

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a great week. The Wow days were fab, with children completing a range of activities from art to cooking. Some of the year groups mixed their children up, which enabled them to work with new friends. Our aim is that the children get opportunities throughout the year, in a range of subjects, to work with other children in different classes. This could be the class in their year group or another year group entirely. We have also introduced reading partners across the school where children work with another year group. The children really enjoy this.

It's also been great to see all the different homework projects - we love these. The children come up with some fantastic ideas and produce amazing results. Thank you for supporting us with these.

Please remember that it's Grandparents' week, next week. This is a new initiative for us and something we are really looking forward to. It gives grandparents a chance to come in to school and children a chance to find out about how life has changed. Please see your class teacher to book a time. We look forward to meeting them next week.

The dates list for the next term is just being compiled and will be with you next week. The Variety Show was given a date in February on the last list. That was incorrect and the correct date is Friday 23rd March. We are looking forward to another entertaining evening.

Our spring menu has started and we have introduced some delicious new dishes. We hope the children enjoy it too.

The Reception classes also have some lovely new sheds in their outdoor area. They look great and are very accessible for the children. Please take a look.

Please remember we offer an open door policy and any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Iris Porter in Year 5 Saffron

News

Lego Masters

We have received an email from a TV production company called Tuesday's Child who made the first series of the popular Channel 4 series – Lego Masters.

Following the success of Series 1, they are again on the hunt to find Britain's most talented Amateur Builders.

They are looking for anyone over the age of 9 (on 31st March 2018) who loves to build! Either individuals or teams are welcome to apply.

For further information, or if anyone in particular springs to mind, please contact:

Katie Hale

Researcher

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Short Story Writing Competition

Next week sees the return of the 500 words writing competition for children, with Chris Evans and BBC Radio 2. We would like as many children to participate as possible but we will need your help. Children will participate in a live lesson Monday and then will write their stories in class. All entries have to be submitted online which is where you come in; we will send a copy of your child's story home and a letter with information for you to help them enter.

It is a very exciting competition where the winners get to meet Chris Evans, HRH The Duchess of Cornwall and other celebrity authors. There is also the chance to win Chris Evans' height in books, get their story read out by a celebrity and other exciting prizes. We are also very proud of the fact that a Betty Layward child was among the winners of this competition some years ago and we'd like to repeat that success. In the meantime if you'd like to find out more go to: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

Sports News



This term Year 3 and 4 will be completing The Mile Run. This will include the children walking, jogging or running with their classmates in the safety of our own playground, up to 15 rotations around the playground. The aim of this new addition is to help all children improve their physical, emotional, social and mental health and wellbeing by doing an additional 15 minutes of physical activity outdoors. The children will not wear a school PE kit for this but should wear sensible footwear on the day that their class will take part in the run. We hope that this will be an exciting addition to the children's school day.

My name is Nathalia and I took part in the World Latin Dance cup which took place in Orlando, Florida from the 12th-18th December 2017. I competed in two different divisions. The first one was salsa junior couple with my dance partner since 2014 and the second part of the competition was the salsa children and junior division. My team is called Chiki Swing from Cali Swing Dance School. We won 1st place in the team division and we came 6th place in the couple division. I am very happy to have represented England in such a big and well known competition.

By Nathalia Guerrero- Gutierrez (5 Buttercup)

Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week are Year Saffron and Year 4 Fuchsia. The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Year Cerise. Whole school attendance from 4th until 11th January 2018 is 97.3%.

Well done to all our stars this week!



Delivering Our Vision

Curious: Reception were curious to explore their new play sheds

Creative: Year 2 creating islands from papier mâché

Ambitious: Year 3 building igloos

Respectful: Year 6 attending Hackney Junior Citizenship Scheme

Happy: Year 1 marching in dance to The Grand Old Duke of York

Next Week's Menu

Monday

Greek beef stifado with baby onions (Ce, Mk, Su)
Spring vegetable and lentil curry (G, Ce, Su)
Wholegrain saffron rice, Courgette Provencale, Borccoli
Lemon drizzle cake (G, E, Mk)

Tuesday

Lamb tagine (G)
Courgette and aubergine tagine (G)
Couscous (G), carrots and green beans
Berry fruit crumble with custard (G, Mk)

Wednesday

Roast chicken with gravy and stuffing (G)
Butternut squash and leek dauphinoise
Roasted potato
Sweetcorn and courgettes
Chocolate browning (G, E, Mk)

Thursday

Turkey and sweetcorn pie (G, Mk, Su)
Cheesy omelette with peas and potatoes (Mk, E)
New potatoes, Cauliflower, Roasted Mediterranean vegetables
Knotless bakewell tart and custard (G, E, Mk)

Friday

Herb crusted fish fillet in a crispy crumb (F, Mu, E, G)
Vegetarian burger in a bun (G, Se)
Baked oven chips
Garden peas and baked beans
Mixed berry flapjack (G, Mk)

(Please refer to the menu for the allergy key)

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Thursday 18/1 at 9.15am – Year 3 Jade Class Assembly
Thursday 25/1/ at 9.15am – Year 2 Apricot Class Assembly
Thursday 8/2 at 9.15am – Year 1 Lavender Class Assembly
Thursday 1/3 at 9.15 – Year 6 Chilli Class Assembly
Thursday 8/3 at 9.15am – Year 5 Buttercup Class Assembly
Thursday 22/3 at 9.15am – Year 4 Cerise Class Assembly
Thursday 29/3 at 9.15am – Year 1 Violet Class Assembly
Thursday 3/5 at 9.15am – Reception Aqua Class Assembly
Thursday 24/5 at 9.15am – Reception Ocean Class Assembly

PTFA

Greetings PTFA-ers

Hope that you've had a good week.

CAKE SALES

Warm up those ovens - here are the first two dates:

[Fri 19th Jan](#) Y2 & Y6

[Fri 2nd Feb](#) Reception & Y5

Further dates in Feb/ March tbc for Nursery & Y4 and Y1 & Y3

Moving into this term we're looking for someone to take the lead on our jumble sale in March (date tbc). If you're interested, please contact Helen or Marta or your own class rep, if that's easier.

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Enjoy your weekend