

# Betty Layward School

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. It's been a great start. The children have settled in well to their new classes and are full of big smiles. It's great to see everyone again. I hope you had a lovely summer and being back to school is not too much of a shock.

Welcome to our new children and families. It's great to have you here and we really hope you enjoy your time with us. Any questions do not hesitate to ask.

We have an exciting project this term with the charity War Child called The Learn to Live Campaign. We will be closely working with War Child by linking to a school in Iraq and working with the children there. This is a great opportunity for our children and school and we are really excited. The project is also being supported by the Evening Standard and The Independent. It was launched in the papers yesterday and will also be in there again today. We were very lucky to be visited by one of their patrons on Wednesday - Vanessa Kirby who plays Princess Margaret in The Crown and has just appeared in the film Mission Impossible. She played playground games with Y6 Chillii class and the children were also visited by the War Child robot. This project is a great opportunity for our children to learn more about children who may have experienced war or trauma. We will be sharing ideas and learning. We hope to increase empathy and understanding between pupils of all backgrounds and highlight what they have in common as well as what separates them. Please stay tuned. (Photos opposite).

We hope to get the date list to you next week so you can book all the events in your calendar.

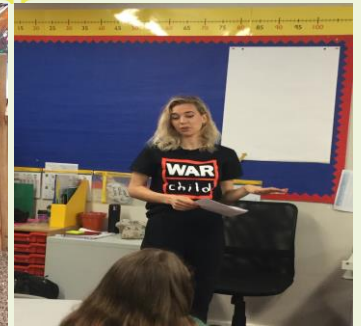
As you might be aware we were changing our uniform providers. This has now been done and we are ready to receive orders. We are starting off by asking you to complete an order form and then this will be delivered to school for you to collect. We will then carry a small amount of stock at school. The quality will hopefully be as good or better and the prices are cheaper. I hope this will make life easier for you. You can get an order form from Max in the office or email [admin@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk) and we can email it to you. We will be putting up a display of the new uniform soon. It's so lovely to be back and around the children again. Have a lovely weekend.

Jessica  
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Matilde in Year 1 Lavender

### News



## How the Library Works

The Library is run by me, with help from year 6 Prefects. Helen Maltby (Asst. Head) has overall responsibility. Children from year 1-6 visit the library with their class once a week, and can also visit during one breaktime. The Library is also used for small group or individuals working with their teacher or TA. They can borrow one book at a time, for up to three weeks. Only once a book is returned, can a new book can be borrowed. Books can be returned during library slots, or by putting the book in the black box outside library. If a book is overdue, you will receive a text message or letter. If the book is lost or badly damaged, the cost to replace and its cover is £10. This can be paid in cash or cheque (Betty Layward Primary School). Please place money in the black box outside library, with a note. If you receive a letter and you believe the book has been returned please let me know, so I can look for it. The library works on a computerised system and mistakes and glitches do occasionally happen! Children must follow the library rules and may not be allowed to use it at breaktime, after discussion with their teacher, if they do not behave quietly and sensibly. Any other questions, please leave a note for me in the black box. I work in year 6 and in the library part time, and will catch up with you as soon as possible. **Dorinda (Teaching Asst.)**

**Curious-** The children in the new bathrooms.

**Creative** – The new Reception children in their new classroom.

**Ambitious** – All our children at the start of the year.

**Respectful** – Our Learn to Live campaign with War Child.

**Happy-** All the children and adults being back at school.

## Next Week's Menu

### Monday

Mild Chicken curry with tomatoes and mango chutney

Tarka Dahl with Spinach lentils

Wholegrain rice, steamed carrots, roasted spiced cauliflower

Autumn fruit crumble with custard (G, Mk)

### Tuesday

Turkey enchiladas in tomato sauce (G, Mk)

Mixed bean and vegetable burrito (G, Mk)

Herby cous cous, mixed vegetables, saute leeks

Sugar free banana cake (G, Mk, E)

### Wednesday

Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding (G, Mk, E) and roast gravy

Spanish frittata with onion, spinach and cheddar cheese (E, Mk)

Fluffy roasted potatoes, Broccoli florets, Buttered sweetcorn (Mk)

Fresh fruit kebabs

### Thursday

Sweet chilli chicken pizza (G, Mk)

Cheese and tomato Margarita Pizza, (G, Mk)

Roasted vegetables and steamed green beans

Sugar free marmalade bread and butter pudding (G, Mk, E)

### Friday

Battered Pollock Fillet

Pepper, courgette and Halloumi kebab with spicy tomato sauce (Mk, G)

Oven baked chips, garden peas, grilled tomatoes

Warm sultana flapjack (G, Su)

## Instrumental Lessons

We provide tuition in Violin, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and Guitar for Years 2 – 6.

Tutors are highly accomplished professionals.

Lessons are taught for 30 minutes per week in groups of no larger than 5.

There are 10 lessons per term.

Lessons are £40 per term.

Instrument hire where available is £10 per term.

Lessons can be secured subject to availability (do please check this first) by payment using the school online system. In the notes section do please put the following details when making payment online.

**Full name of child, Year and class of child, Instrument they wish to learn, Whether they also wish to hire an instrument for the term, Payment secures place subject to availability.**

If you hired an instrument last term and still have it then the hire fee is required. If your child is no longer needing the instrument do please return it to school in the first 2 weeks.

Hi everyone, hope that you had a fantastic summer. A few dates for your diary...

**BAKE FOR BOOKS - cake sale dates**

Year one and year six will be kicking off the cake sales next Friday, 14 September, followed by ...

**28 September** - Y2 and Y5

**12 October** - Reception and Y4

**9 November** - Nursery and Y3

Cash raised at these cake sales is ring-fenced to buy reading books for the school.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

This will take place from 3.15 to 4pm next Friday, 14 September, in the playground. If you have any uniform that you no longer need, please do drop it in the donation bag by the gate before next Thursday.

## PTFA FUNDING BIDS

Class reps will be circulating details of how you can submit a funding bid to the PTFA to run projects or buy equipment that will benefit the school and our community. Details about the process will be circulated next week but please feel free to speak to Helen, Marta, Sarah or Nick if you would like further details.

## THE LEGENDARY BL QUIZ NIGHT

The quiz night is normally held towards the end of November and we are looking for volunteers to run it. Please email [sarah.bolton10@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.bolton10@gmail.com) if you fancy organising this popular and lively event!

## THE GIVING MACHINE

Shop online via The Giving Machine to help us raise money for our school. 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 PTFA

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

## Music Notice

Hackney Music Service are holding auditions for the Hackney Borough Youth Choir on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 4.30-5.30pm at the Urswick School**. Choir is for Yr4-6 singers, and singers would need to be able to commit to regular after school rehearsals at Urswick on Wednesdays if they are offered places. The choir will perform at the Gala which takes place at the Hackney Empire after half term.