

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has been very busy this week with our Christmas preparations. The tree in the hall is up and the children have been busy making decorations. Please remember we are having Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children on Friday 16th December. The children can either wear a Christmas jumper or decorate one. Any donations for Save the Children would be very welcome. The Winter Fair is this Saturday. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you to those of you who have donated items or your time to help. It is much appreciated.

Apricot performed a great assembly this week on the Three Little Pigs and materials. They performed their own version of the story which was fantastic. Well done Apricot class.

Our Christmas performances are nearly here. The children have been rehearsing and I am really looking forward to my first Christmas at Betty Layward. As space in the hall in Stoke Newington is tight they have asked us to split the concert so Years 2,3 and 4 will be performing their songs at 2:00pm at Stoke Newington school and Years 5 and 6 will be performing at 2:45pm. If you have children in both performances please remain seated. If you do not please only attend the concert with your child's year group as space in the hall is very limited. We can only allow a maximum of two adults per child as space is tight. Please remember not to post any photos or videos on social media. Thank you for supporting us with this. I am really looking forward to it.

It is our Christmas lunch on Thursday. We will have Turkey with all the trimmings and a delicious vegetarian option. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas lunch, please remember to send in £2 by Monday 12th December.

Please remember we break up on Wednesday 21st December at 1:45pm.

Have a lovely weekend I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Fair tomorrow.

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Oscar in Year 4 Cerise



Our Star of the Week children

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Booking lines open Tuesday 13th December at 8.30pm and close on Friday 16th December 2016 at 6pm.

Please note: There are no more spaces for Year 1/2 Cooking club on a Monday as these were given to the children on the waiting list. If you would like for your child to do this club for the Summer term, please contact mmchugh@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk to be put on the new waiting list.

To apply for clubs online, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and enter the following code: cazzw

EIGHT WEEK MINDFULNESS COURSE FOR PARENTS

Mindfulness practice has been proven to be one of the most effective methods for stress reduction and overall well-being by helping to become more present in day to day life. As part of our Mindfulness project this year, we will be offering an eight-week Mindfulness training course for parents run by practitioner Julie, who works with the children every Wednesday. The course will run on the following dates:

Wednesday 18th January from 9 - 9.45am in Daniel House
Wednesday 25th January from 9 - 9.45am in Daniel House
Wednesday 1st February from 9 - 9.45am in Daniel House
Wednesday 8th February from 9 - 9.45am in Daniel House
Wednesday 15th February from 9 - 9.45am in Daniel House
Wednesday 22nd February from 9 - 9.45am in Daniel House
Wednesday 1st March from 9 - 9.45am in Daniel House
Wednesday 8th March from 9 - 9.45am in Daniel House

Usually, the cost for this course is £250, however, we are offering it for the price of £10 per session (a one-off £80 fee to be paid on booking)!

If you are interested in attending and would like to book onto the course, please contact Melanie McHugh on mmchugh@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk

LIBRARY

Please return all Library books by Friday 16th December. Books must be returned to the class teacher, or put in the overdue book box outside library. Please remind your child not to put books back on the shelves in the Library without the book being scanned by an adult or Year 6 Prefect. If they do this, we have no way of knowing the book has been returned and may think that this is lost. Check your child's book back for overdue book reminders. Class teachers have lists of books currently on loan. Thank you. Dorinda Mills, Librarian

ART WORK



I was super impressed with Inigo from Peach class in art this week after he created a fantastic piece of work at home inspired by what we are learning about in class. Have a look at this fantastic collage inspired by artist Yinka Shonibare who has his studio here in Hackney. Great work Inigo especially as you were not feeling very well at the time! Kelly Sweeney

Curious: The Year 5 Viking workshop this week.
Creative: The children in Year 4 trying to persuade Cadburys to use Fairtrade ingredients in their chocolate!
Ambitious: The excellent sports week we have had – thank you to Simon.
Respectful: A supportive audience listening to Year 1 and Reception's Nativity this afternoon.
Happy: Year 2 Apricot's Class assembly on the 3 little pigs!

Awards

The winner of the best punctuality trophy for this week is: Year 6 Chilli with no late marks
 The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is: Year 3 Emerald with a 100% attendance
 Whole school attendance from 5 September until 9th December is 97.1%

Next Week's Menu

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

Monday
 Coconut chicken curry
 Quorn chicken curry
 Rice, Flat bread, broccoli
 Fruity flapjack or plain flapjack
Tuesday
 Meat balls with spaghetti
 Macaroni Cheese
 Green beans and carrots
 Lemon drizzle sponge
Wednesday
 Jacket potatoes with choice of fillings:
 Chilli, baked beans, tuna, coleslaw, Cheese
 Salad bar selection including hummus
 Fresh fruit platter
Thursday
 Christmas Turkey with all the trimmings
 Vegetable roasted log
 Parsnips, Brussel sprouts, sweetcorn, Peas
 Snowman ice cream, mince pies, chocolate cheesecake
Friday
 Garlic and herb chicken
 Garlic and herb roast vegetables
 Roast potatoes
 Carrot, peas, Jacket potato
 Apple crumble and custard
 Apple crumble and cream
 Jacket potatoes, Salad bar selection and fruit selection are always available
 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 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

Christmas Dates

Tuesday 13th December at 10am – Nativity performance for Year 1 Parents and Carers
 Tuesday 13th December at 2pm – Nativity performance for Reception Parents and Carers
 Thursday 15th December – Christmas lunch
 Friday 16th December at 10.30am – Christmas performance by our morning and afternoon nursery children for Parents and Carers – there will be no afternoon nursery on this day
 Tuesday 20th December at 2pm – Christmas Concert for Year 2-6 Parents and Carers at Stoke Newington School

Hi PTFA ers
 Hope you're all well and have had a great week. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! It's the Winter Fair tomorrow! Massive thanks to everyone that has helped and is helping out – You're great!

Christmas Fair Dec 10th

RAFFLE TICKETS

Please do buy some raffle tickets at the fair. There are some fantastic prizes, Football Tickets, Amazing Limited Edition Art, Cases of Craft Beer from Mother Kelly's Bottle Shop, Designer watch from Dezeen Watch Store, Amazing Storage Box from Adventures in Furniture, Wine Tasting Tickets at Yield N16, Food and Drink gift tokens from Escocesa, The Rose and Crown, Londesborough, Perilla, The Leconfield, Yum Yum's, Gift Tokens from Meat N16, Cook Shop, Design Store, Jaines and Son Fishmongers, Jewellery from Metal Crumble, Beer from 40ft Brewery, Tate Tickets plus more

Thanks to all local the businesses and people that donated- We salute you!

Programme of Ace Events

12.30 – Fair opens
 14.00 – Junior Choir
 14.15 – The Volunteers
 14.40 – Prize Winners Announced
 14.45 – Raffle Draw

HELP SETTING UP

If you are picking up today after school, please do spare an hour or two to help us set up for the fair from 4.30 or tomorrow morning from 9.00

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The cards and mugs have been ordered and you should now have them. They raised over £500 to the PTFA, so thanks to all who ordered and massive thanks to Karen Kininmonth and Emily Barker who organised it again this year. PTFA Superstars!

The Giving Machine

As Christmas is around the corner The Giving Machine helps us raise money for our school. Anybody who Christmas 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

Really look forward to seeing you all at the Fair, it'll be great!
 Have great weekend all

SPORTS NEWS



On Monday 5th December 2016, a group of children from Year 5 and 6 took part in a Cross Country race (2) at Hackney Downs Park. We were all very excited about the competition and had great fun. Out of 165 boys, Betty Layward boys are in the top 100 with Ethan currently in 5th place! Out of 150 girls, Betty Layward girls are in the top 50 with Martina in 16th place!

All the cross country runners were amazing and they should be really proud of themselves because they were great today and really tried their best. **By Betsy Brooke-Taylor (5 Saffron)**

On 7th December, at 11:15, a few Year 5 and 6 children were taken out of class to prepare for a Swimming Gala at Clissold Leisure Centre. When we arrived we all warmed up for 10 minutes and then got ready for the races to begin. There were individual boy and girl races for each stroke and then a 100m relay medley (which four people from each school took part in). The final race was a 100m freestyle relay (which four people from every team took part in). We all swam amazingly, and in the end we came back with 14 medals in total: six gold, six silver and two bronze! The atmosphere was incredible, and we were all very supportive. It was really fun, and we definitely showed all of our aquatics skills! Well done for winning the gala 3 years in a row. GO BETTY LAWARD!

By Linnea Cramer (6 Chilli)

On Thursday 8th December 2016, 7 boys from Betty Layward took part in a 5-A-Side football competition at Queensbridge Sports Centre. We played 4 games and scored 5 goals in total. We won 2, drew 1 and lost 1 which meant we have qualified for the finals in the New Year!!

Well done to the following boys: Buzz, Max, Eddie, Benji, Leo, Ethan and Daniel. **By Max Clements (6 Ruby)**