

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I'm very much looking forward to the Artists' Open House exhibition this weekend. The arts have such an important place at the Belham and we are always looking for ways in which to incorporate them into the whole curriculum so that meaningful links are made. When you visit our art exhibition, you may see pupils' work that is connected to their Science topic or to a story that they've written or to a historical event. Do ask your child questions about their art work while you're enjoying the exhibition – you may be surprised by how thoughtful their answers are!

Recently you may have seen stories on the news or online about the benefits of school therapy dogs and the positive impact that they are having on children's educational, emotional and behavioural development. There are several charities that send volunteers and their dogs into schools to take part in structured programmes with children. Currently I am looking at the possibility of having a school based dog which will be trained to be a reading dog in school and when it's older, work with children with more specific needs. For more details about our school therapy dog proposal, please read the information attached to this week's Belham Buzz. I welcome any feedback that parents may have.

ARTISTS' OPEN HOUSE AT THE BELHAM



During the art exhibit on 11 and 12 May we will be selling grey tote bags with a white print. Funds raised will be used to promote art in our local primary school community. For instance, we plan to buy a light box and run a free training session for local teachers on how to use it, we would then loan it out to other schools. In this way, not only do we benefit from enhanced art provision and exposure to artists and tools but we can also help raise the profile of art across the community and in schools less fortunate than ourselves. We also plan to use the funds to get artists into our school to run sessions that other schools would also be invited to attend again benefiting us and the wider community.

Bags are available to pre-order on Parentpay – you can buy as many as you like. They will also be available at the art show on the weekend.

KEY DATES

Saturday 11/Sunday 12 May

Dulwich Festival Artists' Open House
11am-4pm, The Belham



Tuesday 14 May

Year 1 trip to the Greenwich Planetarium – packed lunch needed

Wednesday 22 May

Coffee morning after drop off: 'Meet the Governors'. An opportunity to meet the Governors, with an informal Q&A session

Wednesday 10 July

ADVANCE WARNING : SPORTS DAY This will take place in the afternoon at Alleyn's School. Pick up will be directly from Alleyn's

THIS TERM'S CRAZE TOPIC

The Craze topic for this term is SPACE. We would like to encourage children to find out a bit more about this amazing topic at home. Please bring in any creatively displayed findings to school to showcase your independent work. Children may even have the opportunity to have some of their work displayed in the Craze!

Here are some ideas for projects you might like to try at home:

<https://www.giftofcuriosity.com/unit-study-space/>

<https://www.science-sparks.com/category/science-experiments-for-kids/space/>

<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/menu/do/>

We are also looking for any equipment you might have at home related to this topic that we could borrow to enhance the Craze even more.

We are looking forward to seeing all of your exciting ideas!

BIKEABILITY COURSES

Southwark Council have teamed up with Cycle Confident to offer free bikeability training again this May Half Term and Summer holidays in Burgess and Dulwich Parks. For more details please see the flyers attached to the Buzz email.

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

LIMERICKS



STEAM TEAM CHALLENGE

STEAM QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Who can catapult the teabag the furthest?

I have signed up 28 teams of 4 children for the new STEAM Team Challenge starting on Monday 13 May, running through to the end of the academic year. A whopping 112 children!



What do you think happened to this car?

Please write your answers on a piece of paper with your NAME and CLASS by THURSDAY 16 May



June 10 – 14
2019

Calling all...
Scientists
Technicians
Engineers
Artists
Mathematicians

Please email me if you would like to volunteer for our upcoming STEAM Week

Careers talks. Workshops. Volunteer support during STEAM activities. Behind the scenes prep. Ideas generation.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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FoB NEWS

Huge Thanks

To everyone that came to the Wine & Cheese evening. It was a fun filled night with amazing wine and yummy food. We made a fantastic £695 for the FoB funds!

Extra special thanks to Stephanie and Mel for all their hard work organising & hosting the whole event, to Andrew for the wine and quiz, to all the volunteers serving – Áine, Hannah, Kat, Madi, Simon, Sophie and Tory and a big thank you to everyone who stayed at the end to help clear up.



FUN Run - Sunday 9th June, 10am

We are very excited to announce that our very first Belham Sponsored Fun Run will take place on the morning of Sunday 9th June in Peckham Rye Park, followed by a picnic in the arboretum.

The aim of the run is to raise money to continue the amazing work on the Belham Lane Garden.

The day will kick off with an adult 5K (3 times around the route) run around the park, followed by the 1 mile (once around the route) children's race which will kick off with a very energetic warm up.

FoB NEWS

There is a link below to register for the event; we'll publish the Justgiving link for sponsorship shortly. If you do not wish to use the Justgiving link, we will be leaving printed sponsor forms at the school reception in the next few weeks.

Good luck with the training and don't forget to ask friends, family and neighbours to sponsor you!

To register for the run please follow the link below:

<https://belham-funrun-2019.eventbrite.co.uk/>

FoB Camping Weekend - Friday 21st June until Sunday 23rd June

We now have just 93 tickets left for Friday night – all places for Saturday day and Saturday night have sold out. Anyone who attended last time can tell you it was an amazing weekend.

Dates:

Fri 21st June 2019 5:00 pm - Sun 23rd June 2019 noon

Location:

South London Scout Centre, Grange Lane, SE21 7LH

* Ticket Tailor sales are now closed, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com to buy tickets for the Friday night.

Summer Fair – Saturday 6th July

Organization for the summer fair is well underway. There will be lots of great stalls including some that we will need donations for.

Kids Lucky Dip

The prizes will be jars of all different sizes each one filled with all the things kids love!

It would be amazing if possible for each child at the school to fill 2 or more glass jars (of any size & without their labels) with small toys (stuff that you get in party bags), Sweets, Collecting cards ect

Please make sure any sweets/snacks are nut free

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Guess the amount of Lego

Do you have any spare Lego you can donate?

We are hoping to fill a huge jar for people to guess the amount and the winner gets to keep the jar & Lego.

FoB have a MASSIVE box (clearly FoB) that is now located just inside the door to the school reception/office.

Please put all your filled jars and Lego in there.

Many thanks in advance!

Good condition Toys and Second Hand Uniform

We will have drop off dates, but for the moment if you could please keep at home until we are ready.

Good Condition Books

Our first book stall will be at the fair this year. We are looking for book donations for all ages and can be fiction and non-fiction. We will have drop off dates, but for the moment if you could please keep at home until we are ready.

Raffle

Do you have any prizes that you are happy to donate?

Friendly with any local businesses & won't mind asking them to donate a gift/ voucher?

Work for a company that could donate?

This year we will also be putting hampers together to auction.

If you have any ideas for hampers or are happy to put one together, please let us know. We will have drop off dates, but for the moment if you could please keep at home until we are ready..

Fair Volunteer Requests!

We are looking for volunteers for 1 hour shifts for set up, clear away and all the stalls.

Shift times are:

Set Up: 10 -12am

Shift 1: 12am--1pm

Shift 2: 1pm-2pm,

Shift 3: 2pm-3pm

Clear up: 3pm-4pm

[Please send an email to Michelle on](mailto:michellehardy1975@gmail.com)

michellehardy1975@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

The FoB Facebook Group

The page will provide updates and information on upcoming FoB events, together with providing a central parent/carer online forum for Belham related discussions.

Please do join and use to grow our group community!

To join go to the link below and request to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/355496675010142/>

Easyfundraising

A BIG thank you to our supporters who shopped online with #easyfundraising in March/April.

You have now raised **over £200** for Friends of Belham School - London! EVERY PENNY COUNTS, no matter how small you think your donation might be, IT ALL ADDS UP.

The more people who use easyfundraising, the more money we can raise – and it's completely FREE!

This 60 second video shows you how easyfundraising works:

<http://efraising.org/cv1Wj5Bman>

If you haven't signed up yet, join USING OUR LINK and when you raise your first £5, #easyfundraising WILL MATCH IT!

Sign-up using our unique link

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/