

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

First of all from me, a big thank you to those parents who have bravely taken on the challenge of home schooling and, as critical workers, removed their children from school for the time being. It is important that we are able to prioritise those children who are, for a variety of reasons, deemed vulnerable, and those who have education health care plans. With an increasing number of children coming into school next week, we will still have between 80 and 90 pupils attending daily. Please do continue to keep us informed of your circumstances and let us know whether, as a household with one critical worker and a parent at home, your child can access remote learning from home.

I'm sure that most of you will have seen in the news this week that Marcus Rashford stepped into the debate around the current government free school meal offer for children. As a result of his intervention, I'm very happy to say that the provision of vouchers is set to resume for those children in receipt of pupil premium. The office will be in touch with parents in due course.

At the end of last term, the school worked with the wonderful School Food Matters to improve our breakfast club offer. They are continuing to work with us during lockdown and our families have been able to request weekly breakfast boxes. I saw them being prepared this week and the contents of the boxes looked great! A big thank you to School Food Matters, and to Ally Sprakes, who has overseen the organisation of this.

PLAYSTATION OR XBOX

Please follow this link to a helpful guide on how you can use your PlayStation or Xbox for home-schooling.

<https://www.wired.co.uk/article/xbox-playstation-online-learning-classroom-teams-zoom>

LISTEN UP LIVE

Interactive virtual music concerts specially created for children aged 0-8 with SEND. For more information please visit <https://www.soundspark.info/listen-up-live>

Creative Reflection Time next week will be about:

Chinese New Year

CLASS DOJO STATS

Week 4th January – 8th January 2021

Messages sent home - 1,780

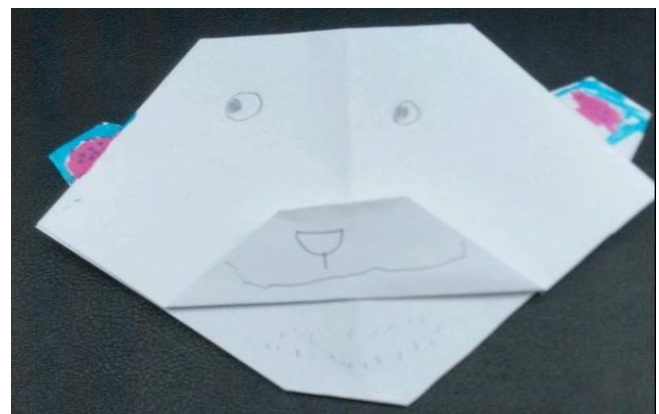
Stories shared - 1,447

Skills celebrated - 86

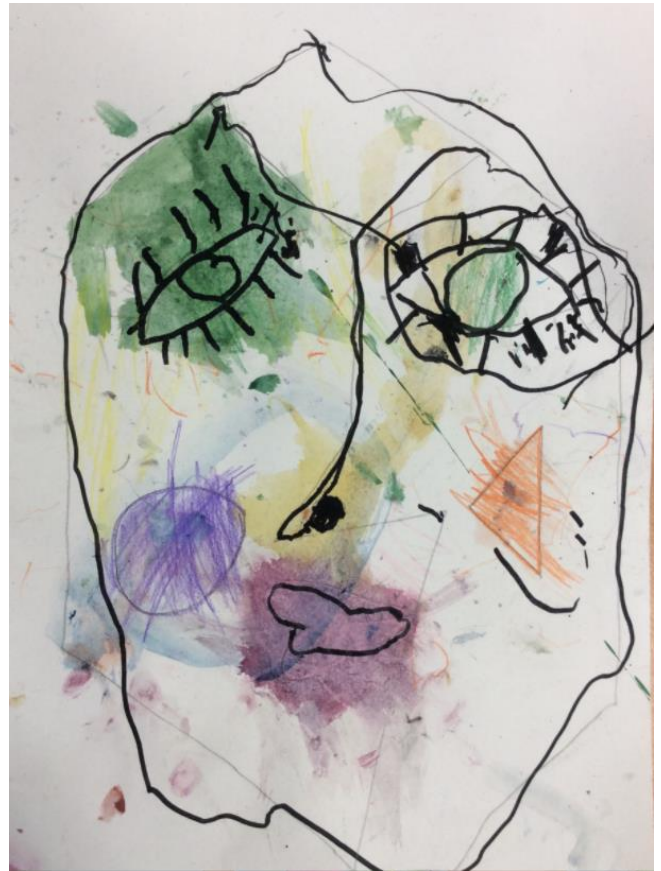
Positive feedback - 100%

Well done everyone!

YEAR 2 – ORIGAMI BEARS



YEAR 3 – PICASSO-STYLE PORTRAITS



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

Spending news: Laptops for the school

We are delighted to say that we have, this week, agreed to provide the school with funds to purchase 12 devices to assist families with home learning where needed, at a cost of around £2,400.

We believe that this kind of expense is exactly where the FOB can really help the school, so thank you to everyone who has contributed to fundraising.

Fundraising update:

We thought it would be useful to provide everyone with a brief update on last term's fundraising, thank you to everyone who contributed whether by helping or spending. Fundraising is much harder without the big events like the Christmas Fair. We are also very much aware that not everyone is in a position to give to FOB right now, so we are more grateful than ever for the support from those who can. NB numbers rounded to nearest £50.

FOB AUTUMN TERM 2020 FUNDRAISING SUMMARY	
Christmas trees	£1,500
Zoom Quiz	£400
Christmas cards	£600
Halloween craft contest	£150
JustGiving donations	£250
TOTAL	£2,900

FOB Meeting 12 January

Thank you so much to everyone who dialed in to the FOB meeting this week. We had some fantastic fundraising ideas which we will be sharing soon.

Belham community corner:

Do you run a local business? Please email us if you would like to include a mention of your business here so that we can support our community.

New Initiative!! Friends of Belham Recipes

Are you bored with cooking the same old thing? Do you have a much loved family recipe you would like to share? Please **SEND US YOUR RECIPES!!!** We would love to feature a recipe of the week in the Friends' Friendly. Your noble secretary has bravely volunteered to be the first up with a very basic but much loved family staple (bacon and broccoli pasta). If you think you could do better, please email your recipes to friendsofbelham@gmail.com

Lockdown gallery

We would love to be able to share home creations and works of art that you have made, so if you have any images we can share please email them to friendsofbelham@gmail.com

FOB Uniform Exchange

Whilst we don't really want to encourage any type of social mixing or transfer of possessions right now, we do realise that some people might be taking this opportunity to sort through old uniform, so please remember to list your unwanted uniform on the FOB uniform exchange.

1. If you have clothes to sell, fill in the form below. Clothes must be clean and honestly described.
http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_SubmitForm
2. If you want to buy, review the form below and contact the seller directly.
http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_Stock
3. Buyer makes a donation to FOB via Justgiving based on the prices in the spreadsheet

<https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofbelham>

4. Buyer collects from seller's home.
5. Seller updates quantities on the form once the item has been collected.

Online Shopping

EasyFundraising

This will generate donations for FoB at many online retailers. Create an account in support of FoB here: https://bit.ly/FoB_EasyFundraising

AmazonSmile

Friends of Belham is now also registered with AmazonSmile. 0.5% of the purchase price will go direct to FoB. On a computer you must shop via smile.amazon.co.uk for this to work.

Koru Kids offer code

Rethinking that "I don't need childcare" thing? Koru kids are offering £50 to FoB and £50 to Belham families when they match with a nanny through their service. Use the code SC1BELHAM in the "how did you hear about us?" section (this is really important otherwise it won't be logged).

<https://www.korukids.co.uk>

FRIENDS OF BELHAM RECIPES

#1: BACON AND BROCCOLI PASTA

Introduction:

This is my go to recipe when a quick but yummy meal is needed, the children love it and although it is high on fat and cream it also contains lots of greens to salve my conscience. If you're vegetarian you can leave out the bacon.

Good for:

Children to cook	✓ (with a bit of help)
Children to eat	✓
Vegetarians	✗ (but could be adapted)
Vegan	✗

Ingredients (serves 3 – 4)

*One small onion / half a large onion
Half to a whole head of broccoli
3 – 4 rashers of bacon
About 100mls cream
Good handful of grated parmesan
Black pepper
Olive oil
A splash of white wine if you've got some
Enough pasta for the people you're feeding.*

Method

1. *Put the water on for your pasta. Depending on how long your pasta takes to cook you can generally cook the sauce while the pasta is cooking. However you cook the broccoli in with the pasta, see below, so you need to keep an eye on how long it takes to cook.*
2. *Chop / break the broccoli into florets.*
3. *Chop the onion and fry it slowly on a low heat in a large frying pan.*
4. *Dice the bacon and add to the pan. Cook the onion and bacon together until the bacon is beginning to crisp up and the onion is translucent. Add a splash of wine and cook until the wine has evaporated.*
5. *When the pasta is 3 – 4 minutes from being done, add the broccoli to the pasta water and cook together.*
6. *2 minutes before the pasta is cooked, add the cream to your onion/bacon sauce and stir. Just before you take the pasta off, stir in about half of the parmesan.*
7. *Drain your pasta and broccoli and add into the frying pan with the bacon / broccoli sauce. Stir until all the pasta is coated.*
8. *Serve with the remainder of the parmesan and black pepper to taste.*