

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were visited by our School Improvement Partner, Hilary Ryan, from Hackney this week. She commented on how hard the children work, how dedicated they are to their learning and how well they are doing. She complimented us on our Early Year's outdoor areas and how engaged the children were. When we visited the class, the class ambassadors were articulate and clearly explained what their class was learning. It was impressive. She also commented on the high expectations of the staff and the wide range of activities we offer as a school. It was lovely to hear such positive news about our school and it only makes us prouder. We are lucky to have a dedicated and hard working staff team and it is also a privilege to work with you and your children. Well done Betty Layward. We will always continue to strive to do our best.

Thank you to those of you who attended the PTFA meeting this week. There are a lot of exciting events coming up, the next one being the jumble sale. If you are able to help please see your class rep. I am looking forward to it. Donations will be needed soon so please get sorting.

We will be sending home more information about Project Playground next week. This is a really exciting project and one the school feels very passionate about. We really hope you will help us with fundraising so we can make it happen.

We are increasing our stock of school uniform and Max will soon be taking orders in the morning and then you will be able to pick the items up in the afternoon. I do hope selling uniform at school is making life a little easier.

Have a lovely weekend

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Henry Antcliffe in Y4 Fuchsia

News



On Monday 28th January 2019, 7 girls went to an indoor football tournament at Queensbridge Sports Centre. We played against 5 other schools from Hackney recording a 1-0 victory over Tyseses school, Randal Cremer and Mandeville with Sarah scoring all three goals! The other 2 schools we played were Daubeny and Woodberry Down and we drew 0-0 with each school leaving us in second place on goal difference.

Well done to the following girls: Ella, Bea, Elsa, Immy, Sarah, Hannah and Willow. Thanks to Simon too! **By Ella Bowles(6 Chilli)**

On Thursday 31st January, 10 children, in total, from years 4,5 and 6 took part in the Hackney Borough's annual kids cricket tournament at Britannia Leisure Centre. We did brilliantly and played against Shacklewell, Gayhurst and Millfields and came 3rd out of 8 other schools. Millfields and Grasmere played an inspirational final match that wowed us all, with Grasmere finishing off the tournament with a victory in the final. A big well done to the following children: Jude, Iris, Holly, Lucas, Henry M, Trixie, Henry A, Arlo, Arthur and Elliot and a massive thank you to Jamie who had prepared us for the tournament with some lunchtime coaching. Also thank you to Simon who cheered us on and last but not least the parents who turned up to show their support. **By Iris Porter and Holly Leeming**

On Monday 4th February, Betty Layward took part in the final cross country race of the year at Hackney Downs Park on a cold and wet day. It was 1.4km around half of the park. We walked there with Simon, Adam and Rob. The girls and boys from Betty Layward scored some of the best positions. However the highlight was when one of my trainers slid off my foot during the race. I continued all the way to the finish line with my feet soaking wet...thank god I had some spare socks! Well done to Benjy, Etienne and Fin for coming in the top 10 out of 220 boys and to Ella, Manon, Laurie and Dureti for coming in the top 10 out of 187 girls.

A special mention to Benjy who came first out of all 4 races which helped Betty Layward regain their status as the best Hackney Cross Country team for 2018/2019.

Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week Y3 Emerald.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Y5 Saffron with 100% attendance.

Whole school attendance from 3 September until 7th February 2019 is 96.3%.



Picture of our Star of the Week children

Curious – Y4 Fuchsia discovering their local surroundings in Geography.

Creative – Y3 & Y4 Able Writers creating histories.

Ambitious – Y6 roving reporters and excellent editors reporting on the latest news at The Guardian Newspaper.

Respectful – Nursery cooking noodles in celebration of the Chinese New Year.

Happy – Betty Layward winning The Hackney Schools Cross Country Series.

Next Week's Menu

Week 3 Menu

Monday

Turkey and Sweetcorn pie (**G,Su,Mk**) with new potatoes
Provencale Vegetable Pie (**G, Su,Ce**), courgette & Broccoli
Jam sponge with custard (**G, E, Mk**)

Tuesday

Southern spiced breaded chicken (**Mu,E,G**) with savoury rice
Vegetable chilli con carne (**Su,Mk,Ce**) with savoury rice
Sweetcorn and Peas, Sugar free ginger cake (**G,Mk,E**)

Wednesday

Roast Chicken with Stuffings (**G,sSu**) and Gravy with roasted potatoes
Nutfree Vegetable Roast (**G,E,Mk**)
Carrots & Green beans, fresh cut fruit

Thursday

Halal Pepperoni Pizza(**G,Mk,)** with homemade focaccia (**G,Mk,So**)
Margherita Pizza(**G, Mk**) with homemade focaccia (**G,Mk,So**)
Mixed salad & Fruity coleslaw (**E,Mk,Mu**)
Sugar free banana flapjack (**G,Mk**)

Friday

Salmon fish cake(**G,F**) with baked oven chips
Vegetarian burger in a bun (**G,Se**), garden peas & baked beans
Shortbread biscuit (**G,Mk,E**)

Creative Writers



We were really lucky to welcome author Robin Price to our school today. Betty Layward hosted an 'Able writer's day' for some of our year 3 & 4 children, and children from 4 other local schools. Robin is the author of 14 books that range from primary to lower secondary level, from Roobarb and Custard at reception to the acclaimed graphic novel series London Deep. The children had great fun creating their own historical and sci-fi stories. To read some of their amazing writing, please see our website.

PTFA

MINUTES FOR SPRING TERM PTFA MEETING

Sarah will share the minutes of what was discussed at our meeting via our class reps soon. Thanks to those who attended. Numbers were very low, which is a shame. Please feed back if you would prefer a specific time of day/ evening or a certain day of the week for our summer term meeting. We are keen to have more people engaged in the support of our school via fund-raising and subsequently the provision of much-needed resources (PE mats, drama & music initiatives, books and literacy projects, Early Years resources, transport for residential trips, Y6 Yearbook and Project Playground fund) plus extra treats for the children and teachers. This can't happen without you!



GREEN PTFA WORKING PARTY

Huge thanks to Amy B (Y1) for stepping forward to form a Green team.

Can you help to ensure that all our events and promotions are eco-friendly with re-usable cups, waste recycling, less plastic etc.? We are asking for volunteers to join our team. You can also get in touch with Helen (aitch.pea@blueyonder.co.uk) or Marta (martaalonsopola@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.

Hi PTFA-ers, our notices this week...

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

Note the date in your diaries! It will be all hands on deck on the Friday eve to sort jumble and then Saturday morning to run the stalls and clear-up. Classes will need a team each and will be allocated a specific stall which you'll hear about via your rep. Please do get involved - it's a reliable way to raise funds and you may pick up a bargain yourself! And if you're having a clear-out in Feb, please save your jumble for the sale - we'll request you bring it in the week prior. Get in touch with Jenny or Fleur (Y1 reps), if you have any questions.

BAKE FOR BOOKS - warm up your ovens!

All proceeds from our Bake for Books cake sales go towards supporting literacy at Betty Layward. Thanks to all the bakers and helpers :o)

Upcoming bake sales:

Fri Feb 15: Y3 & Nursery

Fri March 22: Y4 and Reception

Fri March 29: Y2 and Y5

PROJECT PLAYGROUND: COULD YOU RUN A FUNDRAISING EVENT?

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! Please speak to Jessica if you and/ or a team of parents feel able to run an event to raise money towards our total.

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: thanks to Max for selling in reception; and to Jenn for making them available at cake sales.

Finally, 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.

% DONATION TO OUR PTFA ON YOUR SHOPPING - sign up to the GIVING MACHINE and/ or Amazon Smile

Do you shop at Boden, John Lewis, Sainsbury's, Tesco, M&S, Next, Argos, Decathlon, Tui, eBay, Hotels.com. etc.? Many businesses will donate a % of an online purchase direct to Betty Layward PTFA: some as much as 5.6%. PLEASE take a look - it's so simple with no strings attached and together we could raise so much more for the school. N.B. Individual spending is not publicised! Register with Giving Machine via http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary.php?ben_id=62956 Shop through the site whenever you can. 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.

PTFA EARNINGS FROM CHRISTMAS TREES

We raised a fantastic £990 from our community association with Pines & Needles this Christmas. Thanks to everyone who supported the initiative.