

# THE BELHAM BUZZ

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

With three major Belham calendar events taking place within the last week, I am constantly reminded of just how dedicated our staff and parents are and how their hard work has such a positive impact on our pupils' overall school experience. On Saturday, the Summer Fair was held on the school site for the first time. It was, without doubt, a resounding success, and very efficiently run by the Friends of Belham and parent helpers. Funds raised all go back to the school and this year we have been able to purchase games, library books and musical instruments thanks to FoB events. It's also worth mentioning that the school's JustGiving page, set up by the FoB, was in the top 1% of fundraisers for June – out of 53,365! Pretty impressive! A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising the fair and for your support throughout the year.

Another big thank you must go to Harriet Bailey who has been instrumental in getting various school initiatives up and running! We are now a bronze TfL STAR accredited school (to find out what that means, click [here](#)) and our laneway is nearly ready for the children to enjoy thanks to the addition of some lovely plants. There has been a lot of support from parents and Harriet has been there behind the scenes making sure that everything goes to plan.

I'm sure that by the end of Wednesday, your children (and Belham staff) were ready for an early night after Sports Day. For the second year in a row, Tom Turnham organised the day with military precision and on this occasion, he managed to secure the Alleyn's playing field which turned out to be the perfect venue. All of the children had a brilliant day and worked as a team to collect points for their House – results to be announced next week! After the parents' race, I did come away from yesterday thinking that perhaps we should hold a separate Sports Day for them...And so I finish with another thank you: to the Belham staff, who helped set up, supervise events and tidy away; our parents, for supporting their children so enthusiastically; pupils, for showing great sportsmanship and perseverance; and of course to Tom Turnham, who organised and oversaw the whole event.

## KEY DATES

### Monday 15 July

Reception trip to London Aquarium – packed lunch required

### Tuesday 16 July

Y4 Parent coffee morning: after drop off: 'Secondary Ready & Residential School Trip'

### Wednesday 17 July

Y3 Thames Explorer trip. Please arrive at school at 8.30am, wearing clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Packed lunch needed

### Friday 19 July

End of term picnic : please see below. **No Afternoon Owls**

## END OF TERM PICNIC: FRIDAY 19 JULY

As usual we will be ending the term with our annual picnic at Warwick Gardens. All of our families are invited to join us from 11.30am to celebrate another successful year at the Belham. Please do not send a packed lunch for your child unless they will not be joined by family at the Gardens.

You will be welcome to take your children from the park from 1.00pm onwards. Should you wish your child to be returned to school for pick up at 1.15pm please let us know by Wednesday 17 July.

## EARLYBIRDS AND OWLS

Thank you for your patience in using the new booking Earlybirds and Owls software and we hope any glitches will be ironed out soon.

Please understand that despite our pupil numbers growing year on year, and up to nearly 360 children in September, (420 in 2020 -2021), we are at maximum numbers of children we can accommodate in After School Care. This is capped at 90 which takes into account physical space and staffing numbers. We know that very many of you are working parents and require after school care, but we have reached a point when it is now impossible to meet the huge demand. Not perfect, but a first come, first served booking system is the way we manage this; unfortunately the office has had to deal with disgruntled emails and phone calls from a minority who found all places were filled, which has been time consuming, unproductive and has caused upset.

We will try to find of other after school providers in the area, and if any of you have some suggestions and ideas to solve the over demand issue, we would love to hear from you.

Sonia Case

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## CLUB DATES THIS TERM

All before and after school clubs have now finished with the following exceptions:

**Yoga** : Final session 15 July

**Netball** : Final session 15 July

**Monday Cooking**: Final session 15 July

**Taekwondo** : Final session 15 July

**STEAM** : Final session 15 July

**Maths Explorers**: Final session 15 July

**Monday Minecraft**: Final session 15 July

**Illustration** : Final session 16 July

**Boxing** : Final session 17 July

**Coding** : Final session 17 July

**Photography** : Final session 17 July

**Minecraft** : Final session 17 July

**Football** : Final session 17 July

**Wednesday Cooking club** : Final session 17 July

**Drama** : Final session 18 July

## CARETAKER'S HOUSE

Yesterday a group of us viewed the old caretaker's house on the playground - this was vacated about six weeks ago, has subsequently been cleared and is going to be boarded from the outside.

Despite being in quite a sorry state and in need of considerable renovation and refurbishment, there is massive potential - the accommodation is spread across three floors including a roof terrace, and offers approximately 10 separate spaces.

Southwark Local Authority are prepared to offer us first refusal on purchase of the property -before it goes to a public auction -but the costs of purchase and subsequent renovation, are substantial.

We believe it could become an exciting Music and Arts Space - rooms could provide practice rooms, rehearsal spaces, drama usage and even an artist's studio. But - and here's the rub -funding for this project which could benefit the children, and the wider community, is not within the school's budget.

Does anyone have inspirational ideas re fundraising? Maybe a major benefactor who wants to contribute to the thriving Peckham Arts Scene, or a music/arts organisation or charity. Does anyone have experience of large scale fund raising or of running Crowd Funding campaigns? What about social enterprise groups?

If so - please contact me, Sonia Case, with your imaginative ideas as soon as possible on [scase2.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:scase2.210@lgflmail.org)

STEAM

question  
of the  
week?



## What is the odd one out? Why?

Extra challenge: Is there more than one answer?

Please write your answer on a piece of paper with your NAME and CLASS by Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Last week's Question:



## What is the odd one out? Why?

Last week's winner is Hugo W (Wool)

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## Who can catapult the teabag the furthest?

The current leader board:

TEAM	Distance travelled/metres
STEAM Awesome	4.85
The Death Destroyers	4.20
Crystals	3.90
Firing Eagles	3.85
Teabag	3.50
Golden Stars	3.30
Titans	2.95
Twiggy	2.80
Wool Balls Wonders	2.80
Do the Dab like Edan	2.65
Cheerful, Quick Cannibolts	2.55
Silktastic Catapulters	2.33
The four Unicorms	2.30
OJ-Stars	2.00
Ninja Super Dynamite	2.00
Death Balls	1.80
Star Lovers	1.40
Glitter Girls	1.18
Golden Knuckheads/Unicorns	1.15
Unicorns	1.15
TNT Beeps	0.95
Golden Hawks	0.77
Golden Dogs	0.50



As the Science Lead, I am trying to ensure that we have all the Science resources we need to deliver an exciting curriculum that develops a curiosity about the world. We are buy many resources, however, there are many household items that I think we can reuse for our Science resources.

These are the resources that I am looking to reuse:

- Old kitchen utensils (for the mud kitchen)
- Old pots/ pans/ colanders/ mixing bowls (for the mud kitchen)
- Any excess sand/ gravel/ compost you may have lying around in the shed
- Any excess seeds



The Belham children have been enjoying workshops from the RSPB. They have set you a challenge to do at home:



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/families/family-wild-challenge/>

### What is Wild Challenge?

It's a challenge for you to connect with the natural world in brave new ways and earn awards as you go. Do you have what it takes to achieve gold?

Our activities resources are available in both English and Welsh. You can find them as downloadable documents on the relevant activities pages.



# THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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## FoB NEWS

### What a Fair!

Thanks to everyone that came and made it such a success.

The sun was out but not too hot which meant that we could enjoy all the school grounds. We hope you agree that it was defiantly a fantastic first summer fair at the school.

We made a fantastic £3,690 for the school!

**Thank you** to Meaby & Co Solicitors LLP, KFH and Veolia who sponsored the fair this year and to Plastic Free Peckham who educated us on recycling and sorted it out at the fair.

**Special thanks** to all the volunteers who helped get vouchers, set up, took stall shifts and cleared away: Madi, Emma, Helena, Adam, Anna, Sara, Catherine, Hicham, Jonny, Lydia, Giles, Laura, Elizabeth, Jude, Stephanie, Caroline, Cathy, Martha, Sylvia, Clare, Kathryn, Matt, Sara, Sonali, Lydia, Sophie, Mel, Sarah, Ana, Jono, Alex, Helen, Geoff, Natacha, Victoria, Chris, Val, Louisa, Clare, Lianne, Linda, Miriam, Caroline, Anna, Hannah, Kate, Elena, Eve, Iwona, Victoria, Mod, Dom, Greg, Becca, Ana, Molly, Patricia, Louis and Laura.

**Extra, Extra special thanks** to the FoB team who have spent weeks getting vouchers, making hampers, sorting out toys & books, washing uniform, making posters, organising and cooking on the day.

Aine, Sera, Cathy, Sally, Christabel, Cassie, Fleur, Ginnie, Harriet, Julia, Tom, Alessia, Natacha, Pat, Rich and Michelle.

**More thanks** to our other fantastic stalls:

- Plant Stall by Chris Newman raising money for Steam.
- The Imporium by Imogen Parson
- Baggy Soap by Lucy Mitchell
- Maya and the moon kids by Eleonore Mills
- Plastic Free Peckham

## FoB NEWS

### Hamper Winners

We have sent out messages via text and email to the hamper winners. If your name is below and you haven't received one, please contact [michellehardy1975@gmail.com](mailto:michellehardy1975@gmail.com)

- Food & Drink Hamper – Jon Barker
- John Lewis Picnic Hamper – Barry Condron
- The Imoporium hamper – Tory Sellwood
- Picnic Hamper – CJ Gibson
- Pamper Hamper – Pat Murray
- Wimbledon hamper – Andrew Fletcher
- Special Item 2019 football signed by Gary Lineker!\* - Michael Green

### Guess the amount of Lego

Congratulations to Arlo Giles, year 2 who guessed 606. He was the closest guess to the actual amount which was 771.

### Guess the teacher

This was won by Audrey Year 4 Denim.

Please contact [michellehardy1975@gmail.com](mailto:michellehardy1975@gmail.com) to get your huge bag of marshmallows!

### Raffle

If you won "1-hour Personal Training session with bangs fitness worth £30" please get in touch with Cathy at [cathy.sophocli@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cathy.sophocli@hotmail.co.uk).

### FoB Committee

We wanted to tell you in advance & with lots of notice that Michelle, Pat & Rich will be stepping down from the FoB main committee in November.

We have been in the positions for two years as main committee members. As with the previous committee, it feels like a two year rota is healthy to keep ideas fresh & give other people a chance to run the FoB.

As our school is so new, the previous committee and this one have worked hard to get a strong foundation and ways of working, along with a fantastic, dedicated strong wider committee. We now have in place a yearly calendar that the next committee can use as a starting point for their new planning/events.

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The positions that will be open are:

- Chair/Vice Chair or two Co Chairs
- Treasurer
- Sectary

As the AGM is in November, we will continue to plan all the Autumn terms activities which will include the Christmas fair.

Please let us know if you are interested in any of the roles and we would be more than happy to chat though them.

You can also shadow us for the rest of this term, and start of the new term to see how everything works.

Please email [friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com) if you would like to know more.

## Koru Kids

Earn £100 for our school - with a Koru Kids after school nanny. They have lots of nannies in our area - if you get a nanny using the code SC1BELHAM they will donate £100 to the school.

Find out more at: <https://www.korukids.co.uk/refer-school>



## 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

If you're doing any summer shopping, please use #easyfundraising and raise **FREE DONATIONS** for Friends of Belham School - London on everything from days out to summer clothes, gardening and home improvement, food and drinks and more! Groupon, ASOS, Next, M&S, Waitrose, GO Outdoors and over 3,700 other shops and sites will all donate and it really makes a difference to us so please take a look!

Sign-up using our unique link

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/)

## Company Match Funding

An increasing number of large companies operate a match funding scheme whereby they "match" charity fundraising undertaken by their employees.

These organisations set aside millions of pounds to fund such schemes and are more than happy to support their staff in raising money for charities of their choice.

What is match funding?

Match giving, or match funding, is a simple way to maximise the fundraising efforts of individual volunteers. It is an informal, but corporate, arrangement between a company and an employee.

Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has either raised (volunteered to help at an event) or donated to a charity.

If you think the company that you work for is happy to fund match please get in touch with us as it would be a huge boost to the money we can raise for the school.

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