

# Betty Layward School

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Our Week

No 324, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a good half term. It's great to be back. It's been a busy week – Ellis Layward, Betty Layward's son visited us on Tuesday. It would have been Betty's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. The junior choir sang to him and he enjoyed lunch with the children. The choir's performance was fabulous. Thank you to them and Mel for their hard work. Next year we will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and there will be a day of celebrating in 2017. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing about Betty and how the school was named after her. The choir also performed at the Hackney Empire last night as part of the Hackney Music Service's Annual Gala Concert. They performed Radio Ga Ga with Stoke Newington School. It was fab. What a great experience for them to sing in such a wonderful venue.

I am thrilled to announce that Helen Maltby and Anna Reynolds will be our new Acting Assistant Headteachers. They will join myself, Peter and Jason as part of the Senior Leadership Team. We are all looking forward to communicating the schools priorities and achievements to you throughout the year. We have received another letter from Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for Schools Standards, congratulating us on our Year 1 phonics results last year. Another big thank you to our very hard working and committed staff group.

We look forward to seeing you at parents' evening next Thursday. Please ensure you have made an appointment. We encourage children to join you for their appointment so teachers can share progress and next steps.

Thank you for supporting the children with their project homework. They are fantastic and I have loved seeing the children so proud of their work and achievements.

On the last day of term we had a non-school uniform day for Haiti. We raised a fantastic £269.70. Thank you for all your support.

We are happy for children to celebrate birthdays in school at the end of the day by handing out cupcakes or individual bags of fun sized sweets, e.g. a fun size bag of Maltesers. We are finding it hard to cut cakes up especially if a class does not have a Teaching Assistant present and the teacher cannot leave the class. Thank you for supporting us with this.



(picture of Jessica drawn by Amiyah in Year 2 Peach)

### Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week is: Year 2 Peach with no late marks.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is: Year 6 Chillii with 99.4% attendance

Whole school attendance from 5 September until 21<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> November is 97.3%

### News

## BONFIRE NIGHT SAFETY

**If you're hosting a Bonfire Night party or family fireworks, gen up on the safety drill beforehand, so that it's a memorable night for all the right reasons.**

### Sparklers

A sparkler can reach a temperature of up to 2,000°C - ie 20 times the boiling point of water, according to the Child Accident Prevention Trust - so the safety advice is:

- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Don't give sparklers to children under the age of five - they don't properly understand why they can be dangerous
- Don't hold babies and young children while you're holding a sparkler in case they reach out unexpectedly
- Supervise children aged five and over when they're holding sparklers
- Make sure children are wearing gloves (but be aware that they won't fully protect their hands from burns)
- Don't let children run around with sparklers or pick spent sparklers up once they've finished
- Have buckets of water to put spent sparklers in

### Firework drill

First things first, the Firework Code:

- Stand well back
- Keep pets indoors
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Light at arm's length, using a taper
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never go near a firework that has been lit - even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode

Before you buy, check what it says on the box about the fireworks' 'clearance distance' - there's no point in shelling out for rockets that need 30m if your garden is only 10m.

And if you buy fireworks designed for a much larger space, you also risk damaging children's hearing - fireworks can be well over 140 decibels, which is loud enough to cause tinnitus and hearing damage, say hearing charities. Enjoy and keep safe.

## HACKNEY EMPIRE GALA



A huge well done to all those children from junior choir that took part in the wonderful Gala concert last night. They sang beautifully, with so much energy and passion! Well done! We're all really, really proud of you.

- Curious:** Children planning their own assemblies.
- Creative:** The fantastic project homework that we are currently receiving.
- Ambitious:** The choir's performance at Hackney Empire.
- Respectful:** The class ambassadors welcoming visitors to the class.
- Happy:** Children receiving gold awards for their behaviour

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 potatoe with choice of fillings  
Chocolate cake with chocolate custard
- Wednesday**  
Beef Bolognaise with spaghetti  
Quorn Bolognaise  
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.

For full menu please follow this link:  
<http://bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk/parents/school-meals-2/>

DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016-17

- Year 5 Buttercup Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am
- Year 4 Cerise Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9.15am
- Year 2 Apricot Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10.20am
- Year 6 Ruby Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am
- Year 3 Emerald Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am
- Year 2 Peach Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10.20am
- 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

Year 5 Parent Workshops

- Year 5 Parent workshop on Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:30-4:15 on Addition and Subtraction through Primary school: how we teach for mastery
- Year 5 Parent workshop on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:15 - Multiplication and Division through Primary school on how we teach for mastery.

Good Afternoon PTFAers  
Hope you all had a superb half term  
**QUIZ NIGHT 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
The night of the year is back! Book your babysitters and start revising! A fantastic fun night for parents and teachers.  
Get your teams together or join a team, it is a great night!  
Massive thanks to Quiz Queens extraordinaire Janey, Alie and Jaqui for being ace organisers! Tickets will be going on sale very, very soon.

**WINTER FAIR NEEDS YOU! 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Thanks to everyone that has offered help, but we **do** need more people to get actively involved in the planning of this brilliant event. The more help, the better the fair! If you fancy being an ace Winter Fair leader/helper please do let us know [andyjspence@me.com](mailto:andyjspence@me.com) or [adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk](mailto:adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk)

**Dates for your diary**

Winter Fair 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Quiz Night 18<sup>th</sup> November

**Cake Sale DATES**

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Y2 and Y6**  
**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Nursery and Y3**

**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)

**PTFA Facebook Page**

The PTFA has its own Facebook page. To keep up to speed with PTFA events, cake sales, Fairs, BBQ's and other useful info including whether hamsters or rats are good pets, please do join and enjoy.  
For more info on the PTFA and what we do, check out our section on the school website or catch any of us in the yard

Have a fantastic, firework weekend  
Adam and Andy

**NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT THURSDAY**

Please be aware that there will not be any after school clubs running next week Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November as it is Parents' evening.

**EXHIBITION THIS WEEKEND - TRANSIENT | KELLY SWEENEY**

BSMT Space in Dalston are hosting my first solo show in London. It runs from 4-6 November 12-7pm. I will be around most of the weekend in the gallery so feel free to pop in and say hello. Everyone is welcome and I look forward to seeing some of you there. For full details check out the link on the about page of my website:

[www.kellysweeney.co.uk](http://www.kellysweeney.co.uk)