

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As we rapidly approach the summer holidays, it's a great feeling knowing that when we return, we will be in a different stage of lockdown that will see the majority of our pupils able to come back to school. We won't be back to normal just yet, and you will see from my recent email that robust measures will be put in place to ensure the health and safety of both our pupils and staff. We have planned for staggered arrivals and departures, year group 'bubbles', Early Bird and Owls 'bubbles' – all of our year groups are back but there will be some change in the way that school is organised and I ask for your patience while we try to navigate these changes and get them right. There will be further updates from us but in the meantime, you can go to our 'Covid-19 Information Hub' for useful links, up-to-date information about our current arrangements, and plans for September.

It's been great seeing Year 4 in school today, and I know that Ms Gorely and Ms Saullo have enjoyed teaching their classes! Next week, children will have a chance to say goodbye to their current teacher and 'meet' their new teacher. Unfortunately this won't be the usual 'meet the teacher' session but a recorded video message from new teachers will be posted on Class Dojo in the latter part of the week.

DANCE EDUCATES – ZOOM DANCE CLASSES

Katie Vernon-Smith from Dance educates will be doing some zoom dance classes over the summer. For more information please see her Instagram page –

https://www.instagram.com/p/CCXzfgSHil-/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

Or you can email her directly on –
katie@danceeducates.co.uk

SCIENCE @ HOME – ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK

Each week, Ms Chan will be setting an exciting activity that you can do at home. Please see attached flyer for this week's activity!

BLACK LIVES MATTER

We are committed to a process of constant review and improvement of our school curriculum, and we now plan to undertake this, in the light of the BLM movement. We are keen to listen to your views and opinions, and are putting together focus groups in September and October, made up of parents, and staff. Some of the areas for discussion will be:

- What areas of the curriculum do you wish to see altered/improved/reviewed and what content would you wish to be included?
- How can we ensure age appropriate education that develops critical thinking whilst ensuring children feel safe and supported?
- Are there any topics off limits?
- What is the schools' role in supporting the development of children's personal identity based on ethnicity and ancestry?

If you would like to participate in a discussion group of 6-people (we will be seated at a social distance), which will be led by myself, please email me on scase2.210@lgflmail.org.

It would be helpful to know the following:

- What is your interest?
- What time during the day would suit you best?
Morning (9am -12pm) Afternoon (1pm -3pm) Early Evening (4pm -7pm)
- Preference for Wednesday or Thursday?

Each discussion will last approximately 1 hour and although I am currently planning on holding them at each of the schools, we may need to look for an alternative location. We will also be inviting governors/trustees and staff from our BAME community.

Depending on level of interest, I won't be necessarily be able to ask everyone to participate so if you want to just email me your thoughts, I would be very appreciative.

If you didn't watch the recent programme – 'The School that tried to end Racism' on C4, I would recommend you do – the children featured were in Y7 but there were many ideas within that, which could be suitable for our younger pupils.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Sonia Case

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LAMBETH & SOUTHWARK'S – SUMMER OF FOOD & FUN

The programme is free to access for 7-11 year olds (KS2), and will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the first 5 weeks of the school holidays. Children will attend from 10am-2pm. There will be a morning of activities, followed by a shared hot meal, and children will be given food to take home with them.

The programme is intended to provide safe, social engagement for children who have been under lockdown for the last few months, and to provide hot meals to those who might otherwise not get one. Please see the attachments for further details.

BEROCK VOCAB UPDATE!

We have completed another month of learning on Bedrock Vocabulary and we remain hugely impressed with our Belhamites for all of their superb efforts in learning new, ambitious vocabulary.

The statistics for the month of June are in!

A huge congratulations to...

- Denim Class who were our top performing class for the second time
- Satin Class who made the most progress with a 43% improvement – even more than last month!
- Makayla in Denim Class who completed 39 lessons – the most in the school!
- Zoe in Silk class who made the most progress with an incredible 1467%!

Well done Belhamites and keep up the wonderful work!

Remember you can still access Bedrock over the summer holidays if you'd like to continue to grow your vocabulary ready for September!

ROYAL ACADEMY YOUNG ARTIST'S SUMMER SHOW

Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show

After some work behind the scenes, securing copyright for our shadow puppet performance music, I am really proud to announce that Miri's stunning cyanotype and Taffeta's amazing puppet performance will be appearing at The Royal Academy's online summer show from this Sunday. You can find the show by following this link:

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/2020>

'The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young people aged 5 - 19 years, taking place both online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts to recognise talented young artists.

This year's judging panel received over 17,700 submissions – and whittled it down to 392 works, ranging from drawing, painting and photography, to video and sculpture.'

There is also the opportunity to vote for your favourite piece of art in the exhibition. Do go online, there is lots to see and be inspired by.

Ms Gorely

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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Meet the FOB Committee and Class Reps on the Belham website
<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/friends-of-belham.html>

Contact us
friendsofbelham@gmail.com

BELHAM WINDOW HUNT SATURDAY 11 JULY

From **10 – 4 this Saturday** all sorts of creatures and letters will be appearing in the windows in the streets around the Belham as part of the **BELHAM WINDOW HUNT**.

Wander the streets around the neighbourhood... find the letters and untangle the hidden words, and count the images, and share a photo of you with your results! Practice your map reading skills, unscramble an anagram or two, create a tally chart, explore the neighbourhood, get a bit of exercise, maybe see your friends... what's not to like?

There are an amazing 49 windows in the hunt but we've broken it into four chunks so that you can do as much or as little as you like.

Look out for the letters "BWH" in the windows...

See the attachments for details, anyone can join in!

FOB COMMUNITY CORNER

SOUND RECORDING AND AUDIO ADVICE

Petar Kralev is Dad of Savina in Wool class. He's a sound recordist in film and television, and with most filming suspended, he's offering his skills to the Belham community. He has his own equipment and can offer sound recording, editing, training and advice, help with events, and expert consultations on home audio equipment.

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SCHOOL LIBRARY SPACES

Great news! Friends of Belham has agreed to provide funds to help the school create "library spaces" in the classrooms and corridors. We all love this emphasis on books and were really happy to help with this.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Since FOB aren't fundraising at the moment we would be really grateful if you could make the trouble to use Easy Fundraising for any online shopping.

Just click the link below to register and remember to do your online shopping through the app and proportion of your spending will get **automatically donated to FOB**.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/>