

# Betty Layward School

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Our Week

No 367, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is going so fast. I can't believe February is next week.

Well done Year 2 Apricot class. I heard they performed a great assembly this week. I was so sorry to miss it but I heard how wonderful it was. I heard how loudly the children spoke and how much they had learnt. Great work Apricot class.

Thank you for all the project homeworks. They really are fantastic. I love walking around and seeing them all.

We had a visit from our School Improvement Partner this week. She is from the Hackney Learning Trust and comes in to look at the school and how well we are doing. She was impressed by the children's focus and engagement while learning and how enthusiastic they are. She was also very pleased with the progress they are making. We are very proud of our school but it is also nice for someone else to come in and recognise the children's and staff's hard work. Well done everyone.

For parents of children who are learning a musical instrument, please remember our Instrumental Concert on Thursday February 1st at 2.15pm.

It has been lovely seeing the children writing their 500 word stories this week. I am so impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm. We have some great writers. Well done everyone.

The new lunch menu has started well. The children are enjoying it and we are encouraging them to try new foods.

Please can I remind you not to bring your dog on the school site or tie them up at the entrance. We have some children who are very scared of dogs.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Jessica  
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Zia Salah in Year 5 Saffron

### News

Do you have a child who would like to learn to ride a bike or who is keen to get off their stabilisers? Hackney Council, together with Cycle Confident, are offering FREE Complete Beginner training for children of 5 years and upwards. Training takes place on Hackney Downs in groups of no more than 4, led by 2 fully qualified instructors. Courses last for 2 hours and are bookable on the Cycle Confident website

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney/> or by calling Cycle Confident on 020 3031 6730.

### Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week are Year1 Violet and Year 3 Emerald.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Year 5 Buttercup.

Whole school attendance from 4 September until 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 is 98.7%.



Picture of our Star of the Week children



### Reminder

Well done to all those children who have submitted their entries to the 500 words story writing competition. I have read some amazing stories from children and we are hoping to get these onto the website very soon. Remember the closing date for entries is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7pm.

We'd love lots of our talented aspiring writers to enter. To submit and entry or to find out more, go to:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

If you do enter, please let your class teacher know. Good Luck!

**Curious:** Year 4 comparing animals in science.

**Creative:** Our 500 word stories written by the children.

**Ambitious:** Apricot class and their fantastic assembly.

**Respectful:** The children's manners around the school and at lunchtime.

**Happy:** The children singing in Music Assembly.

## Next Week's Menu

### Monday

Mild tandoori chicken with mint yoghurt and mango chutney (Su, Mk, Mu)

Chunky vegetable with halloumi filled pitta (G, Mk, Mu)

Sweetcorn & Green beans

Eves pudding with custard (G, Mk, E)

### Tuesday

Chinese turkey stir fry with noodles (G, E)

Quorn and vegetable stir fry with noodles (G, E, So)

Carrots, Chinese leaf with chilli and soy sauce (So)

Spiced carrot cake with orange cream cheese frosting (G, E, Mk)

### Wednesday

Roasted beef with Yorkshire pudding and gravy (G)

Leek and parmesan risotto (Ce, Mk, Su)

Roasted potatoes, spring cabbage & broccoli

Apricot pie with cream (G, Mk)

### Thursday

BBQ chicken pizza (Ce, So, Mk, G)

Cheese and tomato pizza (G, Mk)

Carrots & green beans

Flapjack (G, Mk)

### Friday

Baked fish fingers (G, F)

Chunky tomato and basil wholemeal pasta (G, Su, Ce)

Baked oven chips, baked beans and peas

Double chocolate sponge and custard (G, E, Mk)

*(Please refer to the menu for the allergy key)*

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Hi team, we're looking forward to a few events this Spring term:

### **PTFA meeting: 8th February: 2:15pm: repeated at 7:15pm**

Everyone is welcome to our termly meeting to find out how the PTFA is helping the school in funding amazing projects. If you would like to raise any subject to be discussed, please get in touch with Helen, Marta or your class rep in the playground or by email before the 1st February, so we can organise the agenda (email Helen on [aitch.pea@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aitch.pea@blueyonder.co.uk)) Remember we are all part of the PTFA and we love to hear your ideas.

### **Cake sale dates**

Warm up those ovens... the remaining cake sale dates are:

Fri 2 February Reception & Y5

Fri 2 March Nursery & Y4

Fri 23 March Y1 & Y3

### **Jumble Sale: 17th March**

We may have a volunteer who would co-organise this event. Would anyone put their hand up to partner them, please? Do get in touch with us, if you are able to take this on, if you can help with sorting the jumble or on a stall on the day. And put aside your unwanted clothes, toys, trinkets and books for the sale – we'll let you know when we are ready to receive donations. Thank you.

### **THE GIVING MACHINE**

Simply register on the site and click through to your preferred retailer to shop as normal. Doesn't cost you a penny but does raise money for our children:

[http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary.php?ben\\_id=62956](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary.php?ben_id=62956)