

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a lovely week. It has got colder and I'm pleased to see more children with coats. Please ensure they bring one everyday.

What a lovely assembly Cerise class had on Thursday. I was so sorry to miss it but Helen told me how amazing it was, packed full of science, history and fun.

Congratulations to everyone here, especially our Science Lead, Mike for all his hard work to enable our school to gain the PSQM Gilt Award! This Primary Science Quality Mark has been awarded to us by local experts to celebrate our commitment to excellence in Science teaching and learning. Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said "Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of Science teaching and learning in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science, both in and outside of the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards Science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleges, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud."

Please can I remind you that children should not be bringing extra items to school such as lipsalves, money, swapping cards or sweets. Thank you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Jessica



Jessica drawn by Carmen in Y6 Chilli

News



On 22nd November, Year 6 Chilli went on an inspiring trip to the Evening Standard and The Independent Newspaper headquarters, where they had the privilege to meet Vanessa Kirby (again) and Carey Mulligan who are both well-known actresses and world ambassadors for a great charity called War Child. After a busy photo shoot where the pupils involved held photos of the refugees in Iraq, Central African Republic, Jordan and Syria, Chilli class (alone) went on a brilliant tour of the Evening Standard's editing office. While on the tour, the children helped create their own front page of the Evening Standard newspaper, and were lucky enough to experience one of the Evening Standard's social media workers send a tweet to the two million people who are fans of the newspaper. At the end of the coach ride everyone was very tired from the long but exciting trip.

Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week are Y4 Cerise and Y3 Emerald with no late marks.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Y3 Emerald with 100% attendance.

Whole school attendance from 3 September until 23rd November 2018 is 97.3%.



Picture of our Star of the Week Children

Curious – Reception parents learning about how we teach reading, writing and maths.

Creative – Year 3 learning literacy with pumpkin soup.

Ambitious – Year 5 learning to be cycle confident.

Respectful – Year 6 writing persuasive letters to the Prime Minister.

Happy – Year 4 Cerise class performing their brilliant assembly.

Next Week's Menu

Monday

Creamy chicken and sweetcorn pie with shortcrust pastry (G, Mk, E)

Roasted vegetable filo tart (G, Mk, E)

Steamed new potatoes, green beans, roasted butternut squash

Spice bramley apple crumble with custard (G, Mk)

Tuesday

Farm assured Italian beef lasagna (G, Mk, E)

Vegetable lasagna (G, Mk, E)

Garlic bread (G, Mk), steamed carrots, Mixed tossed salad

Sugar free pineapple and carrot cake (G, Mk, E)

Wednesday

Roast chicken with stuffing (G) and gravy

Fusilli pasta with spinach and courgette (G, E, Mk)

Fluffy roasted potatoes, roasted parsnips and swede,

Steamed broccoli

Fresh fruit kebabs

Thursday

Homemade Shepherd's pie with creamy mashed potato top (Mk)

Quorn Shepherd's pie with creamy mashed potato topping (Mk, E, So)

Buttered sweetcorn, saute leeks

Sugar free flapjack (G, Mk, E)

Friday

Breaded salmon fishcake (F, Mk, E, G)

Veggie burger with relish and sauces (G, E, So)

Baked oven chips, baked beans, garden peas

Chocolate brownie (G, Mk, E, So)

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!

Hope you've got that Friday feeling everyone. PTFA news and views this week:

PTFA GAINS ON BLACK FRIDAY AND BEYOND – sign up to the Giving Machine and/ or Amazon Smile

It's easy to register with Giving Machine via

http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary.php?ben_id=62956

Shop through the site at many outlets and our PTFA will receive money back. You can also download a widget for your desktop that will remind you to use this channel.

We're also 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.

BETTY LAYWARD QUIZ NIGHT: A HIT!

Thanks so much to everyone involved in the production team, particularly Jenny S for pulling it all together. It was great to see everyone having so much fun and a special note to the two complete tables of teachers (a first!) who competed/ danced on the night.

WINTER FAIR SAT 8 DECEMBER 12:30-3pm

We are looking for 2 x individuals (must be DBS-checked) to run our crèche from 3-6pm on Fri 7 December. This will enable more people to be able to help out with set-up :o) Kids will be able to watch a movie.

Please support your class reps in preparing for your class' contributions to the fair. If you don't know what your class is doing, please ask! And look out for further comms from our Winter Fair team.

SECOND-HAND GREAT QUALITY TOYS & BOOKS: please put aside ready for donating for our toy stall

KIDZ-ONLY ZONE: We need suitable presents for Granny, Dad, Uncle, Mum that our children can pick and have wrapped by our team on the day. Items ideally new or in great condition: unopened toiletries, jewellery and trinkets, books; unopened edibles etc.

TOMBOLA: again, please put aside items in great condition to be won in our grand tombola

CHRISTMAS CARDS COMPLETED ORDER FORMS & PAYMENT BY WED 28 NOV

Post in the black box outside the office in reception by end of day 28 Nov – cash or cheque. Cards will be in book bags by Fri 7 Dec; mugs arrive a week later.

PROJECT PLAYGROUND RE-LAUNCH AT WINTER FAIR

Visit our open classroom at the fair where plans will be unveiled for Stage 2 of PP: a wonderful new climbing and outdoor play feature for our school grounds.

We now need to raise £60,000 to make the project happen. Our aim is to do this by the end of May 2019.

If you would like to make a personal donation to help the project, you can do so here:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/bettylaywardprimarieschoolpta> and click on the red 'Donate Now' button.

You can also share this link with anyone else you think would like to help the school.

If you have experience of making funding applications to bodies such as the lottery, or can help with fundraising in any other way, please let us know via email: Lilla@drive-tv.co.uk



Your local wine shop wants to help fund-raising for Betty Layward. From now until 1 January, Yield will donate 10% of the amount you spend with us to our PTFA. Simply mention 'Betty Layward' and we'll do the rest!

PTFA PROFIT FROM CHRISTMAS TREES

Info coming soon about raising money for our PTFA by buying a Christmas tree from a local partner supplier. In previous years we have raised up to £800 so definitely worth being a part of. Watch this space!

WINTER TOY AND FOOD APPEAL

You'll have seen posters up at school that gives details of how you can donate to this fantastic appeal which last year meant that 4000 of Hackney's neediest children received a gift this Christmas. It's really simple to donate online – just click on www.toyappealwishlist.com, order a gift and make someone's festive season!