On High!

Have a fantastic weekend. Adam and Andy

MINDFULNESS -LISTENING SKILLS

Listening is a really important life skill for parents. When your child feels listened to they will feel like you understand them. Active listening is a way of listening and responding to another person that improves mutual understanding.

1. Concentrate completely on what your child is saying

Hearing is not listening.

You should stop what you're doing. Crouch down to your child's level. Make eye contact with them.

Put together, these 3 actions show your child that they have your full attention.

2. Avoid interrupting

Let your child finish their sentences at their own pace. It may be hard for them to find the correct words to use.

3. Repeat back to your child what they said

Once your child has finished speaking, say back to them what you've understood.

It doesn't need to be the exact words - you can add details and suggest an emotion that they may be feeling. If you've got it right, your child will agree with you.

If you're not clear whether your child is sad or angry or scared, it's okay to guess as your child may not know the correct word but you'll be able to work it out together.