

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week this week. Buttercup class performed a fabulous assembly. Their acting, singing and confidence were amazing. They gave us the greatest history lesson on the Anglo Saxons. Well done Buttercup class.

We are looking forward to the quiz night tonight. Thank you to the parents who have organised it. It is much appreciated. Thank you for supporting the event if you are able to make it. The staff are really looking forward to taking part.

Please can I remind you again that the children must bring a waterproof coat to school. We do go outside in light rain and a jumper or a fleece is not enough.

Just a gentle reminder that the children should be in class at 9am. The playground gate will close at 9am so children will be marked in late after this. We ask that you do not wait in the playground and leave promptly before the gate shuts. That means we have less congestion in the reception area. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Our Year 2-6 Christmas concert will be in St Mary's church like last year. This is great, as it gives Parents and Carers more room and it provides lovely acoustic for the singing. The Reception and Year 1 nativity is held in the hall at school and the Nursery Christmas performance is held in the Nursery. We are really looking forward to all these performances. Please don't forget the family Christmas concert as well. It's a lovely evening.

We collected £160 for the Anti Bullying Alliance during Anti Bullying week. Thank you for supporting us with this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Clio in Reception Ocean

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WRITING COMPETITION



As it is anti-bullying week this week, we decided to base this half term's theme around bullying and respect. In Wednesday's assembly we talked all about it and lots of children have already had some great ideas on what they are going to write. Children have until **Friday 30th November** to submit a piece of writing, it could be a story, a poem, a diary entry, a letter or a leaflet – whatever inspires the children. Children should hand in their writing to their class teachers to be judged by Helen & Jessica. The winners will get their writing displayed in school and a small prize!

Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week are Y2 Apricot and Y5 Buttercup.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week are Y3 Jade and Y5 Buttercup.

Whole school attendance from 3 September until 16th November 2018 is 97.4%.



Our Star of the Week children

Science at Betty Layward

On Wednesday the 21st of November we would like to invite parents, carers and children from key stage 2 to an exciting Science afternoon of fun from 3:45 to 4:30. We will be doing a variety of experiments including a challenge where the parents and children get an egg each and pick a material that they think will prevent them from cracking, when dropped from a ladder. This will be a very fun and exciting experience for everyone. Additionally, the children in science club will be running all the challenges and Mike will just be helping out!



Drawing by Elliot Smith in Year 3

Curious - Year 6 on their trip to Hampstead Heath.

Creative – Nursery mark making using different media.

Ambitious – Buttercup’s assembly all about the Anglo Saxons.

Respectful – Year 4 Fuchsia carrying out their own court case with a real guest judge

Happy- the Reception children going on a bear hunt in the woodlands.

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)



NICK COOK

We were really lucky to welcome back author Nick Cook to our school on Wednesday. Betty Layward School hosted an 'Able writer's day' for some of our Year 5 & 6 children, and children from 5 other local schools. Nick Cook is the author of 'The Cloud Riders' trilogy which is based around tornadoes. The children created amazing descriptions inspired by his tornado generator and even presented their own news reports. To read some of their amazing writing, please see our website.

Happy Friday PTFAers,

THE LEGENDARY BL QUIZ NIGHT is tonight!

Hey Quizers!

Hope you've all been cramming and are ready for Quiz Night Out!

We have a great evening planned for you: the quiz rounds are in place, the bar is stocked and the pizza have been ordered! Doors open at 7:30 and we would recommend to come for that time, so you can get settled and make the most of the first quiz round - which will be waiting on your table. We aim to round things up - after a proper boogie - with the award ceremony around 11:30.

If you have booked a table, please be sure to pass this info on to your team members :)

THE WINTER FAIR - Saturday 8 December

The wonderful Genna Savastio has agreed to lead a team to organise this year's Winter Fair. Many hands make light work, so if anyone is able to offer Genna some help, please email her on gennasavastio@yahoo.co.uk. As usual, there will be a second hand toy stall so please set aside any good quality used toys and books. We will also be looking for donations of small presents for parents for the Kids Only Zone, and any new but unwanted kids presents for the tombola. We will circulate details about where and when you can donate soon.

PROJECT PLAYGROUND - expert fundraisers needed

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 are looking for a dedicated fundraising team. If you have any expertise in seeking private or public funding, we still really want to hear from you. Please get in touch via lilla@drive-tv.co.uk

WINTER TOY AND FOOD APPEAL

Please look out for the posters at school (in reception and on the PTFA noticeboard by the gate) that give details of how you can donate to this fantastic appeal which last year meant that 4,000 of Hackney's neediest children received a gift at Christmas. It's really easy to donate online - just click on www.toyappealwishlist.com, order a gift and make someone's Christmas!

PTFA PROFIT FROM CHRISTMAS TREES

Information coming soon about how you can raise money for the PTFA when buying your Christmas tree. In previous years we have partnered with local suppliers and raised up to £800. Watch this space!

AMAZON SMILE CHARITY DONATION SYSTEM

The PTFA is now registered with the Amazon Smile charity donation system. Simply go to www.smile.amazon.co.uk in your web browser, search for 'Betty Layward School Ptfa' and select it. From then on 0.5% of net purchases you make will be donated to the PTFA.

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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