

THE BELHAM BUZZ

The Belham
Primary School



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Last week saw our best attended parent workshop so far. Lorraine Thomas, our resident parent/child coach, delivered her 'Raising Resilient Children' session to an audience of nearly 60 parents – definitely a Belham record! A big thank you to all those who attended Lorraine's talk and for all of your valuable feedback. We will be hosting the following sessions next half term:

18 April – KS1 SATs presentation

19 April – Coffee morning and Music workshop: the value of music in everyday life and how to support instrumental learning at home

3 May – Coffee morning and Maths workshop: An introduction to the way we teach calculations

10 May 9.15am/17 May 6.00pm – Music: Introduction to 'The Dance', a community piece for the Summer Concert

15 May – Coffee morning and English workshop: Reading for pleasure

Where possible, we will repeat some morning sessions at a later time so that more parents/carers are able to attend. Any suggestions or ideas for future workshops or talks are always gratefully received.

SPORTS RELIEF

We had an amazing Sports Relief week this year. Children not only tried their hands at sports like hurdles, javelin, cricket, tennis, hockey and relay racing but they also met a team GB sprinter and had a running master class. Across the school children have been raising money for this incredible cause with the office literally filled with money boxes! It's taken a while but the results are in...we are delighted to announce that The Belham community has raised ... (drum roll please) ... £786.70 this is a phenomenal amount! Thank you to everyone who has been involved in any way.

COFFEE MORNING WITH MUSIC FOCUS

On 19 April from 9am parents are invited to pop into school after drop off for a coffee (or other beverage of your choice) and a chat in the main hall. Our Music subject leader, Nancy Wayman, will then be hosting a Music workshop at approximately 9:30, which is for all parents, and not just those whose children learn a musical instrument! Please contact info@thebelhamprimaryschool.co.uk to book a place.

KEY DATES

Thursday 29 March

End of term at normal time

Wednesday 18 April

Year 2 SATS meeting (see below)

Thursday 19 April

Coffee morning and music workshop (see below)

Friday 20 April

Reception to Crystal palace Dinosaurs (see below)

Year 3 trip to Thames Explorers@Kew (see below)

TRIPS AFTER HALF TERM

Friday 20 April

Reception trip to Crystal Palace Dinosaurs

All day trip, packed lunch required. **Please email the office if you are able to volunteer.**

Friday 20 April

Year 3 trip to Thames Explorers@Kew. Packed lunch required. **Please email the office if you are able to volunteer.**

YEAR 2 SATS MEETING

On Wednesday 18th April at 6.30pm, all Year 2 parents are invited to a short information session on the assessments that all children in Year 2 will be undertaking in May.

During this meeting we will share with you examples of the assessments and discuss how they are presented to the children.

FUNDRAISING FOR STREETCHILD

Ally will be travelling to Sierra Leone at the end of term. Thank you to everyone who contributed and especially the Friends of Belham who arranged a wonderful cake sale before half term. Ally's final total was £3200 which will be doubled by the UK Government.

This is enough to:

-Build 2 schools

or

- Pay for 213 children to go to school for a whole year

or

- Pay the salaries of 32 rural school teachers.

THE BELHAM ART EXHIBITION

I am sure most of you have heard of the Dulwich Festival's Artist Open House; well, this year we are very excited to announce that we have teamed up with the Dulwich Festival to include our school art exhibition in the Artists Open House. The glossy brochures will soon hit local businesses and you will see a sneak peak of some of your children's excellent art that will be exhibited alongside professional artists. We have a number of local artists who will also be exhibiting at The Belham. The grand opening of the exhibition will be on Saturday 12 May (11-5) and it will continue to run on Sunday 13, Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 May (11-4). The lovely friends of Belham are already gathering volunteers to staff a refreshment stall to quench your thirst while you admire all of the glitter of The Belham.

BELHAM READING CHALLENGE

'A huge well done to all the children who have completed the 'Reach for the Stars' reading challenge. If are looking to engage in some wonderful and unusual reading activities over the Easter break, the challenge has some great ideas: <https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/reach-stars-reading-challenge/>

The World Book Day website also has some excellent links to some free high quality audiobooks, as well as reading activities. Any children who complete all the tasks will receive a glossy certificate and a reading badge. Please hand in completed challenges to Ms Carter. Happy reading!

PECKHAM PATCHWORK

Year 3 have been fortunate to be able to work with some local artists and shopkeepers to make some art about the community in which we live. The children visited some local businesses to get inspiration before sketching out patterns and shapes which they then screen printed onto fabric. The finished fabrics will be on display in the local shops (please see the attached map) and will also be displayed in our school art exhibition in May.

UPCOMING FoB EVENTS

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Friends of Belham Easter Egg hunt last Saturday, and particularly those who helped out. Also congratulations to the children and volunteers at the STEAM club who made the fantastic flower lanterns for the Spring Rising procession on Saturday evening, it was a glorious show.

Now that the weather is starting to get warmer, we've booked a couple of sessions at Herne Hill Velodrome for Belham children and siblings up to the age of nine. The velodrome have changed their booking policy, and now ask for payment in advance. As a result, please click on the links below to buy tickets rather than bringing money on the day as we have in the past. Please contact Patrick Murray at patrickjamesmurray@gmail.com if you have any questions.

- **Saturday 21 April** for 30 children on the inner track from 4pm to 5pm at £3.60 per child. This is for children who can ride without stabilizers, and who can start and stop on their own. The velodrome has Frog bikes available for hire if required. <http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/157538>
- **Saturday 28 April** for 20 children age 6 or over on the mountain bike track from 2:30pm to 3:30pm at £5.30 per child. Any bike with knobbly tires is good for this session; the velodrome also has a small number of bikes available for hire. <http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/157552>

A couple of save the dates:

- **Weekend of Saturday 23 June.** The Friends of Belham are planning an overnight camp at the Fort Dulwich with space for 50 families. £5 per person for overnight camping, £2 for a day ticket. All years welcome.
- **Saturday 11 July from 11am to 3pm.** We're returning to Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground for this year's summer fair following the success of our first summer fair last year.