

# THE BELHAM BUZZ



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## HEAD TEACHER'S NOTE

I am really pleased to have been asked to be a judge of the TeenTech awards by my old friend from university days, Maggie Philbin. The Awards were established in 2012/13 and schools have found them a powerful tool, helping students to see how they can apply science and technology to real world problems. They encourage students to develop their own ideas for making life better, simpler, safer or more fun. There are 20 categories including 'Teacher of the Year'. The best projects are invited to Buckingham Palace by the patron, HRH Duke of York [www.teentech.com/teentech-awards](http://www.teentech.com/teentech-awards)

One of our teachers at Dulwich Hamlet has recently won regional teacher of the year and a silver accreditation for Primary Science Quality Mark [www.psqm.org.uk](http://www.psqm.org.uk). This is the only national award scheme to develop and celebrate the quality of science teaching and learning in primary school and is achieved through a year-long process. Tom has now been nominated for 'National Science teacher of the year' and will be attending a special event at the House of Commons – good for you, Tom!

Finally – as we move across into our new building, we will be launching our Steam Lab – the second floor interactive space to develop scientific experimentation, enquiry based learning and many opportunities to have fun with lights and lego! Ally Sprakes will be leading science for the Belham – using her science specialism to provide expert knowledge and working closely with our parent group, led by Jack Kelly and Chris Newman.

Science is high profile at The Belham!

## HEAD-FIRST PROJECT

Our Year 1 and 2 children will be taking part in an exciting new project called Head-First, running across schools in Southwark, and designed to better understand the emotional health of children in the borough. The children will be asked to complete an academically designed survey that has been rigorously tested regarding validity and reliability. You can find more details by visiting : <http://healthscotland.com/documents/5238.aspx> . If you **do not** want your child to participate please email the office by this **Friday 9 June**.

## KEY DATES

### Friday 9 June

Class photos for all year groups

### w/c 12 June

Year 1 Phonics screening checks

### Friday 16 June

Poplin class visit Peckham library

### Friday 16 June

Email notification of new class teachers

## BAG 2 SCHOOL

Friends of Belham have signed up to [Bag2School](http://Bag2School), a fundraising organisation which collects second hand clothes, shoes and textiles. A full list of acceptable items can be found [here](#). All pupils will be given a special bag to fill, with collection at drop off on **Thursday 22 June**, at the Faith Chapel.

## HERNE HILL CYCLING SESSION

Following the success of the first session at Herne Hill Velodrome, a follow up session has been booked on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm – 4pm. It is open to all children who can ride a bike without stabilizers, and who can stop and start without assistance. Siblings up to the age of 7 are also welcome and cost is £3 per child. Numbers are capped at 30 so please email Patrick Murray at [pmurray@numerix.com](mailto:pmurray@numerix.com) to book in.

## GARDEN – THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the parents who helped in the garden over half term. Thanks to their care, the garden is looking lush and ready for the new term. Thank you also to Keith Wheeler, a passionate local supporter of gardening in schools, who donated a very generous and thoughtful range of multi coloured cherry tomato plants to the garden.