

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Exploring family structures, gender identity, and celebrating differences is very much embedded into the curriculum from Reception to Year 4, but it is important to highlight that for some people, acceptance has been only relatively recent, and this is something that has been explored during assemblies and in Creative Reflective Time. At the Belham, we are proud of the work we do to celebrate diversity, prevent bullying, and promote tolerance, regardless of people's differences. We also know that it is very important for children to carve out their own unique personality and feel confident being themselves. On Friday 1st March, we will be holding *#beyourselfie Day* to mark the end of [LGBT History Month](#). Children are invited to 'be themselves' by dressing up and creating their own hashtag to describe who they are as a person or something they love doing, for example: #lovetoread, #playfootballlikemessi, #creativesciencegenius, #greatfriend. Photo booths will be set up around the school for children to take a selfie on the day. We will ask for a voluntary donation of £1 and all money raised will be donated to the [Albert Kennedy Trust](#) which is an LGBT+ youth homelessness charity.

It's hard to believe that it's the end of another busy term at the Belham. The second half of the Spring term will be just as packed with trips planned for each year group, parent events, including parents' evening and coffee mornings, and the launch of CRAZE week, which will see each year group basing their work around the very topical theme of plastic pollution. Time for a week's rest to recharge the batteries, I think!

CRAZE WEEK

The week of 4 March is CRAZE week. The theme will be 'recycling plastic'. Each year group will have a workshop based around recycling plastic. These workshops will be cross curricular and aim to show the children the importance of recycling and reducing their use of plastic. They will also be doing an in-class project organised by their teachers as well as having an assembly with some speakers from Plastic Free Schools.

Please could you bring in plastic bottles (including their tops), carrier bags, old fabric pendant lamp shades (in any condition as long as the frame is intact) and any other plastic you may have.

There will also be a parents' coffee morning on Thursday 7 March with the owner of BYO, which is a plastic-free shop in Nunhead. We will be sending out an Eventbrite link after half term for you sign up.

KEY DATES

Thursday 28 February

Year 2 Circus Event in school. No packed lunch required

Friday 1 March

Year 3 trip to the Unicorn theatre to see 'Icarus'. No packed lunch required

Wednesday 6 March

Coffee morning after drop off: 'Supporting your child with maths'

Thursday 7 March

Coffee morning after drop off: 'Going plastic free'

THE BELHAM LANE GARDEN - UPDATE

The next stage of work will soon commence on the Belham Lane Garden - the children have helped plant the saplings that will become our hedgerow and soon we will be decking the area to make it usable.

Whilst funding for the majority of this project has been secured, we are still in need of funds to plant the area, provide benches and more mature trees. We estimate that we only need around £5,000 more to make transform this space into an amazing space for our community. Please follow the link to our Just Giving page and feel free to donate!

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BelhamLaneGarden>

A fundraising Fun Run will be held later in the school year to help continue the work - by the summer we should have a beautifully planted garden for all our Belhamites to use!

MUSIC LESSON PAYMENTS

Please could parents ensure that all Spring Term music lessons are paid for by the end of the half term break. They should be available for payment on your Parentpay page.

SUMMER TERM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The proposed schedule for After School clubs in the summer term is attached to this email, giving parents a chance to think about them over half term. The booking email will go out via Evolve in the first week back - we will let you know in advance that it is coming so you can keep an eye out for it.

Creative reflection time after half term will be about:

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STEAM TEAM CHALLENGE



Whose vehicle can travel the furthest down a ramp?

The FINAL leader board:

Team	Distance travelled (m)
Golden Wheels	5.68
Turbo Light	5.13
Star DJs	5.00
The Wheels	4.34
Love Hearts	4.21
Spit Splot	4.10
Girl Gang	3.70
Lamborghini Mechanics	3.61
Football Flash	3.60
DJ	3.45
The Titanic Serpents	3.32
Alien Invader Star Crystals	2.70
Sing	2.25
Ninja Super Dynamites	2.00
Fireball	1.34
Golden Sparrows	1.21



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. I am collecting many household items that I think we can reuse for our Science resources. These are the resources that I am looking to reuse:

- Large samples of different materials. (E.g. cut offs of floorboards, flooring, plastic sheeting, wood, cork boards, carpet, etc.)
 - Drain pipes, guttering
- Please ensure that all items sent in are clean.

STEAM QUESTION OF THE WEEK



If a ship weighs tonnes, how is it able to float on water?

Challenge: Choose a selection of objects and predict if they will float or sink. Can you put your results into a table?

Please write your answers on a piece of paper with your NAME and CLASS by THURSDAY 28th February.

Last week's question:

Why do we dream?

We know that the rear portion of our brain gets pretty active during REM sleep, when most **dreaming** occurs. Some think it's just the brain winding down for the night and that **dreams** are random and meaningless firings of the brain that we don't have when we are awake.

Another theory of dreaming is put forth by Rosalind Cartwright, PhD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Psychology at Rush University Medical Centre in Chicago. Dr Cartwright believes that dreams are the mechanism whereby the brain incorporates memories, solves problems and deals with emotions. In this way, she maintains, dreams are essential for our emotional health.

This week's winners:

- Ella B-P (Denim)
- Willow G (Silk)
- Stanley B (Calico)
- Laydee C (Wool)

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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FoB NEWS

FoB upcoming purchases!

The school are going to buy these using the funds you've raised - look out for them at the school or in the gardens!

- Nature/Science equipment from the Woodland Trust to use in the garden.
- Classroom games for wet play.
- A range of class library reading books (Reception to Year 4).
- Plastic bench (linked to whole school sustainability plastics project).
- Good quality, durable, posters and banners that display Belhamite values around the school using the children's designs.

Friends of Belham Bag2School – Thursday 7th March

The office will have distributed the bags into each child's schoolbag this week.

Please, let us know if you don't receive one.

If you fill up the bag that you have been given, you can fill more in black bin bags and bring them in on the 7th.

Bags2school list of accepted items:

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels

Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

FoB NEWS

We do not accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please bring your bags to school **ON** the morning of the 7th March at drop off to the main playground.

Please do not bring your bags in before as we have nowhere to store them.

FoB School Disco! – Friday 15th March

Get those glad rags on, because it's.....school disco time!

Venue - The Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove, SE15 5DE

Entry is £3 on the door per child

Sessions are as follows:

Reception: 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Years 1 and 2: 4:45pm – 5:30pm

Years 3 and 4: 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Non-school siblings are welcome, school siblings can strut their stuff alongside their older/younger brothers/sisters, all can come.

Refreshments for children are available to buy during the session.

Parents can use the Liberal Club cash only bar but must remain within their children throughout.

[We are looking for volunteers for the following sessions.](#)

[Years 3 and 4, 5:45pm – 6:30pm - 2 volunteers needed](#)

[Clear Up 6:30pm – 3 volunteers needed](#)

[If you can help please email Michelle at \[michellehardy1975@gmail.com\]\(mailto:michellehardy1975@gmail.com\)](#)

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FoB Cake Sale – Friday 8th March

Hosted by YEAR 3 and raising money for The Lane.

From 3.25pm in the school playground.

If you would like to theme your bakes the theme is "GARDEN".

We're thrilled to announce a Charity Golf Day in aid of FOB! - Friday 29th March 2019

Come and play golf, have a lovely lunch and raise funds for the school.

Whether you are a scratch golfer or a hacker and whacker (like most of us) we would love you to join us and play a round at our beautiful local course over-looking London.

You'll start the day with coffee and bacons rolls, play 18 holes and then enjoy a leisurely lunch with wine.

We already have a few teams signed up but are looking for another 10 teams of 3 to join in the fun!

* This event is not just for parents/careers of children that go to the school.

* If people can't get a team of 3 they can come in alone or in pairs and we will make up teams.

Venue - Dulwich and Sydenham Hill Golf Course

(www.dulwichgolf.co.uk)

Date - Friday 29th March 2019

Entry fees - £90 per player (£270 for a team of three)

This price includes:

- Bacon roll and coffee on arrival
- A golden ball per team - a ball that each team gets to double their stableford points with it on each hole until it is lost - team players take turns using the golden ball
- A 1 mulligan per player - a mulligan means if you do a duff tee shot e.g. lose your ball you can take another shot without dropping a shot
- A delicious 2 course lunch with 1/2 a bottle of wine

The day's schedule:

- 7.30am - registration opens, coffee and bacon sandwiches
- 8am - 2 tee start (10 teams off the 1st hole and 10 teams of the 10th hole)
- 1pm – 2 course Lunch with wine in the club house, with amazing views over London
- 3pm- event close, drinks at the bar (not included in the entry fee)

Competition format:

Now this day is all about raising funds and having fun but there must be some rules...

- Teams of 3
- Stableford competition with handicaps capped at 28
- 2 ball better ball - only two player's points score so the third team player can pick up if not going to score – this speeds up play
- Men will play off the yellow tees and women off the reds
- All players must adhere to club rules with regards clothing, phones etc
- You can hire clubs but you will need to arrange this with the club
- There will be a prize for longest drive
- There will be a prize for nearest the pin comp

If there are any questions / enquires from potential players/ team captains - please

email pauljmunro@yahoo.co.uk

To book tickets go to:

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/232211>

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday 30th March, from 10.30am until 12:30pm

Oh yes, the egg hunt is back again!

The Easter egg hunt will be at Lettsom Gardens (arrive Grove Park side SE5).

£3.50 per child

As part of FOB's wider commitment to more ethical resources, fair trade chocolate eggs are used in the hunt.

Save the Date

Belham camping weekend at The Fort (South London Scout Centre) from the evening of Friday 21st June until Sunday 23rd June. More details and tickets soon ...