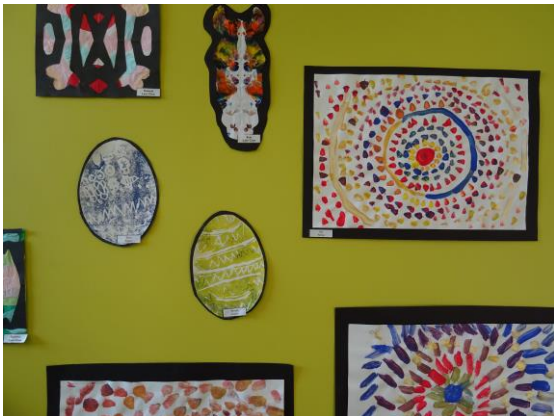


## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

This week the Year 6 children have been taking their end of primary assessments, otherwise known as SATs. We have been so impressed with how they have taken all of these in their stride. Our Year 6 pupils are wonderful, kind and responsible children who are ready for their next steps and what September brings. We are proud of their hard work but also of who they are and how they have grown from their first days at The Belham.

## THE BELHAM ART SHOW – 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY

This year The Belham Art Show will be taking on a different form. We will be filling the corridors of the school with the artwork our Brilliant Belhamites have produced over the last year. We warmly invite you to view the artwork between 3.45pm and 4.45pm across the two days. Classrooms will display children's sketchbooks and some 3D work. We're looking forward to seeing you then.



## SPORTS DAY

Exciting plans are afoot for Sports Day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you to Ms Lopez, Ms Wayman and FoB who are working hard on these. Sports Day will take place as usual at Allyn's Sports Field on Townley Road. Further details will be published in an upcoming Buzz. **Due to these plans and logistics it will not be possible for us to run Owls on this day.** A full refund will be issued in the coming weeks.

## KEY DATES

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Summer Concert – Peripatetic Music (invitation)

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Art Show

### HALF TERM

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Children return to school

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Y6 Residential.

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Y5 Residential

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June

### INSET DAY

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Yr 6 Production of 'The Wizard of Oz'

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day – **NO OWLS**



## 0-5 STORY SESSION

Now we have our beautiful library we will starting a **pre-school** story session on selected Fridays throughout the term. If you have a little one who is yet to start school and between the ages of 0 and 5, come along to The Belham at

**10am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May for 'Storytime.'**

This will be a time to share a story together, sing some songs and explore our library along with other local parents. We would love to see as many future Belhamites as possible.

## SIBLINGS COLLECTING BELHAM PUPILS

A reminder to all our families that we are unable to release any of our pupils to anyone under the age of 14 years old. As always, if there are changes to pick up arrangements, please inform the office before 2pm where possible.

# THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

Friends of  
Belham



12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Meet the Friends of Belham (FoB) Committee & Class Reps  
<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/friends-of-belham.html>

Contact us  
[friendsofbelham](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

17 <sup>th</sup> June	School Summer Fair
14 <sup>th</sup> -16th July	Camping Weekend

## THANK YOU!

How wonderful to see so many of the Belham community at the King's Coronation Community Tea Party Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Such events are only a success because of your contribution and volunteering efforts. We would also like to thank Go Cake Shop on 131 Peckham High St, London SE15 5SL <https://www.go-cakeshop.co.uk> for donating three delicious bakes.



## SUMMER FAIR 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE

It's just 5 weeks until the summer fair – and you'll likely be aware by now that we are running things a bit differently this year. This is to reflect the scale and scope of the event, and the fact it's enjoyed by the whole school community. Each school year is going to take responsibility for planning and running a zone of the fair – from entertainment to stalls to food. So look out for WhatsApp messages from your Year Rep for everything you need to know about planning your zone and what the volunteer requirements are for the day. Here's a rundown of what each year will be in charge of:

Reception: Arts and Crafts

Year 1: Drinks

Year 2: Music/ Entertainment

Year 3: Hot Food and Face Painting

Year 4: Bakes and Popcorn

Year 5: Games

Year 6: Stalls/ Young Enterprise Stall

### \*Summer Fair Sponsorship\*

A call out for sponsorship! If you work for or know of a business that may be interested in sponsoring the school fair, please email us at [friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com) to discuss further. Opportunities for businesses include branding on fair promotion material and the chance to promote their business to the school audience.

## CALENDAR FEEDBACK

For those of you who bought a Belham calendar last year, please take 30 seconds to answer this very short survey. It will help us decide whether to produce the calendars again and how to make improvements. Your answers will be anonymous. <https://forms.gle/GACwc9yq7h3FVtxR6>

## CAMPING WEEKEND

### 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> July

Hi-di-hi Campers! Ticket sales for The Belham Camping Weekend 2023 are already strong.

**Limited tickets available for camping on Friday only.** Get yours soon to avoid disappointment and before they all sell out.

For those who have never been before: the event is held at the South London Scout Centre. It's a secluded camping field in Dulwich and Sydenham, less than 3 miles from school and the perfect spot for your children to run wild and get back to nature. You can pitch a tent for 1 or 2 nights, or even just come for the day on the Saturday. There'll be hot dogs, a stocked bar (courtesy of Brick Brewery), face painting, story time and more. Families will need to bring their own tents, camping gear and some food. But don't worry if you need civilisation nearby. You

can order takeaway deliveries to the campsite, or even walk to Dulwich Village for sustenance.

More information about the event, and ticket choice options can be found here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/913158>

Prices:

- Friday night only, from 5pm - 12 noon on Saturday: £7.50 pp
- Saturday Day ticket, from 12 noon: £2.50 pp
- Saturday night only, from 12 noon: £7.50 pp
- Both Fri & Sat nights camping (from 5pm Fri - 12 noon on Sunday): £15 pp

*NOTE: These ticket prices just cover the campsite and ticketing costs. Please feel free to make a voluntary donation on the check-out form to help raise funds for the school.*

## **Y5 PARENTS: SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION TALK Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 6.15-7.15pm**

Education consultant Joe Pardoe from School Compass has offered to run a free session for Year 5 parents who are thinking about what they want from their child's secondary education. The talk will be at 6.15pm -7.15pm at school. Please register here: <https://forms.gle/BW5EWbtMcPBsVqNR9>

### **What will this talk cover?**

"As parents, we all want the best education for our children. However, we rarely have the opportunity to reflect on what we mean by 'best education'. We don't have the time to engage with the research about how schools approach teaching, learning and curriculum. This often means we feel out of control and unsure about our decisions. As a (new!) dad and an experienced secondary school teacher and leader I see it from both sides. In this session we will have a chance to discuss what we want from education and explore how we can get the information we need. Empowering you to take more control and feel more confident about the important choices you make about your child's education. Hope to see you there!"

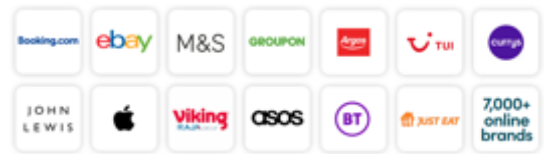
~ Joe.

## **SIGN UP FOR EASYFUNDRAISING!**

If you haven't already signed up for EasyFundraising, then please do. It only takes 2 minutes, and it will make a big difference to our fundraising efforts. The simple idea is that you

raise money for the school while you shop online. It couldn't be easier, and it works in over 7000 retailers. You don't have to have to shop differently. Just do what you always do when it comes to shopping – just sign up here first:

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



## **THEATRE FUN...**

Theatre Peckham is hosting its Fringe Festival until the start of June – and next week, you can catch the return of *Pigs Might Fly* to the stage. Co-written by a Belham parent, it is a bold and energetic new musical that follows the air-raising adventures of Pintsize, the youngest and most daring piglet on Mudpuddle Farm.

Pintsize loves nothing more than playing with his neighbour and best friend Diana the sheep, until one day Pintsize wakes up to discover a tall fence built between their two farms. Devastated by the loss of playtime with his best pal, Pintsize resolves that he will figure out how to fly over it instead.

Based on the book by Michael Morpurgo, *Pigs Might Fly* brings the farmyard to life with catchy songs, puppetry, and plenty of frolicsome fun.



Performances: 24-26<sup>th</sup> May at 11am and 4pm.

Book tickets here:

<https://www.theatrepeckham.co.uk/show/pigs-might-fly/>