

# THE BELHAM BUZZ

The Belham  
Primary School



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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

A week before half term, Year 3 pupils had the chance to apply to be Play Leaders: pupils who have a special responsibility in the playground to look out for and look after the other children. After receiving many written applications and our shortlisted applicants going through a rigorous interview process with Mrs Hutchison and myself, I'm very pleased to announce that we have chosen the following twelve children:

Audrey, Evie, Flint, Liliana, Ralph, Sammy (Denim)  
Evelina, Jasmina, Jimmy, Ines, Stanley, Yosef, (Calico)

Our Play Leaders will receive special training so that they can learn how to see things from another child's perspective, help solve issues in the playground, and involve children, who might be feeling a little lonely, in organised games. It is a big responsibility but I'm sure that our Year 3 pupils will rise to the challenge.

## BELHAM SPORTS KIT – THANK YOU!

Several months ago with the kind help of the Friends of Belham, Munday's Estate Agents and WASP Sports we were able to gather the funds together to purchase our first ever competitive sports kit. After hours of deliberation over colours and styles a kit was created. Last week some year three girls were able to showcase it at the JAPS X-country event. This week it is being used by year two and three at a local friendly fixture and by a year three running team at Alleyn's. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped us get this brilliant kit!



Creative reflection time next week will be about:

**POTTERY (BRUCE CHIVERS)**

## KEY DATES

### Friday 16 March

Year 1 trip to Tower of London (packed lunch required)

Sports Relief begins with the 'try-athlon' (please see below)

### Monday 19 March

Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm (packed lunch required)

**Please note** children need to arrive at school at 7.30am, and will return by 4.00pm

### Tuesday 20 March

Raising Resilient Children Workshop, 7.00pm

### Wednesday 21 March

Wear sports kit/something red for Sports Relief! (see below)

## SPORTS RELIEF

Sports Relief is a fantastic charity that aims to help people in the UK and across the world. Since the last event it has treated 90,000 people with anti-malaria drugs, helped over **3.4 million** people in Africa through maternal, neonatal and child health funding and more than 50,000 people in the UK, living with a mental health problem.

This year's Sports Relief week will start on **Friday 16 March** with our ever popular try-athlon day, which will give children a chance to try out a range of sports. During the following week children will be taking part in daily workouts, a whole school dance session and a range of lunchtime inter-house tournaments. In addition to all of that on **Wednesday 21 March** we will have a famous Olympic athlete visiting the school to talk with all of the children and then to run some workshops with Years 1-3. There will also be some spaces for a parent workshop with our famous Olympic athlete so watch out for the invite via Evolve as spaces will be limited.

So how are we going to raise money for Sports Relief? On **Wednesday 21 March** children can come to school in either a sports kit or something red in exchange for a suggested £1 donation. We are also giving children a Sports Relief money box to collect loose change in. Lastly, we are asking children to take on some physical challenges as a way of raising some cash. This could be running laps of the park, doing press-ups or simply walking the dog.

The sports Relief website has loads of great ideas of things you could do to raise money. Please bring any money you raise into school so that we can add it to our school total—we would love to beat our sister school (Dulwich Hamlet) but don't tell them that!

## RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN WORKSHOP

Lorraine Thomas, parent coach and author, will be delivering a workshop for parents/carers on Tuesday 20 March at 7.00pm. Many thanks for all your emails to book into the workshop – we are able to accommodate everyone who would like to attend. Please email the office if you have not replied to date but would still like to come.

## SCRAP FABRIC

We are collecting scrap fabric for various art projects in the school. If you have any old fabrics of any variety that you would like to donate, there is a collection bin in the area by the reception front desk.

## LITTLE VILLAGE EAST DULWICH

A team of local parents and volunteers are launching Little Village in Southwark, where there are over 8,000 children under 5 living in poverty - that's more than 1 in 3 in the borough. This is a problem we can do something about and we need your help to make that happen!

Little Village collects good quality donations of clothes and kit for babies and children up to the age of 5 from local families and gets these out to other families in the area who need them but can't afford to buy them, via friendly weekly drop-in sessions. We want to make it as easy as possible for families to support each other in a way that's social, sustainable and local. All our donations of clothes and kit are gifts from one family to another, and not hand-outs.

Before we can get up and running and start accepting donations we need to do some building work to our premises. Please support our crowdfunder and help us launch in SE15. Thanks to a number of local businesses, we have some fab rewards up for grabs, from coffee and meals out to bike services, beer and books! Find out more and pledge here:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/little-village-southwark/>

## UPCOMING FoB EVENTS

### FOB School Disco – Friday 16 March

Place : Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove (there's a cash bar for grown ups)

When : Friday 16 March

Reception: 3.45pm – 4.15pm

Year 1: 4.30pm – 5.00pm

Years 2 & 3: 5.15pm – 6.00pm

Price : £3 on the door per child (which includes drinks and a packet of crisps). Non-school siblings are welcome; Belhamites can strut their stuff across their sibling's sessions as needed. All are welcome!

### The FOB Easter egg hunt - Saturday 24 March

This will take place from 10.30am, at Lettsom Gardens (arrive Grove Park side SE5). Cost is £3.50 per child. As part of FOB's commitment to more ethical resources, fair trade chocolate eggs will be used in the hunt!

### FOB Brick Brewery Tour – Wednesday 28 March

The 8.00pm tour is now sold out. 11 tickets are still available for the first tour at 7.00pm:

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/150295>

## BELHAM AIR QUALITY GROUP

In case you missed the introduction in last week's Buzz, we are a group of parents working on ways to reduce air pollution in the school area, as well as associated issues, such as road safety (eg the new zebra crossing coming to Maxted road) and active routes to school. If you'd like to get involved or find out more contact [harriet\\_bailey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk).

We're also looking to raise awareness of air pollution and things we can all do to reduce it. Look out for regular tips, like the one below, in the Belham Buzz.

**Tip of the week:** A really simple way you can help to cut air pollution is, if you do have to drive to school, turn off your engine when stationary. This reduces harmful emissions outside the car as well as inside, where toxic pollution can be many times higher. Find out more on London's stop idling scheme here: <https://idlingaction.london> and it's nicely captured in this short video [Engine idling \(#DontBeldle\)](#).