

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic Book Week we have had. The children looked wonderful in their costumes yesterday and so did the staff. Thank you for all your support with this. The children have experienced visiting authors and a storyteller. We hope it has inspired them to read and write even more than they already do. It's great to hear and see children inspired by different books.

We have been working on golden school agreements with the children and have written some for everyone to follow. We operate a positive approach to behaviour.

The golden rules are-

- We are always kind and respect others
- We are always considerate and helpful
- We look after all property and equipment
- We are always honest and tell the truth
- We always talk quietly and walk inside school
- We always use manners and say 'please' and 'thank you'
- We listen to adults and to each other
- We have kind hands and feet at all times
- We tell an adult if somebody upsets or hurts us, or are not following the golden rules
- We always try our best

We encourage the children to follow these at all times.

I hope you managed to see our piece on Mindfulness at schools on the BBC news this week. If you missed the showing you can see it under the Year 2 section of our website. The children did really well and I think it has really demonstrated the importance of taking care of ourselves as part of everyday life.

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kid vouchers, please post in the black post box in the reception foyer.

Comic relief is on Friday 17th March. We are asking that the children wear something red to school that day. They can wear their own clothes that day too. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 to Comic relief as part of the day. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Have a great weekend.

Jessica
Headteacher



News

WORLD BOOK DAY

We have had a real treat with all our visitors this week. The children have been entertained and inspired by authors and storytellers galore - check out our website or Instagram (@bettylayward) to see more. Thursday saw World book Day and as always we all had great fun with book themed activities throughout the day. Both staff and children did themselves proud with an assortment of characters from Harry Potter to Charlie Brown. It doesn't end there as all children will receive their world book day voucher; which they will be able to use when they visit Stoke Newington bookshop during the week commencing 20th March.



SPORTS NEWS



On Monday 27th February 2017, I (Ines), Oliver, Bruno, Yasmine, Louis, Lewi and Stella went to a Hockey competition. There were 7 schools which were divided into 2 groups. In our group we had 4 other schools. Our team came 3rd out of the 4 schools. We didn't come first but we didn't come last. In my opinion I think that the event was a great experience, I really enjoyed it. 3rd place is not the best score however to me that doesn't matter because we still did the best that we could and we only had a few sessions to practise. By Ines Bloomberg (6 Ruby)

On Thursday 2nd March some members in the BL Girls football team went to Queensbridge Leisure Centre to play in a 5-aside tournament. Luckily we qualified into the finals with some fantastic goals by Rosa Lloyd (Year 5 Buttercup) Orla Hipplesley (Year 6 Chilli) and Bella Jacobs- Waldman (Year 6 chilli). Thanks to all the girls who came; Maddie (Year 6 Ruby), Orla (Year 6 Chilli), Immy (Year 4 Fuchsia) Bella (Year 6 chilli), Lola (Year 6 Ruby), Yasmine Charles-Webb (Year 6 Ruby) and Rosa Lloyd (Year 5 Buttercup). We Played 4 games, won 3 and lost 1 and finished at the top of the table with 9 points. Special praise for the youngest participant in our team, Immy McCabe for her amazing sportsmanship! She stepped in to help out with the opposing team when they were a player down. Thanks to Emily Barker and Simon for all their help.

- Curious** – to find out about our friend's favourite book.
- Creative**- The costumes for World Book day, fantastic, thank you.
- Ambitious** – Making pancakes in the classroom.
- Respectful** – Following the golden rules.
- Happy** – Listening to authors and storytellers this week.

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 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

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Bisi Showunmi, Educational Psychologist, invites parents to a coffee morning to discuss Dyslexia from 9.30 - 10.30 am on Tuesday 7th March.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS AT BL

We offer instrumental lessons at school to KS2 in flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin and guitar. These are charged at £36 per term so £3.60 per lesson with children learning in small groups of 4. Children can get opportunities to perform in our instrumental concert and at our BLastonbury Festival. Rachael Bartlett, is offering taster sessions in flute, clarinet and saxophone on Fridays for the remainder of this term for any pupils interested in taking up a wind instrument. Instruments can also be hired at £10 per term. Please let Barney know if you wish to take up this offer. The benefits of learning an instrument are many!



Greetings PTFA ers
Hope you're all well and have had a sensational week.

Cake Sale Dates

17th March - Y1 and Y4

PTFA Meet 9th March 7-8pm and 2-3pm in 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 – 29th 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 24th 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 organising or joining an organising committee let us know adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk

Summer BBQ – 9th 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 organising 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

Have a fantastic weekend everyone, Adam and Andy, PTFA

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

We are requesting some volunteer assistance from our parent community. The school is currently redeveloping our communication to parents and we are asking for some assistance from any parents/carers with graphic design skills to help. If any parents would like to volunteer please see Jessica or Jason. Your help is greatly appreciated!