

LAYTON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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Last Friday we took a party of digital leaders to London to visit the BETT show. We had a brilliant day and the children were impeccably behaved. We even managed to visit the queen!



Thank you to those who have already visited our book fair.

The fair is in school until 2nd February in the Key Stage 1 hall. Don't forget everything is half price! This ties in with World Book Day on 3rd March when children and staff may come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

**School Term Dates 2016/17**

Autumn Term 2016

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| Staff Training     | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September             |
| Staff Training     | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September               |
| Re-open            | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September               |
| Close after school | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October                |
| Re-open            | Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November                |
| Close              | Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December at 1.30 pm |

Spring Term 2017

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| Staff Training     | Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January         |
| Staff Training     | Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January           |
| Re-open            | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January           |
| Close after school | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February         |
| Staff Training     | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February         |
| Re-open            | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February        |
| Close              | Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March at 1.30 pm |

Summer Term 2017

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| School re-opens    | Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April          |
| Bank Holiday       | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May              |
| Close after school | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May             |
| Re-open            | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June             |
| Close              | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July at 1.30 pm |

School is closed to children on the 5 staff training days.

*Well done to the Learners of the Week in  
EYFS & Key Stage 1 - 22nd January 2016*



**Learner of the Week**

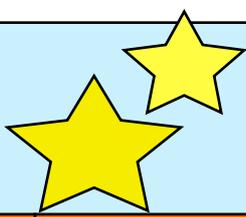
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| FK | Leyla for pushing herself more in phonics and practising her letter sounds.  |
| FP | Kayden for always putting lots of effort into his work and always being resilient.   |
| FW | Angel for being a superstar in every way. She puts 100% into everything and is becoming more resilient. She is an absolute pleasure to teach :-)   |
| 1E | Dylan - more resilient in all his work.  |
| 1C | Rosie for trying really hard with all of her work and making big improvements in her writing.  |
| 1D | Harry for trying so hard with his work this week and tuning out any distractions. Well done Harry - keep it up!  |
| 2M | Freya for being resilient, reflective and taking risks to help her with all her work. Well done - keep up the good work!   |
| 2N | Alex for working particularly hard in numeracy on his work on measures. He has shown resilience and has been reflective in his work. Well done!  |
| 2C | Sophie - she has shown lots of resilience this week especially with her numeracy. She is becoming more confident and is starting to take more risks in the classroom. Keep it up Sophie! |

*school meal menu for the week commencing Monday 1st February 2016*

|                 | <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Tuesday</b>                                    | <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>Thursday</b>                             | <b>Friday</b>                           |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| option 1        | cheese and onion slice with oven chips  | roast pork loin (*) with roast potatoes and gravy | chicken pasta bake                                      | cheese and tomato pizza                     | crispy turkey burger with potato wedges |
| option 2        | beef lasagne with oven chips  | chicken curry with rice                           | freshly made sausage roll (*) with roast diced potatoes | beef and mushroom pie with sautéed potatoes | fish goujons with potato wedges         |
| pasta & sauce   | bolognese sauce   | tomato and basil sauce                            | vegetable and tomato sauce                              | chicken italiano sauce                      | mushroom and tomato sauce               |
| vegetables      | baked beans   | carrots   | broccoli  | sweetcorn                                   | peas                                    |
| dessert         | chocolate mousse  | orange and apricot cheesecake                     | shortbread  | dairy cream eclair                          | lemon cake                              |
| available daily | * - Chef's selection of salad - fresh fruit - water or sugar free cordial<br>- sliced fresh bread - natural yoghurt |   |   |   |   |

**(Please note items marked (\*) contain pork)**

Please speak to our Catering Manager about any ingredients if you have any concerns re food allergies, intolerances or specific dietary requirements.



*Well done to the Learners of the Week in  
Key Stage 2 - 22nd January 2016*



| Learner of the Week |   |
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| 3C                  | Marley for a wonderful attitude to learning and to school. It's great to see such a positive change!  |
| 3S                  | Alexia - she has started to reflect on the success criteria much more effectively. Keep it up!  |
| 3R                  | Holly for an amazing attitude to her learning. She always wants to improve - well done!   |
| 4JM                 | Kyle for his positive attitude to learning this week. We are very impressed with Kyle's attempt to work independently during writing sessions. Well done Kyle.                  |
| 4D                  | Matthew for an absolute turn around in his attitude - PLEASE KEEP IT UP! Miss Dyer is really happy to see him contributing, especially in Maths and completing his homework!    |
| 4M                  | The whole class! Everyone has worked their socks off, despite having different teachers during the past 2 weeks, giving 110% in every aspect of their work                      |
| 5M                  | Lewis for listening to constructive help much more often and acting on it.  |
| 5G                  | Disandhi has tried really hard in all of her lessons this week and we are pleased to see her confidence increasing every day. Miss Garrill and Mrs Walsh are very proud of her. |
| 5W                  | Isabelle has a wonderful thirst for knowledge. She consistently puts 100% into everything she does. In the last few weeks she has had to be particularly resilient in numeracy. |
| 6B                  | Lewis for his positive attitude to his literacy work this week - for being resilient, listening to suggestions and acting on them. Keep it up!                                  |
| 6R                  | Bailey for a determined effort in literacy this week. He CAN do it! He has produced an autobiography that he can be really proud of!  |
| 6D                  | Jaydon for producing some superb pieces of writing recently. His use of figurative language is extremely mature. He is on fire!   |

### **Attendance Incentive Winners - Autumn Term 2015**

Congratulations to the following children who were last term's attendance incentive winners in Foundation and Key Stage 1. We hope they have all enjoyed treating the family with their cinema vouchers.

Vincent and Zachary-Lee both from FW  
Olivia from 1E and Millie-Mae from 1C  
Lydia from 2N and Leon from 2C

Don't forget - for every week of 100% attendance - your child's name will go into the next draw at the end of this half term.



## Attendance 2015/16

At Layton School our annual attendance target is **96%+**.

Attendance for the week ending 22nd January 2016 unfortunately dropped below target at 95.8%.

Congratulations to the 11 classes who achieved 96% and above.

3R - 100% - congratulations!

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| FP    | 2M    | FK    | 1D    | FW    | 1C  | 1E    | 2C    | 2N    |
| 89.7% | 92.2% | 93.4% | 95.2% | 95.5% | 96% | 96.6% | 97.1% | 97.5% |

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|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 4JM   | 3S    | 5W    | 5G  | 5M    | 6R  | 3C    | 4M  | 4D    | 6D    | 6B    | 3R   |
| 93.2% | 93.7% | 94.2% | 95% | 95.8% | 96% | 96.3% | 97% | 97.9% | 99.3% | 99.3% | 100% |

Late marks after register closed: 1.7%

Unauthorised absence: 1.4%.

The winning classes for attendance last week were:  
2N and 3R

**Saturday 6th February**  
**National Libraries Day**  
**Dan Worsley**  
**Telling Tales**  
 Join Dan as he shares some "Impossible Tales" plus a sneaky peek at a brand new story from his forthcoming book "More Impossible Tales"  
**Palatine Library 10am**  
**Moor Park Library 12pm**  
**Layton Library 1.30pm**  
**Free Event**  
 Blackpool Council



Our Digital Leader's Blog is continuing to go from strength to strength and has been shortlisted for a NAACE (Education Technology Association) Impact award; we are one of only four schools in the country who have

been shortlisted in the '**Early Years & Primary Impact**'. The judges will decide on the winner from the shortlist and the winners of each category will be announced at the [The National Education Technology Conference 2016](#) on Thursday 24 March

### Top 40 Talking Tips

The speech therapists at Shine have put together a list of 40 tips to encourage verbal communication skills to share with parents and carers via the newsletter over the school year. These suggestions will be relevant for all children, not just those with speech, language or communication difficulties.

**17. Feely Bag** - hide objects inside a bag and your child has to put their hand in and describe what they can feel. Is it soft or hard? Is it big or small? Is it rough or smooth? When they have described it see if they can guess what it is. Are you brave enough to see what they put in the feely bag? This is a good, cheap and easy way of having some fun and expanding a child's vocabulary and their sense of touch.



