

# Betty Layward School

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy week with pupil progress meetings. I have met every teacher and discussed every child to ensure we are enabling them to reach their full potential. It is a pleasure discussing your children. The staff are working incredibly hard and are fully committed to giving your children the best opportunities they can.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Winter Fair tomorrow. Thank you for supporting us with it and all the donations. It is much appreciated. A big thank you to everyone who is organising it, as it's a big task. Thank you to everyone running stalls as well.

It's Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day next Friday. There is a lunch booked for everyone as the PTFA have paid for all the children to receive one. Your child can bring a packed lunch if they prefer, but it will be delicious. Please remember that your child can also wear a Christmas jumper and give a donation to Save the Children.

The website for the school carol evening is open. This is an opportunity to come and sing carols at school with your child on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm - 7pm. It's a lovely evening. Tickets are £5 for adults and children are free. Refreshments will be provided.

December is rushing by and we are really looking forward to seeing you at all the events.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully see you at the fair tomorrow.

Jessica  
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Osas in Y5 Saffron



Picture of our star of the week children

### News



On Monday 19th November, the Betty Layward boys football team went to Queensbridge Sports Centre to play a 5-a-side tournament. We won our first match 1-0 against Randal Cremer with Milo scoring the only goal. Using our first match as encouragement, we beat the Olive School 3-0 in our second match, with Milo scoring 2 goals and Dylan scoring the other. We then lost to Gayhurst, Kingsmead and William Pattern. We might not have won but we left the pitch with no regrets. By Lucas Maddox (5 Buttercup) Well done to Freddie, Mateo, Lucas, Marcel, Milo, Rex and Dylan

On Sunday 25th November, Dureti and Trixie competed in the Hackney Aquatics Swimming Club championship. Dureti won 5 medals (4 silver and 1 gold). We had lots of fun. By Dureti Parkes and Trixie Sant

On Monday 26th November, 19 children from Year 5 and 6 competed in the Hackney Primary Schools Cross Country League at Hackney Downs Park. There were 153 boys and 136 girls taking part in the races. Our team did brilliantly with Benji in Year 6 coming in a whopping first place in the boys race. Altogether there was 19 schools taking part. A big well done to everyone who took part. By Holly Leeming and Desharn Henry (6 Ruby)

On Monday 26th November, the girls football team headed off to a 5-a-side tournament Queensbridge Sports Centre. The first game against Randal Cremer wasn't the best of starts with the final score being 0-0. The second game against Kingsmead went better but not as they hoped because the score was 1-1. But then it got better, we scored not 1 but 2 goals against Princess May with the final score 2-0 which we followed with a 1-0 victory over Gayhurst. The final game was against our local rivals, William Pattern with a comfortable 3-0 victory.

We also found out the following day that we qualified for the next round, so the Year 6 girls haven't played their last indoor tournament for now!! Well done to Melanie, Elsa, Bea, Immy, Ella, Tilly and Sarah. By Ella Bowles and Elsa Downie (6 Chilli)

On Monday 3rd December, the Betty Layward Cross Country team ran in a tough race this time around. It was cold and very wet. The course was approximately 1.4k and there were around 150 boys and 150 girls. There were a few high places in the boys and girls races with Benji coming 1st and Elsa and Ella coming 6th and 7th respectively. All in all it was a great race for Betty Layward! We were helped by Simon and 2 parents Adam and Rob. Well done to everyone who took part!! By Benji Bediako and Liryk Chafloor-Macias (6 Chilli)

### Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week are Y5 Buttercup and Y1 Violet with no late marks.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Y2 Peach.

Whole school attendance from 3 September until 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 is 97%.

## Delivering Our Vision

**Curious** – the children wondering what the elf has got up to in the classrooms.

**Creative** – the children making their Christmas decorations.

**Ambitious** – the teachers and how hard they work thinking of exciting learning for the children.

**Respectful** – the children's anti bullying writing.

**Happy** - the Year 1 and Reception children learning their nativity performances.

## 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

Traditional Roast Turkey, homemade cranberry & apricot stuffing & cranberry sauce (Su,So,Mk,G,Ce)

Celeriac roast onion & sage gratin (Mu, Mk) or Nut free vegetable

roast (G,E), Roast potatoes, Carrots, Roasted vegetables

Chocolate cranberry & Marshmallow chocolate brownie

(Mk,So,E,G)

Sugar Free Vanilla Cinnamon and Orange Cake (G, Mk, E)

## Christmas Dates

**Wednesday 12 December at 9.45am Nativity for Year 1 Parents**

**Wednesday 12 December at 2pm Nativity for Reception Parents**

**Thursday 13 December at 10.30am – Nursery Christmas performance for parents**

**Friday 14 December Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**

**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 BettyLayward**

**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**

## PTFA

**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.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** should be in your bookbags today, if you haven't already received them. **MUGS** will be distributed next Friday (14th)

## PTFA

Happy Friday everyone – thanks for all your support over the Christmas period. We're really looking forward to a fabulous Winter fair tomorrow and hope to raise lots of money for the kids.

**WINTER FAIR SAT 8 DECEMBER 12:30-3pm**

We're getting set for the big day tomorrow...

Looking for one more DBS checked volunteer to run our crèche from 3-6pm today (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.

We'll be in the hall again in the morning to finish set-up. Please ensure that you have enough representatives setting up for your class' stall and then we need help with final touches: signage, bins, decorations etc.

**DONATIONS:** We can still receive second-hand great quality toys and we can always welcome more for...

**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:** items in great condition to be won in our grand tombola

**CAKES:** We need cakes for the sweet stall; if you can please bring something on Saturday morning.

If your child would benefit from using our CHILL-OUT ROOM during the fair, please get in touch with Jessica.



## LET'S MAKE THE WINTER FAIR A GREEN EVENT:

Bring your own cup to use for your coffee/ tea/ mulled wine. We are providing different bins to ensure we can promote recycling throughout the fair – please aim to sort your rubbish carefully on the day so we reduce our the amount of waste going to landfill

**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. Pines & Needles have also kindly donated 2 x trees to the school.

• 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 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/bettylaywardprimaryschoolpta> 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)



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.

### 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. Deadline is 14 December.