

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Today pupils and teachers have entered into the spirit of Comic Relief by taking part in many wacky and wonderful activities. You have probably seen on our ClassDojo teachers having to extract themselves from sticky situations – having to complete a number of tasks to escape rooms which have mysteriously locked themselves. As always, a huge thank you to everyone for getting fully involved and for Kirsty Doig who organised today's events. If you are able to make an optional donation, you may do so via our [Justgiving page](#).

READATHON 2023

Having completed our Readathon a week ago, we can proudly announce that our Belham community has raised a whopping £2489 for Read for Good! What an achievement! A huge thank you to all our Belhamites and reading sponsors for your support and enthusiasm. Here's to the next one!

EARLYBIRDS AND OWLS SUMMER TERM 2023

Bookings for early birds and owls will open at **7.30pm on Sunday 26th March**. Please make sure that you log in at 8pm to secure bookings as places are given on a first come first serve basis. Text reminders will be sent on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th March. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

INTEREST IN CHESS CLUBS

There has been a lot of interest in starting an after school chess club. However, having looked into various providers the cost is a lot higher than other clubs at £8 a session so it would be £80 for the term, which is a huge difference in price. We wondered in the first instance if we have any Belham parents who would be interested in running this club? If you would, please contact Catherine in the office asap.

KEY DATES

22nd & 23rd March 2023

Parent Consultations

Sunday 26th March

Booking for Earlybirds and Owls open at **7.30pm** on SchoolsBuddy

Friday 31st March

Library Launch Day!

Easter break

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

Monday 17th April

Children return to school

Wednesday 19th April

Make up after school clubs for strike day on Weds 15th March

Thursday 20th April

Make up after school clubs for strike day on Thurs 16th March

Monday 24th April

Summer term morning and after school clubs begin

Monday 12th – Friday 16th June

Y6 Residential

Monday 19th June – Friday 23rd June

Y5 Residential

Monday 26th June

INSET DAY

Please find a link [here](#) to our full school events calendar.

Please find a link [here](#) to our PE & SWIM timetable.

SPRING SHOWCASE

An opportunity for parents to come and see what their child has been learning in music. All welcome!

MARCH 2023	9.15	10.30	1.30
Tues 28 th	Yr 1	Yr 3	-
Weds 29 th	Yr 4	-	Yr 6
Thurs 30 th	Yr 5	Recep	Yr 2

LIBRARY LAUNCH DAY*LIBRARY LAUNCH DAY*LIBRARY LAUNCH DAY

On **Friday 31st of March**, we'll officially be opening the doors to our new library – we can't wait for you all to see it!

To mark the occasion, in the afternoon, we'll be having a visit from author Alex Falase-Koya. He was a co-writer for Marcus Rashford's books and the winner of Spread the Word's 2019 London Writers Awards for children's/YA so we're very excited to have him at the Belham! He'll be hosting assemblies for our Belhamites and reading an extract from his work.

Alex will also be holding a book signing at home time so there will be an opportunity to purchase one of his wonderful books and have it signed in person!

The following titles will be available;

Marv and the Blizzard Zone - £6

Marv and the Mega Robot - £5

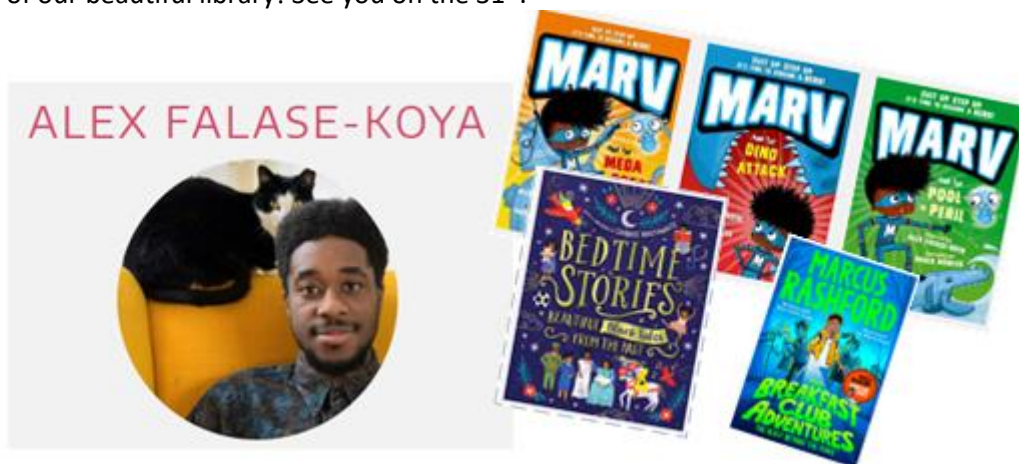
Marv and the Pool of Peril - £5

Marv and the Dino Attack - £5

The Breakfast Club Adventures - £6

Bedtime Stories: Beautiful Black Tales from the Past - £14

Once you've collected the children that day, we encourage you to come in to meet Alex at the book signing and get a glimpse of our beautiful library! See you on the 31st.



Author visit and
book signing!

Library Launch Day
Friday the 31st March at home time

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



17th March 2023

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

Contact us
friendsofbelham@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

23 rd March	Quiz Night
24 th March	Uniform Sale
1 st April (2-4pm)	Egg Hunt, Lettsom Gardens
14 th /15 th July	Camping Weekend

QUIZ NIGHT & RAFFLE, 23rd MARCH

FINAL CALL FOR TICKETS – ONLY A FEW REMAINING!

The Friends of Belham Quiz & Curry Night takes place on Thursday. Come and enjoy the fun. In teams of six, pit your wits against fellow Belham parents, carers and teachers. Our new quizmaster John will put your knowledge to the test, asking about anything from 80s pop music to celebrity trivia to historical facts. There's only space for a few more teams, so buy your ticket ASAP to avoid disappointment. On the night of the quiz, we'll be serving food from Ganapati: chicken curry (£25), vegan curry (£23). Or just come for the quiz if you prefer (£10). Book tickets here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/868037>

PLEASE EMAIL US YOUR TEAMS: For those already in a team of 6, please could one of you email FoB your team name, listing team members. If you are in a smaller group, no problem – just email friendsofbelham@gmail.com, letting us know how many of you there are/your names and we will link you up with others.

VOLUNTEERS: for the quiz to go ahead, we need help with set-up/clear-up and selling raffle tickets. If you're attending the quiz and could help us on the night, we'd be very grateful. Please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com to put your name on the volunteer list. Thank you!



RAFFLE: Thanks to the generous parent donations and support from local businesses, there are some amazing prizes to be won. They include:

- *Tickets to Phantom Peak, the Hundred cricket league, and any Picturehouse cinema
- *Experiences: make-up lesson at Dr Boo, 1hr sports massage at FitFor Gym, and Personal Colour Analysis courtesy of Essie Walker Studio
- *Bespoke Jewellery designed by Jacqui Quinn
- * Vouchers for Gather and Mr Bao
- *Meal for 2 + a bottle of wine at The Montpelier and CodFellas
- *6 months Pilates membership from Gemma at Shape Pilates
- * Barrel of cider and £20 to spend in TheSourcing Table

More prizes to be announced next week. Watch this space!!!

FoB UNIFORM SALE, 24th March

The next second-hand uniform sale will be on Friday 24th March at the school from 3:15pm.

A great chance to stock up on summer ☀️ clothing and help the planet 🌍 by reusing.

We'll be collecting ***good quality*** donations at drop off, main playground on:

- Monday (20th March)
- Friday (24th March)

EASTER EGG HUNT, 1st April



Friends of Belham's Easter Egg Hunt is returning to Lettsom Gardens! The Hunt will be on Saturday 1 April from 2pm-4pm. Children who prefer a quieter environment are encouraged to come for early opening from 1.30pm. Last entry is at 3.30pm. Non-Belham siblings and friends are welcome.

Please bring your own pencils to fill out the egg hunt forms. The prizes will be a bag of delicious Fairtrade chocolate eggs from Gather. There will also be hot beverages and cakes on sale for the adults. If your child has an allergy, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com and we will source another tasty treat for them! Unlike in previous years, there will be free admission for this event but spaces should be reserved in advance here <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/867584> . Happy hunting!

CALLING YR 1 and YR6 DADS!

Your year group needs you...

Due to parents moving and other commitments, we have 2 openings for reps. One for Year 6 and one for Year 1. Tasks include sharing information through whatsapp channels, contributing ideas at FOB

DISCO

meetings 3 x per year and helping out where you can at FOB fundraising and community events.



Thank you to everyone who attended the disco - it was great to see so many people having a great time on the dancefloor...including those parents who joined in for the Conga!

Not only did we cover the costs of the disco with the optional donations, but we raised almost £700 for FOB which is fantastic - all of the donations are thoroughly appreciated. A HUGE thank you to all of the brilliant volunteers who made sure that the disco could go ahead this year and of course DJ Dan for keeping the tunes going!

If you have any feedback on the event that could be helpful to consider for future events, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com

YR 6 LEAVERS BOOK AND HOODIES

Don't forget to order yours at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/840184> Deadline is 31st March 2023. If you need financial assistance, please contact Belham Office with your order.

CALL FOR YR 6 PHOTOS & ART DOODLES

We are gathering group and mostly school event photos of Year 6 pupils from reception to final year for a commemorative yearbook. Think School shows, sports days, trips, assemblies, egg hunts, fun runs, fairs, any FOB events, all welcome. Plus your pics of their artwork and all those funny doodles your son and daughter bring back from school, to help illustrate the book. Please drop any images you have into Google drive link here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1497M_yo3U8WgkdHpElWqg4clOoB6t5r4

Do you have design/layout skills?

Finally, we need parents with any design/layout skills to help layout the pics, art and text for the yearbook to create something truly memorable. Please contact lianne@fashion-conscience.com

SIGN UP FOR EASYFUNDRAISING!

Another shout out for EasyFundraising because – well it's just so easy...

Raise money for the school while you shop online in over 7000 retailers. You don't have to have to shop differently. The fundraising automatically happens as you click and buy. All you have to do is sign up here – it takes just 2 minutes, and it will make a BIG BIG difference to our fundraising efforts for the school:

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

