

# Betty Layward School

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Our Week

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week having a go on the new playground. It's great and we are really looking forward to opening it properly next week. Seeing the children smile and enjoy themselves on there is fantastic and I am looking forward to that continuing. Thank you again for all that you have done to make it possible. I hope your star of the week certificate is stuck on your fridge.

We are currently asking children to write their 500 word stories for the BBC radio 2 competition. You will be receiving extra information. We are really looking forward to reading them. I know we could have a winner or some finalists within our brilliant writers. Any encouragement from home is welcome.

During the holidays I went to the Year 3 exhibition at the Tate Britain. It was great. I really enjoyed seeing so many happy classes from all over London and felt incredibly proud of our children in their photo. Please go and see it. Our current year 4 classes will be going in April for a special visit.

Year 4 had Zoolab visit this week and had a great time. They thoroughly enjoyed the visit and learnt a lot about Animals and their habitats.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Jessica  
Headteacher



Drawn by Abbie Merritt- Ocean Class

### News

#### TALK HOMEWORK

The theme this week is 'Would you rather always have to say everything that you are thinking or never speak again? Why?'

#### BBC RADIO 2 500 WORD COMPETITION



Thursday saw the launch of the BBC Radio 2 500 word competition. This is the tenth year this competition has been running and the children were able to join in a live lesson to help get them inspired to write their own stories. The children who wish to enter the competition will be able to take what they have written home so as to complete their stories and enter them in the competition. More information will be coming next week to help you enter your child's story should they wish to be in with a chance to win Chris Evan's height in books and 500 books for our school library. So happy writing.



Pictures of Y4 children enjoying the animals

This week in Y4, Zoolab visited with rats, corn snakes, cockroaches, tarantulas, and millipedes. It was an engaging hands-on animal experience to support the learning about animals and their habitats.

#### Music News and Information

Instrumental lessons recommenced this week. Only children whose lessons have been paid for will be collected for lessons. If your child has stopped lessons please return any hired instruments to school so others can enjoy the same opportunity. **This year's instrumental concert is at 2.15pm on Thursday 30th January in the main hall.**

**Curious** – the Y4 children curious about animals with visitors ZooLab.

**Creative** – the Y6 children making Mayan masks.

**Ambitious** – the children in Spanish assembly expanding their vocabulary.

**Respectful** – the way the children treat the new playground.

**Happy** – the children on WOW Day.

## Next Week's Menu

### Week 3 of our Spring 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  
**(Mk,G)**

#### Tuesday

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

Vegetarian lasagne **(Mk,G)**

Garlic bread (So,Mk,G), Steamed carrots,

Mixed tossed salad

Sugar free banana and date flapjack **(MK,G)**

#### Wednesday

Roast Turkey with gravy and sage onion stuffing **(G,MK)**

Fusilli pasta with tomato and basil sauce  
**(E,G)**

Fluffy roasted potatoes, Roasted parsnips and swede, Steamed broccoli

Cut fruit, Yoghurt **(MK,SO)**

#### Thursday – Chinese Day Menu

Gong bao chicken **(G,SO)**

Spice vegetable noodles **(G,SO,SE)**

Buttered sweetcorn **(MK)**

Radish and sesame soy noodle salad  
**(SO,SE,E,G)**

Sugar free Orange and Poppy seed cake  
**(MK,E,G)**

#### Friday

Home made cheese beef burger In bun  
**(MK,G)**

Veggie burger with relish and sauces

**(Su,So,Se,Mu,Mk,G)**

Baked oven chips, Baked beans, Garden peas

Golden syrup sponge and custard **(Mk,E,G)**

Happy Friday PTFA'ers! We hope you've had a great week. This week, a big thank you and some dates for your diary...

#### Christmas trees

This year, the lovely people at Festive Taverns, the Christmas tree selling arm of Ground Level Works (a local family run landscaping company) supported the PTFA by agreeing to donate a minimum of 10% of every Betty Layward tree sale to our fundraising. A total of £270 was raised via sales and Festive Taverns have generously agreed to top it up to £500!

While it was only the second year Festive Taverns have been selling Christmas trees, Ground Level Works, based in Hackney, have been designing and building private and commercial gardens for over ten years. They provide free estimates and meet and measure ups on all aspects of hard and soft landscaping.

#### Bake for books

Dates for this term's bake for books - all money raised is ring-fenced for new books and literacy projects for the school...

Friday 24 January - reception and year 6

Friday 7 February - nursery and year 5

Friday 28 February - year 1 and year 4

Friday 13 March - year 2 and year 3

## Awards



Picture of our Star of the Week Children

The winners of the best attendance trophy for this week is Y1 Lavender.

Whole school attendance from 13<sup>th</sup> January until 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 is 96.5%.