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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Today we have all been tasked with guessing who our 'masked teachers' are! Belham staff have entered into the spirit of Comic Relief by performing or making or doing something that shows their hidden talents. Last year the school community raised the phenomenal amount of £2600 for Comic Relief and we are hoping to match that amount this year: we were already a third of the way there at 9 o'clock this morning! Thank you to Miss Doig for organising today's events, to Belham staff, and to parents and Belhamites for donating generously. Here is a portrait that may make its way to my office, painted by one of our fabulous 'masked teachers'.



EARLY BIRDS AND OWLS

Bookings for Early Birds and owls will open on **Monday 21st March at 7:30pm.**

Please make sure to log into SchoolsBuddy in enough time to be ready to book at 7:30pm, as places are allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Due to the high demand for places, we would like to remind you to be mindful of this when booking, and only use this service if you are working and unable to collect your child at end of school.

SWIMMING AND PE SPRING TERM 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2 SWIM	R PE	Y3 SWIM	Y1 PE	Y4 SWIM
Y6 PE	Y5 PE	Y2 PE	Y1 YOGA	Y6 PE
Y3 YOGA			Y5 PE	Y3 PE
Y4 PE				

Lessons end on the week of 21/03/22 (inclusive of that week).

Creative Reflection Time next week will be about:

World Poetry Day

KEY DATES

Monday 21st March

Last week of morning & after school clubs

Bookings for Early Birds and owls open at 7:30pm

Y2 swimming

Wednesday 23rd March

Y3 swimming

Thursday 24th March

Y5 & Y6 trip to Lion King (packed lunch needed) late pick up (children will not be back at school until 6pm)

Friday 25th March

Y4 swimming

Y2&Y5 trip TCSET primary schools' concert @ William Booth Memorial Hall, Denmark Hill (details to follow)

Tuesday 29th March

Y2 trip – Unicorn Theatre - *Marvin's Binoculars* (packed lunch required)

Y4 trip – Unicorn Theatre - *Gulliver's Travels* (packed lunch required)

Friday 1st April

Last day of spring term

Tuesday 19th April

Children return to school

MAKE UP FOR CANCELLED CLUBS

Some of the clubs that were cancelled this term will be made up on the last week of term. They will be –
Tuesday 29th March – Art & Craft Y2-3
Wednesday 30th March – Sewing Y1
Thursday 31st March – Art & Craft Y4-6

CHANGE TO PICK UP

Please could we ask that you let the office know by **2pm** if there are going to be any changes to pick up arrangements. Many thanks!

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week's guide is '**Supporting Children to Deal with Upsetting Content**'. Please see attachment.

SPRING SHOWCASE DATES AND TIMES

	9.15am	10.30am	1.30pm
Tues 29th	Yr 1	Yr 3	N/A
Weds 30th	Yr 4	Yr 2	Yr 6
Thurs 31st	Yr 5 (PPA will be 10-12)	Reception	N/A

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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Meet the FOB Committee & Class Reps

<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/friends-of-belham.html>

Contact us

friendsofbelham@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

18 March	School Disco! TODAY!
24 March	Belham Lates – Claudia Hammond
26 March	Belham gardening day
28 March	Peckham History Walking Tour
30 th March & 1st April	Second hand uniform drop-off at school (am & pm)
3 April	Easter Egg Hunt
22 April	Uniform & Year 3 bake sale
14 May	School Summer Fair
11 June	Belham gardening day
1-3 July	FOB Camping weekend
16 July	Belham gardening day

All tickets from: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham>

BELHAM LATES TALK & DRINKS – 24TH MARCH



The poster below gives more details of our first 'Belham Lates' event. We are excited to host local resident and **award-winning broadcaster, scientist and lecturer Claudia Hammond**, who will be talking about her new book *The Art of Rest* – which examines the science behind our struggles to rest and sleep.

Claudia is the presenter of several podcasts and radio shows including *All in the Mind* on BBC Radio 4 which covers psychology, neuroscience & mental health and the weekly global health show *Health Check* on BBC World Service.

Tickets cost £4.50 for standard entry, or £11.50 including Claudia's book *The Art of Rest* (which has an RRP of £9.99). Claudia's talk will last about 40 minutes, followed by Q&A. Drinks will also be served: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham>

BELHAM WALKING TOUR 28TH MARCH

FOB will host a historical walking tour of Peckham on Monday 28th March, at 7pm, starting at school.



Diane Burstein, a Blue Badge guide with over 25 years of experience, will be uncovering the story of our local area. She will highlight the multicultural history, artistic connections, architecture, regeneration, and notable former residents. From Rye Lane, once known as the 'Golden Mile' and home to department stores that rivalled those of Oxford Street, through Peckham Square with its award-winning library and of course Bellenden Road, where you can learn the story behind its unique street furniture.

The tour will finish at 9pm at the Montpelier pub on Choumert Rd where we have reserved an area to rest your feet and have a catch up (unfortunately, price of drinks not included!). Tickets on sale here:

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

SECOND HAND UNIFORM & YEAR 3 BAKE SALE ON 22ND APRIL

We will be holding a combined uniform and bake sale on Friday 22nd April – first week back after the Easter Holidays. Please **drop off donations of CLEAN and sellable uniform on Thursday 30th March and Friday 1st April (boxes in both morning and afternoon)**. Please no pyjamas or other random bits of clothing that some have chosen to leave us with in the past!! For the bake sale – Year 3 you are up! Please drop off your bakes on Friday 22nd April in the morning. Jane, Rob and Lizzy your FOB reps will be looking for volunteers to prep and sell, so please email jane.kinninmont@gmail.com if you can help! It's about an hour of your time needed.

EASTER EGG HUNT SUN 3RD APRIL

The Easter egg hunt will be at Lettsom Gardens (the Grove Park gate only), from 10am on Sunday 3rd April. £3.50 per child, non-school siblings and friends welcome. Please bring your own pencils to fill out the hunt forms. The prizes will be Fairtrade chocolate eggs from *Gather*. If your child has a food allergy, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com by the 22nd March and we will source another tasty treat for them! There will also be hot beverages on sale for the adults. Tickets on sale here:

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

BELHAM GARDENING - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!



Jersey moth on Buddleia at Coppleston garden

We are organising three gardening days before the summer holidays to tidy up and plant within the school grounds. We would love a group of parents (no gardening experience necessary) to come along and lend a few hands:

Saturday 26th March - Spring clear up and Preparation and Planting of the Planters on the steps to the Terrace

Saturday 11th June - General Gardening and Improvements to the Reception Play Area

Saturday 16th July - General Gardening and upkeep
09:30 - 12:30. Meet at Reception entrance. Please bring your own gloves and trowels etc.

Looking forward to seeing many parents come along and help us tidy, plant and make the Belham School bloom this summer! Please contact Rachel Cook (rachelhomemail@gmail.com) to find out more.

REQUEST FOR VEG SEEDLINGS

This year, the gardening group is going to be helping the pupils grow their own veg! We would like to ask for donations of seedlings that can be brought in and transferred to planters and raised beds. We would like to start planting in a few weeks, so if you think you can help, please get in touch a.s.a.p. with Rachel to find out more (rachelhomemail@gmail.com).

SEEKING PLANTS FOR FAIR SALE



We will be holding a plant sale during the summer fair on May 14th. We will be looking for donations of your plants (indoor or outdoor plants). Cuttings will also be gladly received and we will get them settled in pots ready for the sale. We will let you know drop off dates / locations for the plants in the run up to the school fair.

SUMMER FAIR CHARITY – PLEASE VOTE!

Last year Friends of Belham donated 30% of its net proceeds from the school summer fair to a local charity, Ignite Hubs, supporting coding clubs for kids. The FOB committee and reps are keen to do the same this year and would like your input on which charity to support. The charities below have been nominated by FOB committee members and reps, and if you have any suggestions in the future please email FOB. Please vote for one of the following three charities [here](#):

1) Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground : a local community resource providing essential play and green space to children from surrounding estates and community. <https://www.dkhap.org.uk/about>

2) Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers: a local charity supporting asylum seekers and refugees: <https://www.sdcas.org.uk/>

3) Lumos/Ukraine appeal: Lumos is an international charity that works with orphans and vulnerable children. They currently have an appeal to support the work of their partners in Ukraine who are working to prevent family separation and provide psychological support:

<https://www.wearelumos.org/get-involved/ukraine-appeal/>

Voting closes next Friday 25th March midnight!

SEEKING SUMMER FAIR SPONSORS

We're still looking for more **corporate sponsors** for the summer fair. If you know of a business who might be willing to donate please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com this week. All sponsors are publicised on marketing materials, and can have a stall at the fair if required.

SUMMER FAIR 14TH MAY

We're starting to gear up for the Fair on the 14th May. These fairs are really popular with children and adults and a great way for the community to come together, as well as raising money for the school and charity. However, they can't happen without you!

Volunteering on the day is a great way to help out and meet other parents. Please sign up as soon as possible. <https://forms.gle/jEjcXWjWw6Gv1WU37>

If you are able to help organise the event by helping with preparation ahead of the day, or by taking responsibility for a stall or activity, please email FOB at friendsofbelham@gmail.com. We have a lot of exciting ideas and the more people who can help, the more we can do!

We will be asking for donations for the following items in the weeks before the fair:

- Unopened bottles of alcohol (wine or sprits) or smart non-alcoholic drink - for the Bottle Tombola
- Unused or very good quality second hand toys and games for the kids tombola
- Other second hand toys and books to sell at the second hand stall
- Plants – see above!
- Cakes and biscuits – incl. vegan bakes

EASTER CLUBS Here is a list of Easter Clubs that we are currently aware of, please send others if you know of them and we will add/update (friendsofbelham@gmail.com):

&ART – Art classes at the Scout Hut on Bellenden Road 10.30-12.30 am on 4th/5th and 10th/11th April – £55 for the 2 day course. Email andartlondon@gmail.com to book.

Alleyn's Holiday camps – <https://www.alleyns.org.uk/alleyns-enterprises/holiday-camps> - Indoor and outdoor activities at Alleyn's school (£40 for standard day)

Gymnastics – <http://www.charismagymnastics.co.uk/holiday-camps/> - Gymnastic camp at Dulwich College P.E. Centre (note Easter booking not yet open)

Holiday Champs – <https://holidaychamps.co.uk/book-now-1> - A range of activities at Goose Green Primary School (£26/day) (note Easter booking not yet open)

Holiday Drop Off – <https://holidaydropoff.com/our-camps> - A range of sports focused activities at Dulwich College (£48/day)

Football Magic – <https://www.footballmagiccoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses/> - Football for boys & girls (5 to 12 years old) at JAGS Sports Club Astro Pitch (£20/day)

JAGS Holiday Kids Club – <https://jagssportsclub.co.uk/jags-kids/#holiday-kids-club> – A range of activities at JAGS Sports Club including multi-sports all day (£30/day) or climbing

MAGNA at St John's & St Clements Primary School– <https://www.magnagroups.com/summer-camps-2020> - A range of activities at ST John's & ST Clement's Primary School (£32/day or £36/extended day, plus £5.00 for breakfast)

Nimble Arts at Goodrich Primary School SE22 – <https://www.nimblearts.co.uk/drop-off-club-se22> - A range of activities and workshops at Goodrich Primary School (£54/day, plus £6.50 for late pick-up)

North Dulwich tennis club camps – 2 hour sessions, £85 per week <https://www.northdulwichtennis.co.uk/camps/>

Perform - https://www.perform.org.uk/portal/contact/courses/book-exp?xvar=vnu_id?xval=586 - Performing Arts camp - The Secret Garden (11th-13th April, £260 for 3 days plus sibling discount)

SMCC Juniors at Kingsdale– <https://www.smccjuniors.co.uk/2022-holiday-camps> - Cricket camp at Kingsdale Foundation School (£47/day)

The South London Dance Academy – <https://thesouthlondondanceacademy.com/easter-camp-2022-1> - Dance camp at Ivydale School (£35/day or £170/week)

BELHAM LATES



conversation, inspiration, enrichment

The Art of Rest by Claudia Hammond

Thurs 24th March
8pm

Tickets £4.50 or
£11.50 including "The Art
of Rest" book (RRP £9.99)

Tickets from:

[https://www.tickettailor.com/
events/friendsofbelham/662888](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/662888)



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