THE BELHAM BUZZ



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

It's been a busy week at the Belham which ended with an exhibition in the main hall to mark the end of our 'Conflicts and Remembrance' themed CRAZE Week. Children across the school learnt about the events of both World Wars and produced some fantastic work, including propaganda posters recruiting women to the workplace, poems inspired by the war poetry of the time, and an eye-catching display of multi-coloured poppies. Well done to our pupils for producing such high quality, thoughtful work, and a big thank you to Kate Gorely and Katie Moore for co-ordinating the event and curating the gallery.



SPRING TERM CLUBS

Booking for Spring Term Clubs is now open and will close on 11.59pm on Monday 18 November so please log on to Schoolsbuddy to make your preferences by then.

You will receive the confirmation of which club your child has been allocated on Wednesday 20 November and will be required to pay for clubs in full by the first day of the Spring Term

A reminder that clubs run for 10 weeks of the term and the dates are as follows:

Any sessions cancelled due to staff changes will be held

w/c 13 January

w/c 20 January

w/c/ 27 January

w/c 3 February

w/c 10 February

HALF TERM

w/c 24 February

w/c 2 March

w/c 9 March

w/c 10 March

in the last week of term, w/c 30 March

KEY DATES

Monday 18 November

Y5 Cycle Confident course - ALL WEEK

Linen trip to Westminster Abbey – packed lunch needed

Tuesday 19 November

Silk visit to All Saints Church Peckham. No packed lunch needed

Thursday 21 November

Cotton trip to the Royal Mews - packed lunch needed

READING PASSPORTS

The Reading Passports have been a great success this term, with many children reading several of the titles. They will be receiving certificates over the coming weeks. It is now time to think about the books for next term! These are 3 books that we would like the children in each year to read. Together they make up our 'Belham Reading List' which include a mixture of classic and recently published texts. Please see below for each year groups:

Year 2 - A 'Claude' book.

Freddie Mole, The Lion Tamer Hundred Mile an Hour Dog

Year 3 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Ug – Raymond Briggs Charlotte's Web

Year 4 - The Last Wild

The Queen's Nose

Perry Angel's Suitcase

Year 5 - Prince Caspian

Oranges for No Man's Land

Emil and the Detectives

Within each year group there is a range of abilities, some children will be comfortable reading the books independently whilst others may prefer to read it with/be read to by a parent or carer. There is no expectation that children will read all of these books, however those that do participate will receive a certificate each term.

We have bought enough books for each child to borrow one at a time from The Belham. Some parents have expressed an interest in buying the sets to keep and to use when younger siblings reach that year group. To support this we have partnered with Tales on Moon Lane in Herne Hill. They have offered the sets for a discounted rate and also provide The Belham with a share of the profits which would go towards our English curriculum. If you would like the do this, there will be an item set up on SchoolsBuddy to order. Please place all orders by next Friday 22nd November. These will be delivered before the end of term and could be a great Christmas present for our Belhamites!

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

Friends of Belham

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FOB NFWS

Committee Update!

We are delighted to announce that Eve Petcher has been elected as Co-Chair and will share the role alongside Adam. WHOOP WHOOP full committee!

Christmas Cards

Your child's Christmas card artwork should be safely home in their book bag.

You can order cards online, details are on the back of the artwork (example below).

Christmas Card order deadline: this Sunday (17th November).

If you have any questions, please contact Julia at juliaparfitt@gmail.com



Christmas wreath workshop

Monday 9th December

We are delighted to announce that a Christmas wreath workshop will be held at the school on the evening 7pm - 9:30pm hosted by LABOOS.

Create your very own moss based, sustainable, natural style Christmas wreath.

Working with fresh, fragrant, British ingredients and a selection of festive trimmings.

LABOOS are giving their time and expertise for free. This means all proceeds will cover the material needed to create the wreath with all money remaining going straight to the school.

FoB NEWS

The workshop, including a wreath to take home, is £35. Only 15 spaces available.

Booking for this will be announced next week, so watch this space!

Belham Christmas Fair 2019 Saturday 30th November, 12 – 3pm

FoB Christmas Trees

We made an amazing £870 last year from Christmas tree sales alone!

We appreciate that the 30th sounds very early for a Christmas tree but the next day is the 1st December! You can also store your tree outside in a shelter position for a week before you put it up inside. In the link below we have included care instructions for the trees.

The trees are fantastic quality Nordmann Fir Christmas Trees. These need to be purchased in advance of the fair, with pick-up after 12pm at the Christmas fair.

Prices are between 20-30% lower than local retailers, with a variety of sizes available!

Please note that stands are not included.

Tree order deadline: Thursday 21st November.

Prices:

3-4ft (100-125cm) £27

4-5ft (125-150cm) £30

5-6ft (150-175cm) £34

6-7ft (175-200cm) £41

7-8ft (200-225cm) £50

www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/315228

The Belham Snowmen

These snowmen will be used to decorate the school hall at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November.

The children can decorate their snowman however they wish. Please cut out the snowman shape and put names and classes on the back.

Each child will receive a snowman template on a piece of card in their book bag at the end of this week.

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There will be a box at reception for completed snowmen to be returned to. If your child's snowman mysteriously goes missing from their book bag, we have spare ones that you can pick up from the school office.

Deadline for this is Friday 22nd of November.

Volunteer Requests!

Stall Shifts

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered for shifts at the fair. Unfortunately, there are still lots to fill.

We are looking for volunteers for shifts of one hour or more to clear away and for all the stalls.

Shift times are:

Shift 2: 1pm-2pm – 5 people needed Shift 3: 2pm-3pm – 12 people needed Clear up: 3pm-4pm– 2 people needed

Please send an email to Michelle on

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

FoB Donation Requests!

Fairy light donations

We will be decorating the hall for the fair and are looking for fairy lights that we can borrow.

If you have any please put them into the FoB box in reception with a label on the lights so we can return them.

Pom Pom Stall

We are doing our first ever pom pom stall this year. Not only can you buy them premade but the children can also make them to take away.

We urgently need any spare wool that you might have. Please put it into the FoB box in reception.

Kids Lucky Dip

We have had a fantastic donation of jars (some filled, some empty) in preparation for the Xmas Fair on 30th November but we are in need of a lot more! We are looking primarily for filled jars & stuff to fill the jars with.

Too many Halloween sweets? Small toys that you simply don't need? Party bag fillers you haven't used, would all be absolutely amazing.

Please drop these in the FoB box in reception!

Please make sure any sweets/snacks are nut free



Raffle & Hampers

We have lots of amazing vouchers from local shops but we are in desperate need for other donations to fill hampers and to raffle.

Do you have any gifts that you have never used? Bottles of drink you have never drunk? Unused beauty products?

Festive food?

We are looking for donations of anything that would make a fabulous raffle prizes.

Please leave in the FoB box in reception or email Kath at kathmacleod184@gmail.com for more info.

FoB have a MASSIVE box (clearly marked FoB) that is now located just inside the door to the school reception/office. Please put all your Jars and raffle items in there. Many thanks in advance!

Good condition toys and second hand Uniform

Last drop off date is Friday 22nd November No baby toys please.

SAVE THE DATE!

FoB Quiz Night - Wednesday 12th February 2020

Venue - Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove

FoB camping

Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June

Venue: South London Scout Centre, Grange Lane, SE21 7LH.