



## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

This weekend, I was reminded of a famous Pablo Picasso quote: "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." The Belham was lucky enough to prove that the first part of this quote is indeed true by taking part in the Dulwich Festival's Artists' Open House, giving parents and the public the opportunity to come and look at our pupils' artwork. Every child in the school had a piece of art on display, which was exhibited alongside the work of established artists in the community. There was a fantastic turnout and it was lovely to see the pride that the children felt seeing their own art on display. Hopefully taking part in events such as these will help ensure that the rest of Picasso's quote will not apply to our pupils when they become adults. The first weekend of our exhibition was a huge success, but don't worry if you didn't have the chance to visit the school: we will be open again this Saturday and Sunday, 11am – 4pm. A big thank you must go to Ms Gorely and Mr Turnham for giving up so much of their own time to organise this fabulous event.

## THE BELHAM ART EXHIBITION

Our first weekend of being a part of the Dulwich Festival Artists' Open House was a huge success! We had hundreds of people, both parents and members of our wider community, through the door to see the work of local artists and the work of our wonderful children. This weekend is the last weekend of the exhibition (open 11-4pm both days). So if you didn't get a chance to visit, or even if you did but want to bring some friends, please do come along.



We have also set up an Instagram account to document events like this, as well as examples of great work (we will not upload any photographs of children to this account) so please feel free to add us or to tag yourself when you visit. The Instagram feed is also now available on the homepage of our website.

## KEY DATES

### Thursday 17 May

Felt Class trip to Dulwich College to see the James Caird boat - packed lunch required.

'The Dancer' information session, 6pm (please see details below)

### Friday 18 May

FoB Cake Sale after school (see over for details)

### Saturday 19/Sunday 20 May

Belham Art Exhibition as part of Dulwich Festival Artists' Open House (please see below for details)

### Monday 21 May

Class photographs for all pupils so please make sure your child is photo-ready!

### Tuesday 22 May

'Wear your favourite shoes' day! Swap school shoes for your favourite footwear to raise money for charity. There will be a suggested donation of £1. Please see next page for full details.

### FUTURE DATE : 29 June Sports Day 2018

Sports Day will be taking place on the afternoon of 29 June in Warwick Gardens. Put the date in your diaries!

## 'THE DANCER' INFORMATION SESSION

This year we will be holding a Summer Concert for the whole school on 5 July from 6-8pm. 'The Dancer' is a song that we will perform in the concert, in which the whole school will participate (so it would be great for parents to be there!) We would also like an adult community choir to join us. Teachers, office staff, lunch time supervisors will all be involved too. We also need dancers, stage managers and wardrobe help.

We are holding an information session for parents this **Thursday 17 May from 6-7pm** in the Hall. You will be able to hear the piece, and find out how you can become involved. Alison Swann (who does dance with the children in school) will also be there.

Creative reflection time next week will be about:  
THE ART OF BALANCING ROCKS

## DEVELOPING THE BELHAM AS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE

On Saturday 12 May we held the first meeting of the new parent/ staff/governor working group. This has been set up to explore how our wonderful school building might be used as the 'go-to' community space for everything from yoga classes to pop up dining, as we move forward on delivering our vision of the Belham being at the "heart of the community".

Please look out for a questionnaire that you will receive in the next week or so, asking for your views and opinions as to how you would like to see the spaces used, and we would be thrilled if you set aside ten minutes to complete it: this will generate some powerful information about the community's preferences.

## FoB CAKE SALE : THIS FRIDAY 18 MAY

The ever popular cake sale will take place from 3.25pm in the school playground. We are raising money for Peckham Sponsors Refugees (see details below). Please bring cakes, bread & biscuits in on the morning of Friday 18 to the main playground. Clearly label your containers with your child's name & class. Bring lots of cash for the yummy cakes!

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK AND WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE SHOES DAY

Next week the school will be taking part in Walk to School Week, when we'll be encouraging pupils to walk all or part of their journey to school for as many days as possible over the week. We'll be awarding badges to everyone who takes part.

As part of this, on Tuesday 22 May children are invited to swap school shoes for their favourite footwear to help raise money for Living Streets' Happy Shoesday event. There will be a suggested donation of £1. Please no flip-flops or sandals; children can bring in slippers as long as they have some sensible shoes to wear outside at playtime!

Find out more here: [Walk to school week](#). Email [harriet\\_bailey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk) for more information about the Belham Air Quality group and the work they do.

## FoB CAMPING WEEKEND: DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY

**Don't feel like you have missed out!** If you would still like to come to the FoB camp, there are 113 tickets left for Friday night.

\*Ticket prices are per person, not per tent/family\*

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/159679#>

## FoB REQUESTS!

### FoB Summer Fair – 7 July

We have started organising the summer fair. One of the stalls is "win a jar". This consists of jars of all different sizes each one filled with sweets and toys. We would appreciate any of the following donations.

Glass jars (all sizes) with matching lids. Please could you soak off the labels.

Bits to fill them with: small toys (stuff that you get in party bags), sweets, small pencils, collecting cards etc

FoB have a **MASSIVE** box (clearly FoB) that is now located just inside the door to the school reception/office. Please put all your donations in there. Many thanks in advance!

## FoB VOLUNTEER REQUESTS!

**FoB Camping Weekend – 22, 23, 24 June:** If you can spare an hour or two from the camping it would be great if you could help with some of the activities that we will be putting on.

**FoB Summer Fair – 7 July:** We are looking for volunteers for 1 hour shifts for set up, clear away and to man the stalls. Please email Michelle [michellehardy1975@gmail.com](mailto:michellehardy1975@gmail.com) if you can help in any way.

## BAGS2SCHOOL

FoB have organised another Bags2School collection for the week after half term. It's a great way to teach your children how to recycle clothes so that they can go to people that are in need of them. For every kilo weighed FoB will receive 40p. We will let you know when bags will be distributed into each child's school bag. Information on what to put in the bags will be circulated before half term.

**Please bring your bags to school on the morning of 7 June at drop in the main playground.**