

# 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 week with the mural opening on Monday. I am so impressed with what the children have created. It has really brightened up that area of school. Well done to Kelly and the children who spent a lot of time creating it. We look forward to creating more murals for other locations around school.

Year 2 had a great trip to London zoo this week- we were pleased they got there this time.

We have really noticed an improvement in respect and behaviour this week. The children have been very polite around the school. It's lovely to hear them say good morning and good afternoon to adults and each other and they often ask an adult how their weekend was. They are an absolute pleasure to spend time with.

We are looking forward to the Royal Academy of Music performance with Fuchsia class next Friday. Parents and Carers of Fuchsia class are very welcome to attend. It is in the school hall at 11.10am. I watched some of it today and was very impressed. Fuchsia class behaved beautifully and were a credit to the school. Thank you to Suzi, a parent, who helped organise this.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Jessica  
Headteacher



(Jessica drawn by Isla in Year 4 Cerise)

We are pleased to confirm that Anand Trip and Alyssa Tisne have been elected as the two replacement parent governors for Philly Beaumont and Phil Haywood whose terms of office ended in December. We welcome Anand and Alyssa to the GB and thank Philly and Phil for the significant contribution they made to governance at the school. Alyssa and Anand have already attended their first governing body meeting this week and will now play their part in setting the strategic direction of the school and supporting the staff to ensure that all necessary improvements at the school occur. We would also like to thank the other candidates for putting themselves forward in this election.

Paul Brooks (Chair of Governors) & Jessica Bailey  
(Headteacher)

### News

## Scout & Park Mural Opens



Thanks to Year 4 and all of the parents that attended the mural opening last week. It was lovely to hear so many positive comments as people were arriving and leaving. We are hoping that this is going to be one of many pieces of art that will have a positive impact on our school environment. A big well done to our Year 4 artists who gave a short presentation and answered questions with such confidence. You never stop amazing me!  
Kelly, Art Teacher

## SPORTS NEWS



On Monday 30th January, Betty Layward took part in the Hackney Primary Schools Cross Country League, race 3 at Hackney Downs Park.

The boys and girls raced separately against a few other schools. The run was around 1.4k and was about 3/4 of the park. When the race was over we were given a card telling us what place we came, which was then recorded into a little plastic folder next to our names

Thank you also to **ALL** the parents who came to show their support. **By Rosa Lloyd, Sport's Ambassador Y5 Buttercup**



On Tuesday 31st January, Year 1 Violet took part in Hackney 'Personal Bests'. This is a series of activities which is an Olympic & Paralympic legacy, sports and healthy lifestyle programme. It uses sport to enthuse individuals to improve and 'be the best they can be'. The programme records individual's personal best distances and times in a series of athletic disciplines.

The KS1 activities include: Shot Put, Shuttle Run, Leap Jump, Agility, challenge, Speed and Bounce  
Well done to all the Year 1 Violet children, you were amazing.  
**Simon Khodabukus**

**Curious** - The science experiment in Year 5 tasting foods  
**Creative** – The mural created by our artists in Year 4  
**Ambitious** – Year 1 learning new ways of subtracting in Maths  
**Respectful** - the manners demonstrated by the children  
**Happy** – Year 2 on their trip to the London Zoo

**Awards**

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week is: Year 3 Emerald  
 The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is: Year 3 Emerald  
 Whole school attendance from 5 September until 3<sup>rd</sup> February is 96.4%



Picture of this week's Stars of the Week

**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>

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

- Year 1 Violet Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 10.20am
- 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

Greetings PTFA ers  
 Hope you're all well and have had a marvelous week  
**Cake Sale Dates**  
 10th Feb - Reception and Y5  
 3rd March - Nursery and Y3  
 17th March - Y1 and Y4

**Jumble Sale Update**

Thank you to Liz Stanbury and Sarah Warren who will be helping to organise the Jumble Sale. We salute you, you PTFA heroes! The date will be announced next week. But in the meantime get sorting through your toys, clothes, trinkets and books.

There will be loads going on this year including the aforementioned Jumble Sale, Summer Fair, Cake Sales and of course our amazing BBQ. All dates will be confirmed over the next few weeks. If you fancy helping organise and running any of these ace events please do let us know, we can't run them with you!

We are all part of the PTFA, and if you'd like to create and organise a new event, please do email [adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk](mailto:adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk) 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?beneficiary\\_id=62956](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary.php?beneficiary_id=62956)

**PTFA Facebook Page**

The PTFA has its own Facebook page. To keep up to speed with PTFA events, cake sales, Summer Fairs, BBQ's and other useful info including whether Hamsters are good pets, please do join and enjoy. Have a fantastic weekend. Adam and Andy.



KS2 are taking part in a BBC science project which is aimed at inspiring primary school pupils to find their inner scientist. The project involves a series of experiments for children to complete and upload their data. There are also live lessons for schools to take part in; this week's was all about taste and the children found out if they were supertasters! To find out more check out the website on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/terrificscientific>