

# Betty Layward School

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Our Week

No 346, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday. I hope you had a good week. Thank you for supporting the protest about budget cuts. We still don't know what will happen and can only hope that things may now improve. The future of school budgets are still unclear and if the funding formula plans do go ahead we will work hard to ensure it does not impact on our children's education and enjoyment of school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We have had an active week at school. The children have come back full of positive energy ready for a great last term. Year 6 are underway with their show and everyone is busy rehearsing Blastonbury. This term is a very busy one with a lot going on, as well as the children visiting their new classes later in the term and us welcoming new students to join us in September in Reception and Nursery.

After the sad events of last weekend at London Bridge we have reassured the children that our job is to keep them safe and that London is still a fabulous place to live. Our priority is always to keep the children safe and we are very rigorous when planning and going on trips.

We are thrilled to let you know that we are creating a school app. You can find it in your App Store as Betty Layward. This app is currently being built and is just at the beginning stages so please be patient with it. It's going to enable you to receive information about the school easily as well as other features. It's really exciting and we hope you find it useful. We always aim for communication to be effective and consistent.

I had the pleasure of teaching Ocean class today who were a delight.

I hope the sunshine continues this weekend.

Jessica  
Headteacher



### News



On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017, Betty Layward Girls took part in a Kwik Cricket Festival over at Hackney Downs Park. There were 11 schools competing. We played against 4 schools and won all the games which made us qualify for the finals however we lost against St Pauls and St Michaels. Altogether we came second!

**Well done to Sophia, Orla, Yasmine, Linnea, Stella, Katie, Ines and Maddy. By Stella Sandmeier- Steele**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Leo Adjaye and Benji McCabe captained the Hackney District team to a 5-1 victory against Islington at Douglas Ayres Sport Centre. Hackney went a goal down but Benji equalised with a beautiful header which opened the flood gates for Hackney District to stroll to a 5-1 victory.

**Well done to Leo Adjaye (6 Chilli) and Benji McCabe (6 Ruby)**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Betty Layward took part in the Mini Orange tennis tournament over at Clissold Park. There were 16 schools at the competition and the groups were split into boys and girls. As well as that, we were separated in to an A team and a B team. Betty Layward girls and boys came first!

**Well done to Atticus, Benji, Sophia, Stella, Daniel, Theo, Linnea and Orla. By Stella Sandmeier- Steele (6 Chilli)**

### HELP US SAVE THE RAINFOREST!

Year 5 are learning about economic activity in the rainforest and will be selling cakes after school on Monday. All proceeds will be donated to the Rainforest Alliance.

Please bring your money and help us save the rainforest!



### Spanish Speakers

We are looking for Spanish speaking volunteers to help introduce Spanish to KS1. This would involve some counting, singing games and stories and would be for 20 minutes each week. If you are a native Spanish speaker and have some time to spare, please contact Helen at [HMaltby@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:HMaltby@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk) Muchas Gracias!

**Curious:** Y5 learning about the rainforest  
**Creative:** BLastonbury rehearsals  
**Ambitious:** Our sports champions from today's assembly.  
**Respectful:** Reception/Y6 Reading Buddies  
**Happy:** Children playing in the sunny playground.

## Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week are Year 6 Chilli, Year 5 Buttercup and Year 2 Peach.  
 The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week are Year 6 Chilli and Year 6 Ruby.  
 Whole school attendance from 5 September until 9<sup>th</sup> June is 96.9%



Picture of our Star of the Week children and Sporting stars

## Next Week's Menu

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

### Monday

Chilli Con Carne  
 Vegetable Chilli Con Carne  
 Potato Wedges, Seasonal Veg,  
 Fresh fruit and yoghurt

### Tuesday

Tandoori Chicken & Mango Chutney  
 Vegetable Curry  
 White Rice

Seasonal Veg  
 Cherry Jelly & Yoghurt

### Wednesday

Beef Sausage  
 Vegetable Sausage  
 Mashed potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables  
 Coconut square cake & Yoghurt

### Thursday

Macaroni Pumpkin Bake  
 Macaroni Bake  
 Seasonal Veg  
 Fresh fruit & Yoghurt

### Friday

White Fish Fingers & Baked Beans  
 Vegetable Burger  
 Oven chips  
 Seasonal Veg  
 Ice cream or Yoghurt

\*smaller gluten free dishes will be available

## DATES FOR CLASS ASSEMBLIES FOR 2016-17

Reception Aqua Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.20am

**Dear Year 6 Parents / Carers,**  
**With the year-end fast approaching, may I ask you to kindly settle your child's school accounts at your earliest convenience please. Thank you for your support. Rebecca, Business Manager**

Greetings PTFA ers

Hope you're all well and have had a brilliant half term break

### Summer Fair 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 12.30-3pm

We are digging into The Summer Fair and it promises to be another BL spectacle! However, we still need help and volunteers.

**RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED** – Please if you have access to something ace and don't mind giving it/them away please do let us know. The BL Raffle is a great money spinner for the school so please do email [adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk](mailto:adam.roland@heavyweightsports.co.uk)

**TOPBOLA PRIZES** – Our very own Queen of The Tombola, Lucie Dehon is running the stand and she would also like prizes. Please do email Lucie with your gifts. [lucie.dehon@googlemail.com](mailto:lucie.dehon@googlemail.com)

### MATCHED FUNDING

Many employers match the funds raised by employees when they help out at charity or community schemes- The PTFA is both a charity and a community scheme! You can find out if your employer is involved in matched funding by asking your employers HR dept. And if they do and you are willing to help, please let us know and email Adam.

### Summer BBQ – 14<sup>th</sup> JULY early evening 6-8pm

The Summers Betty Layward gourmet get-together is ON! It's great fun and a casual, relaxing evening for everyone in the BL community. Amazing food and drinks and great company! If you fancy organizing drop Adam an email

### NEVER LOSE A COAT OR FLEECE AGAIN!

STAMPTASTIC...a fantastic way to name all your child's belongings \*and\* raise money for the PTFA. Every order placed gives us a 30% cashback. Get stamping!

[www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk)"

### 20P CHALLENGE

The 20p challenge –Get your children to do a 'jobs' at home to collect 20p pieces. You know the drill, washing up, making the beds, putting clothes away etc. This should be in full swing and your homes should be spotless thanks to all the plate washing and hoovering that our young fundraisers are doing

### CAKE SALE DATES

16<sup>th</sup> June (Friday) - Y1 and Y4

Have a fantastic weekend one and all

## REMINDER OF DATES

Sports Day for EYFS & KS1 - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June AM

Sports Day for KS2 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June PM

Summer Fair- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Blastonbury - 7<sup>th</sup> July – 3.30 – 5.30

BBQ – 14<sup>th</sup> July 6-8pm

Last Day of School (2pm Finish) – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Staff INSET Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

## PARENT READER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YEAR 5

If you are available on weekday mornings or afternoons and would be interested in helping our Year 5 children to become really confident readers, please contact Melanie McHugh on [MMchugh@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:MMchugh@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk). Your help would be greatly appreciated and would make a big difference.