

# Betty Layward School

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Our Week

No 369, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great term we have had. This week has been busy. Thanks to Lavender class for their lovely assembly. I learnt a lot and well done for learning all your lines. Good work Lavender class.

Thanks to all the parents and carers who came to the PTFA meetings yesterday. It was great to see you there. Thank you for supporting the school and for fundraising. It really does make a difference.

Please remember the closing date for 500 words is 22nd February. Half term is a good time to upload the stories. We could have a winner in our midst.

We sent out a letter about becoming a parent governor this week. It is a voluntary role but also a very rewarding one. It is an opportunity to support this school with its school development. The commitment is to attend meetings (termly) and to spend some occasional time in school. We value any time or support and if you have any questions about this role please come and see me.

The Variety show is coming up in March so please ask your child if they would like to participate. We will be asking for new entries this year so if you were in it last year please do not apply for this one. We will be doing a sign up after half term and then will draw names from a hat. We are really looking forward to it. We would also like a few parents or carers to help us with refreshments. Please let me know if you can. More information to follow.

Thank you for your support this term. I hope you have a very happy half term.

Best wishes,

Jessica



Jessica drawn by Joshua in Year 2 Apricot

### News



Following on from the fabulous work of our Year 6 team last term, we have a new group of talented young creatives leading the way with the murals that will form part of Project Playground. I am super excited to be working with Iris, Greta, Imogen, Ava, Aviv and Ruby from Year 5 and look forward to seeing more of their ideas, designs and skills over the next half term. Great work so far team! Kelly, Art Teacher

A couple of weeks back we were graced with IT Royalty Yu Ukai, a leading Coder for Minecraft no less!!! Barney Green our Music and ICT teacher arranged the visit via the International Hour of Code Project.

Yu spent the morning talking to and taking questions from KS2 children whilst showing them the inner workings of Minecraft from the perspective of a Games Creator and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed mining his craft! (picture on the right-hand side)

### Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week are Year 6 Chilli and Year 4 Cerise with no late marks.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Year 4 Fuchsia. Whole school attendance from 4 September until 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 is 96.7%.



### Matt Whyman - Hot off The Press....



We were really lucky to welcome Matt Whyman to our school today. Matt Whyman is a best-selling author who has written widely for all ages across a range of subjects - in fiction, advice and memoir. A graduate from the University of East Anglia's MA in Creative Writing, Matt is often invited to teach the subject for writers of all ages; hosting workshops across Russia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East, as well as in schools throughout the UK. He has also served on judging panels for the Costa Children's Book of the Year Award and the Booktrust Teenage Book Prize. Matt hosted a writing workshop with some of our year 3 and 4 children and children from four other schools in Hackney. Daniel House Hall was transformed into a bustling newsroom and our children became roving reporters reporting on an alien abduction in Dorito School. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and produced some amazing news stories.

Curious: All of KS2 using ICT in their learning today.  
 Creative: Year 3 and 4 able writer's day at BL!  
 Ambitious: Our Y6 students performing their Hakka at assembly.  
 Respectful: Our whole school 'vision' assemblies.  
 Happy: Reception children with their dress-up day today!

## Next Week's Menu

### Monday

Beef bolognaise (G,Su, Ce)  
 Veggie mince bolognaise (So, G, E)  
 Grilled tomatoes & garden peas  
 Jam sponge with custard (G, Mk, E)

### Tuesday

Pancakes with Mozzarella and Roasted Vegetables  
 New Potatoes  
 Cauliflower & Roasted Veg  
 Pancakes with Lemon and Sugar

### Wednesday

Sliced roast Norfolk turkey with gravy and cranberry sauce (G)  
 Roasted pepper, courgette, onion and cheddar quiche (Mk, E, G)  
 Roasted potatoes, Broccoli & Sweetcorn  
 Chocolate chip banana cake (G, E, Mk)

### Thursday

Lamb and mixed bean chilli (Mu)  
 Five bean chilli (E, Ce, Su)  
 Creamy mashed potato (Mk)  
 Carrots & Green beans  
 Apple and berry crumble with custard (Mk, G)

### Friday

Baked breaded fish fillet (G, F)  
 Mixed bean and rice burrito (Mu, Mk, G)  
 Baked over chips  
 Baked beans & Coleslaw (Mu, Mk, E)  
 Soft fruit oatmeal crumble (G, Mk)

*(Please refer to the menu for the allergy key)*

*Please note that we will be having pancakes on Tuesday as we were unable to serve them yesterday due to staff shortages.*

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Thursday 1/3 at 9.15 – Year 6 Chilli Class Assembly  
 Thursday 8/3 at 9.15am – Year 5 Buttercup Class Assembly  
 Thursday 22/3 at 9.15am – Year 4 Cerise Class Assembly  
 Thursday 29/3 at 9.15am – Year 1 Violet Class Assembly  
 Thursday 3/5 at 9.15am – Reception Aqua Class Assembly  
 Thursday 24/5 at 9.15am – Reception Ocean Class Assembly

Thanks for all your support for the PTFA so far this year. Please forward any new ideas for contributing to PTFA events or fund-raising activities to Helen ([aitech.pea@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aitech.pea@blueyonder.co.uk)) or Marta ([martaalonsopola@gmail.com](mailto:martaalonsopola@gmail.com)). Enjoy the half term break!

### **PTFA meeting: Thurs 8th February**

Great to see everyone who attended our termly meeting last night to find out how the PTFA is helping the school to enhance our children's experience and to discuss future fund-raising activities. Minutes will be circulated via your class rep soon and we'll post on the blackboard outside school too. Next official meeting will be in the summer term.

### **Bake for books: cake sale dates**

Warm up those ovens... the remaining cake sale dates are:  
 Fri 2 March Nursery & Y4  
 Fri 23 March Y1 & Y3

Well done for our class efforts so far. Every penny from the sales since September has been put aside to buy new books for both classroom reading and for our school library – see the note of thanks in last week's newsletter for the PTFA funds recently invested in new library books and reading books for KS2

### **Jumble Sale: 17th March**

Jenny and Fleur (Reception class reps) have volunteered to lead the organisation of our jumble sale. Look out for communication coming from them soon. In the meantime, please put the date in your diary and consider volunteering to be responsible for a stall and/ or sorting the jumble. Finally, put aside anything from your half-term clear out: unwanted clothes, toys, trinkets and books for the sale – we'll let you know when we are ready to receive donations. Thank you.

### **THE GIVING MACHINE**

This is pure profit, people, please check it out! We have accrued £66 from just a few people making their online purchases via this platform and there is a lot more potential here. Simply register on the site and click through to your preferred retailer to shop as normal. Doesn't cost you a penny but does raise money for our children:

[http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary.php?ben\\_id=62956](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary.php?ben_id=62956)

## Sports News

### Hackney Bulls v Saracens Match Report



4<sup>th</sup> February, 9:30 am, under 11s rugby tournament; Hackney Bulls went up against Regents Park Royals and Saracens RFC. Hackney's first opponent was the well-known Regents Park Royals, Theo Williams from YR 6 Ruby class as Team Captain. The result: 4-1 to Hackney Bulls, Zion from YR 6 Ruby scoring 2 tries. Hackney Bulls next match was against Saracens. The unfortunate outcome was 4-2 to Saracens RFC, however Hackney Bulls did not put their heads down as they went on to their 3<sup>rd</sup> and final match which they went on to draw to Regents Park Royals 3-3, Zion from Ruby scoring yet another try. Overall, it was a good day for Hackney Bulls as they went off to celebrate and give out awards at Nandos in Enfield; Zion won Muddiest Player and Theo won Best Player for Work Rate at the Break Down (that's means the best at rucking).