Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,
What a fab and busy week the children have had this week. Matt Wall from St Mary's Church led an assembly for all the children on Harvest and the importance of celebrating seasonal change. Thank you for your harvest donations. Please continue to bring them in.
The children embraced No Pens Day Wednesday and the children showed me their stories they had created on iPads, please see pictures overleaf.
We also thoroughly enjoyed National Poetry Day on Thursday. The Year 6 children wrote fantastic poems called 'The Air Raid'. I have asked the children to publish them into a book to go into the library for other children to read. Here are two of the poems:

The Air Raid
As soon as the sirens begin to wail
I always think that we will fail
Damp, dark shelters, my worst fears
People crying, flowing tears
As soon as a bomb drops panic spreads
Anybody could be dead
Anxious faces a worried sight
In the prison all through the night
Destruction, devastation has been caused
Houses crushed to the floor
No hope, no home, nowhere to go
Unhappy faces full of sorrow
The Blitz – **by Lola Kennedy, Year 6 Ruby**

Air Raid
Over the gales, a siren wails
People scream, it's a terrible dream
Cramped into shelters, eight into one
It's a deathly squeeze but it has to be done
Close the door tight, there isn't much light
Then come the bombs, a storm of fear and panic
In the tube station, wide and manic
Cries from children, dogs and cats
Worried faces hidden by hats
The planes are above; not quiet like a dove
But a whirring, swirling ear-ache of noise
Even shaking children's toys
Suddenly they stop and doors creak open
All that's left is a world – still and broken
Underneath the swollen bruise of sky
Who can tell what is nigh… **by Maddie Hodge, Year 6 Ruby**

The School Council are currently working on having a good manners day. This is obviously something we encourage all the time but they would like to have a day to celebrate it. They will do all the organising and we look forward to hearing all about it.
On Monday Year 6 Chilli had a fantastic day drumming at the Bang the Drum event at the Copperbox Arena in London's Queen Elizabeth Park. They were there with 1,700 school children. They were attempting to break the Guinness world record for the world's largest drumming lesson and were successful!
The website is now live. Jason has worked exceptionally hard on creating it. Please take a look. We are still tweaking it. I hope it is useful and faster than before. www.bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk
Have a fantastic weekend. Jessica

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MESSAGE FROM DONNA OUR SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICER

Thank you to you all for assisting me with helping everyone cross the road safely.
Could I please make a request for cyclists to dismount from their bikes and children to walk with their scooters when crossing the zebra crossing. This will ensure that all pedestrians are able to cross the road in safety.
Thank you. Donna Thorpe

Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week is: Year 1 Lavender with no late marks.
The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is: Year 3 Emerald with 100% attendance.
Whole school attendance from 5 September until 7th October is 97.2%
Please see below a picture of our Star of the Week Children.

Everyone here at Betty Layward embraced No Pens Day Wednesday making it a creative, fun and successful day of learning for the children. So much innovation and use of iPads alongside the level of focus, creativity and commitment was clear in every classroom across all the school.
The children enjoyed the day and I hope that we can incorporate aspects of it into our styles of learning ... linking to Meta Cognition, P4C and Destination Reader as well as many other aspects of our creative curriculum. Peter, SENDCo

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help put protective covers on books in the library. If anyone has a spare hour or two please email, Chloe on email address: calder@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk

Delivering Our Vision

Creative: Year 3 capturing their soup making with Stop Motion.
Ambitious: Our whole school 'No Pens Wednesday'
Respectful: Year 2's playground behaviour all week.
Curious: Year 6 investigating Electricity in Science.
Happy: Reception students with their KS2 'Buddies'.

Next Week's Menu

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

Monday
Beef curry
Chickpea and sweet potato pattie with pitta bread
Jacket potato with choice of fillings
Fresh fruit platter or yoghurt

Tuesday
Shepherd's Pie (Lamb)
Cheese and onion potato pie
Wholemeal baguette with tuna or cheese
Chocolate cake with chocolate custard

Wednesday
Chicken with aubergines and olives in a rich tomato sauce
Lentil and butternut squash tagine
Cous cous
Jacket potato half
Green beans
Pineapple cake Gluten free option

Thursday
Fish fingers
Mashed potato
Baked beans or ketchup
Macaroni cheese
Broccoli & Leeks
Strawberry & banana smoothie with shortbread biscuit

Friday
'Fajita Friday' Tortilla, chicken, salsa, salad, cheese & Vegetarian ' Fajita Friday'
Coleslaw
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 3 Jade Thursday 13th October at 9.15am
Year 5 Buttercup Thursday 17th November at 9.15am
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

PTFA

Good Afternoon PTFAers
We hope you all have had a marvelous week

PTFA Cash to Spend- FINAL REMINDER

A FINAL reminder, we have around £18,000 to spend so the school and all our children can benefit.
If you have a specific project that you would like to run at the school that you think will help our children's education, environment and the school community you can apply for funding following the step by step guide. If you don't fancy committing to running a project, no worries, you can still help decide how we spend the cash via the on-line vote.

Step 1 HEALTH CHECK
Check with a member of Senior Leadership Team that your idea is appropriate for the school

Step 2 BID
Write your name, your project name, why you think it's a great idea (approx 50 words), costs of project (amount you're bidding for) and the name of the member of the SLT who has given the project the approval to be submitted. **All bids to be submitted by 7th October TODAY**

Step 3 SUBMIT
Submit your bid to PTFA secretary to Julia Gibbs juliagibbs@blueyonder.co.uk- **by Oct 7th** if you don't have access to email please drop the bid in to Max on reception

Step 4 VOTE - October 12th - October 18th.
We will send out details of the bids in book bags, on the PTFA section of the site and via class reps. The school community will then be able to vote via an online voting system which will be sent to everyone. If you are unable to vote online, please contact us and we will provide a ballot paper

Step 5 RESULTS October 20th
Results of the ballot are announced at the AGM on the 20th October

Christmas Cards
Christmas comes early to Betty Layward! Every year, all children in the school design their very own personal Christmas card which are printed and available for purchase before Christmas, as cards/mugs/gift tags. This is a great fundraiser for the PTFA and also great fun for the children. The designs will be completed in school during the next 3 weeks, so now is the time to encourage your child/children to think about their fabulous design! Massive thanks to Karen Mum of Mia and Tom for organizing this again

Dates for your diary
PTFA AGM – 20th October
Winter Fair 10th December
Quiz Night 18th November

Help Needed
If you fancy being an ace Winter Fair leader/helper please do email adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk or andyjspence@me.com and let us know….

Cake Sale DATES
Fri 14th Oct - Reception and Y5, Fri 18th Nov - Y2 and Y6
Fri 2nd Dec - Nursery and Y3

Have a great weekend, Adam and Andy

On Monday some children from Year 5 went to Clissold Park for an Orienteering competition against seven other schools from Hackney. We were given a map and set off looking for the numbered stations located on our map. Once we had done so we scanned an item on our fingers to prove we had found them. When we found all fifteen stations, we returned to the start where they told us how long we took.
Thank you to Leda and Karren for taking us.
Well done to the following children: Martina, Rosa.L, Atticus, Theo.H and Ned.
By Rosa Lloyd (5 Buttercup)