

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, snow has arrived. Please remember to remind the children to wear thick coats and appropriate footwear to school. Please can they also wear a school cardigan or sweatshirt as some children are wearing short sleeves and it is cold. Thank you.

Apricot class performed a fantastic assembly on the Fire of London yesterday. Their acting and singing was fabulous. It was a pleasure to watch. It was the best version of the historical event I have ever seen. Thank you Apricot class and well done.

We also had a lovely instrumental concert yesterday. The children performed individually or in pairs and did really well. There was a range of instruments and it was great to see the children play with confidence and big smiles. Well done to all the performers, you should be very proud of your accomplishments.

Please can I remind you not to park outside the school on the zig zag lines or in the bus stand. These areas must be kept clear. Please do not stop there to drop the children off. Thank you.

We will be introducing the children to the Radio 2 500 words competition in a lesson over the next couple of weeks. Please look out for it, the children can continue their stories at home.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. Keep warm and enjoy the snow if we have more.

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Bea Passmore

News

Sports News



A team of Year 5 and 6 boys and girls took part in the race 3 of the Hackney Cross Country league at Hackney Downs Park. Everybody ran the 1.4km course, but the boys went first. A few high positions were Benji coming 1st out of the 170 boys and Ella coming an amazing 4th, even though she had to do a football match straight after! A special thanks to Simon, Adam and Rob for taking us. **By Benji Bediako (Y6 Chilli)**

Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week is Y6 Ruby with one late mark.
The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week Y3 Emerald with 100% attendance.
Whole school attendance from 3 September until 31st January 2019 is 96.6%.



Picture of our Star of the Week Children

Betty Layward Nursery

The Betty Layward Nursery is now taking applications for September 2019/20.

If you have already applied do not apply again. Please let friends and families know they can now apply for the next academic year.

We will be sending out letters at the end of March/early April to check if you still want mornings, afternoons or Full Time and we will get the transition process started. We are always happy for new prospective parents and carers to visit us and we will facilitate this. Any questions about the Nursery and the new intake please talk to Paula Ramsden,
NurseryManager.pramsden@bettylayward.hackney.sch.uk

Clean Air for Kids

Please look out for the Clean Air for Kids flyers in your child's book bags.

Delivering Our Vision

- Curious** – children wondering will it keep snowing?
Creative – Apricot class assembly on the Great Fire of London. Fabulous acting and singing.
Ambitious – Betty Layward athletes competing in cross country and cricket.
Respectful – the children performing their instruments in the instrumental concert. Well done.
Happy -the children enjoying their school lunches.

Next Week's Menu

Week 2 Menu

Monday

Beef Pasta Bolognese
(G,Ce) with homemade focaccia (G,Mk,So)
Vegetarian Bolognese(G)
Leeks and green beans, Apricot Pie (G,Mk,E)

Tuesday

Chicken Curry with Rice (Mu,So)
Vegetable Curry with Rice(Su,Mu)
Carrots and peas, Sugar Free Pineapple upside down cake (G,E,Mk)

Wednesday

Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and gravy (G) with roasted potatoes
Leek and parmesan risotto (Ce,Mk,Su), Spring cabbage and cauliflower, Fresh cut fruit

Thursday

Mild cajun chicken fillets (Mu,Ce,Su) with steamed rice
Vegetable Pasta Bake (G), Broccoli and sweetcorn
Sugar free Carrot cake (G,E,Mk)

Friday

Baked fish fingers (G,F) served with baked oven chips
Mixed Vegetable Wraps (G,Mk), Baked beans and Peas
Double chocolate sponge and custard (G,E,Mk)



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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.



Happy white Friday everyone,
Looking forwards to see many of you next week during our...(drum roll)

SPRING TERM PTFA MEETING - TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY AT 7.15PM
Late comers warmly welcomed! We will continue our meeting informally at the pub, where we can connect, share ideas and move them forward together!

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

PROJECT PLAYGROUND

PTFA meeting will also be an opportunity to push further our wonderful Project for our kids Playground.

The plans for Stage 2 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/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.



GREEN PTFA WORKING PARTY

Huge thanks to Amy for stepping forward to lead the Green PTFA party!

Come to the PTFA meeting on Tuesday if you would like to help making all our events and promotions more eco-friendly with re-usable cups, waste recycling, less plastic etc. We will be asking for volunteers to create a Green team. You can also get in touch with Helen (aitch.pea@blueyonder.co.uk) or Marta (martaalonsopola@gmail.com) if you are interested in making this happen.

PTFA EARNINGS FROM ESTATE AGENT BOARDS

Our target has been met! £1000 fundraised to support our kids learning. Thanks to all the parents who have kindly agreed having a estate agent board at their house front.
And a massive thank you to Lucy for organising this fruitful initiative!

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

Jumble sale legends Jenny and Fleur are organising this event for the second year running. (Thank you, stars!). 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.

Please remember to bring some cash at the end of the day if you'd like to enjoy some yummy treats from Y1 and Y6. Thanks to all the bakers and helpers!

Coming bake sales:

Fri Feb 15 - Y3 & Nursery

Fri March 22 - Y4 and Reception

Fri March 29 - Y2 and Y5