

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of 2019. What a great term and start to the academic year we have had. The reception and nursery children have settled in really well. I am so proud of them.

We had the reception and year 1 Nativity this week. It was fabulous. The children did so well. They spoke with loud clear voices, sang beautifully and their acting was amazing. Well done reception and year 1. You are fabulous.

The Winter fair was a great success. It was buzzing and full of smiles and laughter. Thank you to everyone who came, helped, donated and a really big thank you to the organisers. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

We had our Christmas lunch today. It was delicious. The children really enjoyed themselves and had lots of fun. A big thank you to the PTFA who covered the cost of the lunch for the children.

We are really looking forward to seeing you at the events next week. We have our years 2-6 concert in St Marys church on Tuesday at 2pm. We also have our family carol concert on Wednesday at 6pm. Tickets are available to book on www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

The event code is **n3yve**. There are still some tickets available.

Thank you for your patience with the playground. The ground really has not been dry enough for us to put all the new woodchips down. We have had the ground re-levelled to help. Unfortunately we can not control the weather and there has been a lot of rain. We hope to open it properly in January.

I hope you have the information about Fit for Sport who are taking over our after school care. Any questions please ask.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday and a Happy Christmas. We break up on Thursday at 2pm. We return to school on Tuesday 7th January at 8:45am.

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Lennie in Nursery

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TALK HOMEWORK

The theme this week is 'If you could buy one present for anybody (except yourself) what would it be and why?'

CHESS MEDALS



Last Friday Betty Layward's Chess club joined 2000 other children from around the country in attending the UK's most important chess tournament, the London Chess Classic, where we were treated to lessons from grandmasters in the morning and then played in a 5-round tournament in the afternoon. We came third overall and were awarded a trophy by a grandmaster!

Well done to everyone: Lea; Lilliana; Leo F, Lotte, Kaelan, Ella, Leo A, David, Ahmet, Joe, Arthur, Milo, Everett, Theo, Harry, and Etienne all of whom scored wins. Joe was awarded a gold medal for winning all his games, and Arthur, Leo and David bronze medals for winning 4 out of 5.

SPORTS NEWS



On Thursday 5th December, a group of year 5 and 6 children took part in the Hackney Cross Country at Hackney Downs Park. The run was 1.4km. There was a lot of school there and the boys race was first, followed by the girls race. The weather was cold but not too bad to run in. We did great and everyone had lots of fun but we were tired when we walked back to school.

Well done to all the children who took part and all the parents who supported the Cross Country team especially Matthew (Henry's Father) and Rob (Finn's Father). **By Stanley McLuskie, Eli Vyner, Pippa Owen and Rebecca Elfield (5 Saffron)**

On Wednesday 4th December, some children from Betty Layward went to Clissold Leisure Centre to play Dodgeball against other schools from Hackney. We played against Berger, Kingsmead, Queensbridge, Shacklewell. We played very well and the game was brilliant. It was one of the best days of my life!

Well done to the following children: Victor, Kieran, Kayden, Malachi, Micaiah, Ta'Nai, Taylor, Shanay and Leah. **By Kayden Furlonge- McGie (5 Buttercup) and Malachi Servis (6 Chilli)**

Curious – the children wondering who is going to win the gingerbread house or scooter.

Creative – the children's Christmas hats worn today.

Ambitious - the singing and acting in the year 1 and reception nativity.

Respectful – the manners used during the Christmas lunch.

Happy – all the children and staff with their Christmas lunches today.

Next Week's Menu

Week 3 of our Autumn Term Menu

Monday

Vegetarian mince pie with puff pastry **(So,Mk,E,G,Ce)**

Roasted vegetable filo tart **(Mk,E,G)**

Steamed new potatoes, green beans, roasted butternut squash

Spiced Bramley apple crumble with custard

Tuesday

Farm assured Italian beef lasagne **(Mk,G)**

Vegetarian lasagne **(Mk,G)**

Garlic bread **(So,Mk,G)**, Steamed carrots & Mixed tossed salad

Sugar free marmalade bread and butter pudding

(G,E,Mk,So)

Wednesday

Roast chicken with sage and onion stuffing and gravy
Tomato & basil risotto

Fluffy roasted potatoes, roasted cauliflower and steamed broccoli

Cut fruit and yoghurt

Thursday

Homemade Shepherd's pie with creamy mash potato top **(G,Mk,E,So,Su)**

Quorn Shepard's pie with creamy mash potato topping **(Mk,E G,Ce)**

Creamy mashed potato **(Mk)**, Buttered sweetcorn and Sauté leeks

Sugar free carrot cake with orange frosting **(G,E,Mk)**

Salad bar, jacket potatoes, fresh bread and a selection of homemade cold dessert and yoghurts are also available daily

Packed Lunches:

Please do not include any sweets, crisps or chocolate bars as part of your child's packed lunch. DUE TO NUT ALLERGIES DO NOT SEND NUT PRODUCTS INTO SCHOOL (INCLUDING PESTO) - WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL. Drinking water will be provided for all the children in the dining hall.

Christmas Dates for next week

Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church 17/12 at 2pm
for Y2-Y6 Parents

Christmas class parties 18/12

Christmas Family Carol Evening 18/12 at 6pm – 7pm at school

Last day of school – Thursday 19/12 – closing at 2pm

Happy Christmas Jumper Day PTFAers!

We hope all the children and adults enjoy their Christmas dinner today!!!

Winter Fair

The Winter Fair was a great success, huge thanks to everyone for all your help, we couldn't do it without you! Special thanks to Sam, Sarah and Nick for organising and to the World Food team for all their hard work and delicious food. We hope you all enjoyed the day!

Christmas Cards and Mugs

Everyone should now have received their children's Christmas cards and Mugs, please contact Sarah if not

sarah.bolton10@googlemail.com

Still not got your Christmas Tree?

Remember that if you buy your tree from THE CLISSOLD PARK TAVERN and mention 'Betty Layward' they will donate to the PTFA and you will get 10% off in the pub for life! Win win!

Christmas Shopping!

Please remember to use the [Amazonsmile](#) and [Giving Machine](#) if you are shopping online. It's an easy way of fundraising for our school and it just takes a click.

If you don't know how to do this, watch this space for instructions coming your way soon!

Need Some Wine?!

Your local Wine Shop YIELD wants to help the Betty Layward fundraise, from now until 1st January Yield will donate 10% of your spend with them to the PTFA, just mention 'Betty Layward' and we'll do the rest! Then let's raise a glass to the holidays!!!

Eco School

We have been changing some of our old ways in order to convert BL into a eco example for our kids.

If you are on the mission and would like to help out with this, please contact Amy on acs_abroad@yahoo.com