

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a good week. Emerald class performed a lovely assembly and I was sorry not to be able to be there. I look forward to watching the video. I heard that it was very entertaining and packed full of history, politics and theatre! There was even comedy and a tragedy. Well done Emerald class.

We have started our new menu and the children are talking very positively about the food and how delicious it is. We follow the school food plan as it's important to ensure we provide the children with a healthy balanced lunch. I eat with the children every day and this means I can chat to the children and see what they are enjoying and not enjoying. Our catering company has very high standards and work closely with us about the menus. We really enjoy working with them. Please follow this link to find out more about School Food Standards:

<http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/School-Food-Standards-Guidance-FINAL-V3.pdf>

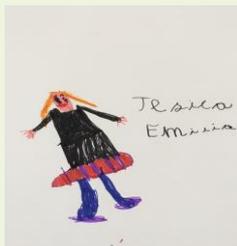
Year 3 enjoyed the magical musical mastery of The Singalong Band for the last 2 Thursdays, a PTFA funded project that brings this well-known group of Arts Practitioners once again to Betty Layward having previously worked with Reception and Years 1 & 2 to great success. Do check out their website for further info on them at www.singalongsongs.co.uk. Much joy was had by all.

The NSPCC assemblies and workshops went well this week. The children were great ambassadors for the school and listened really well.

I am really impressed how the children are walking to school at the moment - they are not scooting or cycling on the school grounds or walking on the wooden benches. Thank you for supporting us with this. I really enjoy their "good mornings" when I am outside. Please remember to be through the school gate before 9am as your child will be recorded as late after this time. The late signing in system can also take time to fill in so it's definitely better to be on time. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Emilia in Reception Ocean

News

Fundraising For Great Ormond Street Hospital



Last week I went to GOSH (Great Ormond Street Hospital,) to present a cheque for £610.71. We raised the money by putting on a show for Christmas where all the children in my dance school, Live 4 dancing, performed their dances and we even had some celebrity guests...

The hospital contains a school, roof top garden, 37 care units including wards but not including laboratories, a church and a scouts and guides committee who meet regularly.

In the hospital as well as caring for you they take education very seriously as well. Sadly the hospital is full of very sick children who are extremely brave and are fighting for their lives. The hospital loves donations as they go towards helping all the children and has lots of things you can do to help them for example sponsoring for 'Give It Up For Gosh,' and I'm sure they would be incredibly pleased if you tried it.

By Holly Leeming, Y6 Ruby

Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week is Y5 Buttercup.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Y5 Saffron.

Whole school attendance from 3 September until 25th January 2019 is 97.5%.



Picture of our Star of the Week children

Delivering Our Vision

Curious – Y6 on their Junior Citizenship trip.

Creative – Y3 Emerald's brilliant assembly on Ancient Greece.

Ambitious – Y6 debating on issues that affect society.

Respectful – The whole school learning how to be safe and happy with the NSPCC.

Happy: Nursery class singing, dancing and learning T Rex songs.

Week 1 Menu

Monday

Farm assured chicken sausage with gravy (G, Su) with creamy mash potato (Mk)
 Gluten free Carrot and Coriander sausage with veggie gravy with creamy mash potato (Mk)
 Leeks and Garden peas
 Apple and berry crumble with custard (Mk, G)

Tuesday

Minced beef, chilli con carne (Ce,Su) with steamed rice, carrots, Green beans
 Sugar Free Banana Cake (G, E, Mk)

Wednesday

Roast Norfolk turkey with gravy(G)served with roasted potatoes
 Wholemeal pasta with nut free pesto, spinach and parmesan
 (G,Mk)

Roasted Mediterranean vegetables and Peas
 Fresh cut fruit

Thursday

Chicken wraps in a rich tomato sauce (G,Su,Ce) served with cous cous
 Macaroni cheese with a crunchy topping(G,Mu,Ce,Su,Mk)
 Broccoli and sweetcorn
 Sugar free flapjack
 (G)

Friday

Battered cod fillet (G,Mu,F,E) served with baked oven chips
 Potato, Onion and Spinach Omelette (Mk,E), Baked beans and Leeks, Bread and butter pudding
 (G,E,Mk)

SPORTS NEWS



On Monday 21st January, 8 boys from year 4-6 went to a football tournament at Queensbridge Sports Centre. We played against Woodberry Down, Rushmore, William Pattern and St Scholastica drawing all of our matches 0-0 but there were a lot of positives to take from the tournament. Well done to the following boys: Freddie, Marcel, Desharn, Mateo, Milo, Charlie and Arlo and a special thanks to Claire and Tia for accompanying us to and from the venue. **By Desharn Henry (6 Ruby) and Milo Guillore (6 Chilli)**

Happy Friday, PTFA-ers!

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SPRING TERM PTFA MEETING - TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY AT 7.15PM

Everyone is welcome to attend - please do come along to discuss all things PTFA-related (including Project Playground) and to meet other parents and carers, and enjoy a slightly warm glass of wine, cup of coffee and McVitie's finest biscuits.

JUMBLE SALE - SATURDAY 9 MARCH - 11am to 1pm

Jumble sale legends Jenny and Fleur are organising this event for the second year running. They will be looking for volunteers to help set up on Friday evening and Saturday morning, so please do put the date in your diary and look out for an email from your class rep about how you can help.

BAKE FOR BOOKS – warm up your ovens!

All proceeds from our Bake for Books cake sales go towards supporting literacy at Betty Layward.

Fri Feb 1 Y6 & Y1, Fri Feb 15 Y3 & Nursery

After half term, dates tbc.: Reception & Y4; Y2 & Y5

ALSO THIS WEEK...

PTFA EARNINGS FROM ESTATE AGENT BOARDS – 10 MORE NEEDED BY MONDAY

Local estate agents will give donations to our PTFA in return for erecting their boards at home addresses. Each board advertises the latest PTFA event with the agent's branding for 4-5 weeks. Historically they have donated £10 per board. We'd like to raise £1000 from each event this year i.e. have 100 'hosts'. To do this we only need 10 more volunteers - please contact Lucie (lucie.dehon@googlemail.com) by Monday 28 January with your name and address, if you aren't already on our list and are happy to host. Thanks v much to Lucie for volunteering to head up.

THANK YOU YIELD WINE SHOP!

Genna and Tony of the fabulous Yield wine shop on Newington Green ran a promotion during December which saw proceeds of sales donated to our PTFA. They raised a fantastic £337 and we are hugely grateful to them for this donation.

PROJECT PLAYGROUND

The plans for Stage 2 of PP are on display at the front of school: a wonderful new climbing and outdoor play feature for our school grounds. We need to raise £60,000 to make the project happen, through internal school events, lottery, other charity bids and corporate sponsorship. Our aim is to do this by the end of May 2019 and we really need parents and carers to help out!

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

Buy Project Playground tote bags and tea towels, available from Max in reception.

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

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/bettylaywardprimarieschoolptfa> 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.

PTFA GAINS ON YOUR SHOPPING – sign up to the Giving Machine and/ or Amazon Smile

Together just a few of us raised a significant amount via the Giving Machine in the lead up to the winter festivities. There's not many names showing up though (individual spending is not publicised)! Please support the school in this easy way through 2019:

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.

INTERESTED IN LEADING A GREEN PTFA WORKING PARTY?

We're aiming to make all our events and promotions more eco-friendly with re-usable cups, waste recycling, less plastic etc. It would be great if we could have a team to focus on strategy and planning in this area. Please get in touch with Helen (aitch.pea@blueyonder.co.uk), if you are interested in making this happen.