

# Betty Layward School

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we have had. The performances have been amazing. We had the Year 1 and Reception Nativity on Wednesday. The children were fabulous. I was particularly impressed with their singing. We then had the Nursery performance yesterday with a lovely range of songs. In both performances the children were confident, happy and enthusiastic. Who could ask for more? Well done everyone. Thank you for coming to see these performances and for costumes. Please can I remind you that no photos or videos should go on social media. Thank you.

Today we had a rehearsal for the children's Christmas Concert (Years 2-6 and Choir). It's sounding good and we look forward to seeing you at St Mary's church on Tuesday at 2pm. The children will walk back to school afterwards and be collected from there as normal.

Christmas lunch was lots of fun today. The children looked great in their hats. We all really enjoyed ourselves.

We look forward to seeing you at the Family Carol Concert on Wednesday. It's a lovely evening. I think there are a few, and I mean a very few tickets left.

Next week is our last week before Christmas. Please remember we close at 2pm on Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jessica  
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Woody in Y5 Buttercup

### News

#### CHESS NEWS



This week saw a BL team compete alongside 2,300 other children in the London Chess Classic at Olympia. Everyone played well and showed resilience and steady determination. Lotte (Y2) won a gold medal, beating a number of older players. Etienne (Y5), Jojo and Arthur (Y4) won Bronze medals, coming equal third in their year groups. Liryk (Y6), Joey (Y5), Imani (Y4) and Callum (Y3) lost no more than two games each from their five games.

Last week saw the conclusion of the BL competition with Arthur, Jojo and Etienne tying first place and with Harvey D (Y4) Leo (Y3), Liryk and Lotte qualifying for the Delancey Regional Megafinals next year too. Well done all! By **Alex Goodman**

#### AND STILL NO BREAKFAST



Jessica promised the expectant and excited audience a treat and she wasn't wrong. This was a Christmas Nativity musical about a busy innkeeper for whom a proper breakfast was a vital start to his day. Indeed the first song was a bright and breezy introduction to his daily routine. It's hard work being an innkeeper with all that sweeping, cooking and cleaning. No wonder he wants to sit down to a hearty breakfast. The second excellent song was a menu of all sorts of breakfast delights ranging from the healthy porridge and fruit options to a more dubious sausage. (please note that no opportunity to promote healthy eating is missed at BL) But alas the poor innkeeper never gets near his plate. On this particular morning and to his increasing irritation, he is disturbed by an endless stream of knock after knock at his door.

The songs were catchy and fun, the production bowled along at an energetic pace and the children were wonderful. They knew all their words and performed with such conviction and commitment that their audience were captivated and absorbed throughout.

Credit for this terrific nativity musical must of course also be shared with the brilliant directors and producers who make up the Reception and Year 1 staff team.

In the last scene the innkeeper comes to see the baby Jesus. He is overcome with wonder and delight. Indeed he says that he is so excited that he has forgotten all about his breakfast. Or was that Brexit..... By **Barbara Riddell, Theatre Critic**

## Delivering Our Vision

**Curious** – The children wondering who won the dinosaur from the Winter Fair.

**Creative** – The children's Christmas hats at the Christmas lunch.

**Ambitious** – The children in the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 performances. What enthusiastic singing!

**Respectful** – Pearl in Year 3 making a kindness poster for everyone in the school to share kind words with each other.

**Happy** – Oscar in Y6 asking his family to donate his Christmas presents to the Hackney Toy Appeal. What a kind boy!

## 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)



## Christmas Dates



**Tuesday 18 December at 2pm Christmas Concert for Y2 – Y6 Parents at St Marys Church**

**Wednesday 19 December at 6pm – 7pm – Family Carol Evening at Betty Layward**

**Thursday 20 December class Christmas parties**

**Friday 21 December at 2pm – School closes early for Christmas Holidays**

**Tuesday 8 January 2019 – Children return to school to start the Spring Term**



Happy Friday PTFA'ers.

We hope you are managing to squeeze some fun in between the December craziness!

### WINTER FAIR

Thank you so much to everyone involved in this year's Winter Fair. Thanks to everyone who planned, organised, shopped, ran stalls and collaborated to make it a huge success. Huge shout out to our amazing team: Genna, Sarah & Sam for leading from the front and a special thank you to Robert for designing our beautiful posters and Niki for creating the programmes.

We are still finalising the numbers (if anyone has any receipts that need to be paid, please pass them to your class rep or one of the PTFA team as soon as possible) but it looks like it was a huge success, making loads of money for the PTFA.

### EARN MONEY FOR OUR PTFA FROM YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE.

We've managed to secure a fantastic deal with Pines & Needles, a local Christmas tree supplier, where they will donate 20% of the profit of the tree you buy to our PTFA.

· Visit Pines & Needles outlet at St Mary's Church, Church St N16 9ES or online at [www.pinesandneedles.com](http://www.pinesandneedles.com)

· Tree will be full price – please state code 'LAYWOOD20' at time of purchase to the agent and Pines & Needles will note this, in order to donate a total sum to us in January.

### PROJECT PLAYGROUND

It was great to see so much interest at our stall at the fair. We now need to raise £60,000 to make the exciting plans for Stage 2 happen. Our aim is to do this by the end of May 2019 so look out for our different initiatives. Tea-towels and tote bags will be for sale via Max in the office from next week – there's still time to snap up for a last minute Secret Santa!

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

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/bettylaywardprimaryschoolptfa> 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](mailto:Lilla@drive-tv.co.uk)

### OFFER FROM YIELD WINE SHOP, NEWINGTON GREEN

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 they'll do the rest.

### 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](http://www.toyappealwishlist.com), order a gift and make someone's festive season. You can donate over the weekend - presents are being distributed next week.

### PTFA GAINS ON YOUR SHOPPING – 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](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](http://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.