

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great start to the year. We have had a fab first term. I am so proud of how well our new reception and nursery children have settled in. It's like they have been here forever. Well done Nursery and Reception. Thank you to all our new parents too for being so supportive with the transition and all your kind and positive words.

Well done Peach class for such a great assembly yesterday. They taught us all about habitats and sang a great song which taught us even more. Well done Peach class.

We have a lot going on in November so I just wanted to remind you. Grandparent week begins 5th November. It will be the same as last year but for those of you who don't know about it this is an opportunity for Grandparents to come in and share stories or their memories with the children. If you would like your child's grandparent to come to school please see your class teacher. There will be slots for them to come and talk to the class at the end of each day that week. We loved it last year as it gave grandparents a chance to come in to school and for our children to find out how life has changed.

Parents Evening is on Thursday 8th November and bookings will open on Tuesday 30th October at 5pm and close on Tuesday 6th November at 5pm. It is really important that you make an appointment. You will receive more information about booking interviews on Monday 29th October.

Anti-bullying week is from 12th - 16th November and we are asking the children to wear odd socks on Monday 12th November and to bring in donations for the charity the Anti Bullying Alliance.

School uniform supplies have arrived. We have a new colour polo shirt which is yellow/gold as well as green. You are now able to purchase some items of uniform directly from the school office.

Look out for all the other dates next term too. Christmas is fast approaching!

I want to thank you again for all your ongoing support and hope you have a lovely half term.

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Sadie in Nursery

News



This week students from UCL visited our Year 6 classes to talk them about air pollution in their local area. In consultation with our children they have set up equipment to record the air pollution in and around the school. They will be coming back in December to share the results.

Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week are Y6 Chilli, Y4 Cerise, Y3 Jade, Y3 Emeral and Reception Aqua.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Y4 Cerise.

Whole school attendance from 3 September until 19 October 2018 is 96.9%.



Picture of our Star of the Week Children



Thank you very much for all your kind and generous donations to our Harvest collection. The donations have been delivered to a Hackney Foot Bank.

Delivering Our Vision

Curious- The children in Year 5 beginning to think about their topic on the Stone Age.

Creative – The children singing in rounds in music assembly.

Ambitious – The singing and dancing in Peach class assembly.

Respectful – All the harvest donations for a local Stoke Newington food bank. Thank you.

Happy- The nursery children exploring shaving foam.

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)

Greetings PTFAers,

Sun is out again just on time for the school break.

We hope you all enjoy some extra time with your children and to see many of you on our next community events.

Project Playground meeting on 30 October 7:30

The plans have been agreed! To make the next stage happen we need to raise between £33 000-£50 000 and to do this we need a dedicated fundraising team. If you would like to be part of this team, please note that we have scheduled a Fundraising meeting on Tuesday 30 October at 7:30pm. If you can't make the meeting, please contact Nicola Kent (nicolakkent@googlemail.com) to express your interest this way.

BAKE FOR BOOKS - next cake sale dates

9 November - Nursery and Y3

Cash raised at these cake sales is ring-fenced to buy reading books and support other literacy initiatives in school.

Pre-Christmas jumble??

We will hold a jumble sale in the Spring term however the idea has been mooted that a jumble sale before Christmas might be welcome for those doing a clear-out! Would anyone like to set up a team of people to plan and run a sale? Please get in touch with Helen aitch.pea@blueyonder.co.uk, if you are keen and able and we can talk about next steps

THE LEGENDARY BL QUIZ NIGHT Friday 16 November

Quiz Night is coming fast; a super fun evening considered more of a social gathering for parents/carers than a fundraising (a fun raising! :o) although we do a little bit of cash for the school as well)

Jenny as kindly offered to project manager the event this year and is looking for more volunteers to help on the night. Please get in touch with her j.soderstrom@live.com

if you can be part on any of the following:

Set up crew (17:00-19:30)

Few people needed to help set up the space. They could still participate in the quiz.

Event crew (19:00-23:00)

Bar staff - 3 people needed to man the bar during the event

Hands

2 more people to help where needed

You cannot participate in the quiz if you are volunteering during the event, but the atmosphere is great and you are bound to have a laugh.

WINTER TOY AND FOOD APPEAL

Last year's effort meant 4000 of Hackney's children in need, many of whom were living in hostels or temporary accommodation, received a gift. We plan to have a collection box at school – coming soon - or you can donate online www.toyappealwishlist.com. If you would be able to coordinate this appeal (answering people's questions and directing people to the relevant info), please email Sarah (sarah.bolton10@googlemail.com)

WINTER FAIR Saturday 8 December

Get the date in your diary – your children will love it! If you have any great fund-raising ideas for the fair, please email the team or your class rep.

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

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