

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Half term is upon us already and I'm sure that most of you have exciting plans for the holidays. If you are having a 'staycation' and remaining close to home, there are usually many child-centric activities happening in London's streets, museums and galleries. If you don't even want to leave Peckham, why don't you go on 'Peckham's History Trail', a 'walk for families' focusing on some of the historical buildings and sites that are right on your doorsteps! The map is attached to this week's Belham Buzz and there are a few leaflets available in the main office.

A couple of weeks ago, I announced that the Belham would be holding parent governor elections. We are particularly interested in parents who have a business or finance background. I would like to invite those who are putting themselves forward for election, to write a 'pen portrait' of no more than 300 words. This should include information about yourself and your background, why you are interested in joining the Governing Body, and what skills and competences you could bring. The deadline for pen portraits is Friday 2 November. Voting will open that week and close on 6 November.

Finally, from all of the Belham team, have a fantastic half term break and remember that children are returning to school on Tuesday 30 October, not Monday 29 October.

CONKER SEASON!

Conker season at The Belham will run for one week in the second week after half term (week starting 5 November). Each year group will have one day in which to play conker games (Y1 Mon, Y2 Tue etc.). Conker games will be run by our midday supervisors and play leaders using the rules from http://www.bbc.co.uk/norfolk/kids/conkers_3.shtml

Conkers must be in a labelled pencil case, purse or envelope and can only be used on the terrace during a match (or they risk being confiscated). During matches children will wear safety goggles. If you would like to make your conkers over half term, you can find instructions at http://www.bbc.co.uk/norfolk/kids/conkers_4.shtml

Creative reflection time after half term will be about
ANDY GOLDSWORTHY

KEY DATES

Monday 29 October

INSET Day – no children required at school!

Booking form for spring term clubs will be sent out via Evolve

Tuesday 30 October

Deadline for Christmas cards designed at home – please see Friends' Friendly on next page for full details

Young Shakespeare Company visiting Year 4 at the Belham (no packed lunch required)

Thursday 1 November

Artsmark Coffee morning: Find out about the work being undertaken at The Belham in our bid to receive the Artsmark. Nancy Wayman (Head of Music) and Kate Gorely (Art Subject Lead) will talk about the exciting plans to ensure even more creativity and artistic outcome at The Belham. Please follow the link to book in: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/artsmark-coffee-morning-tickets-50850371831>

Wednesday 7 November, 8.00pm

Friends of Belham AGM in the main school hall

Friday 9 November

FoB School Disco at the Peckham Liberal Club

Thursday 15 November, 7.30pm

FoB Quiz night at the Peckham Liberal Club

CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM

A reminder that there are no before or after school clubs until w/c 5 November. The exception to this are the following clubs which have make-up sessions in the week after half term:

Tuesday 30 October : Minecraft Y1/2

Tuesday 30 October : Cooking Y3/4

Tuesday 30 October : Illustration

Wednesday 31 October : Young Engineers

SPRING TERM CLUBS

Next term we have a record of 25 after school clubs to choose from. You will have received an email yesterday with full details of the timetable so you can discuss it with your child over half term (also attached to the Buzz). On **Monday 29 October** you will receive an email via Evolve which allows you to register interest in the clubs. Please note that registering interest does not mean that your child has been allocated that club - you will receive confirmation of the allocated clubs w/c 12 November. As always we ask you to pick only the number of clubs you would be happy for your child to do.



BELLENDEN ROAD SAFETY PETITION

The Air Quality Group is also currently preparing a submission to Southwark Council Cleaner Greener Safer Fund to improve Road Safety on the Bellenden Road side of the school. Proposals include widening the pavement, raising the zebra crossing and moving the bus stop further away from the school gate.

You can help us in this by signing an online petition that we can use to illustrate the numbers affected and concerned about this stretch of road. Go to <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/en-gb/499/759/650/improvements-for-pedestrians-bellenden-road-belham-school/>

and sign today - leaving a message to explain your concerns if at all possible! We'll be submitting the bid at the beginning of half term.

I DIG SATURDAY!

Don your wellies and come help us prepare for the new arrivals at the Belham. The tarmac will be up, so we can set to digging holes and preparing the ground for the kids to plant saplings and shrubs which arrive in November! Contact harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk for more info and to sign up (tea, coffee and cake will be provided!)

BELHAM LATES: YOGA

Sign up for some TLC in the run up to Christmas - weekly relaxation, stretching, strengthening and well-being - what more could you ask for?

Classes cater for all levels of experience and you don't need to be flexible to join! Just an hour and a half to slow down, take care of your body and relax the mind.

Sign up for all weeks to Christmas at a discount, or drop in when you can. Contact harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk for more info and to reserve your space.

LEGO CARDS

Please could we ask that children only bring in their LEGO cards on Tuesdays and Thursdays, when they will be allowed to play with them on the terrace.

STEAM QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Please submit all answers on a piece of paper into either of the STEAM 'Question of the Week' boxes, which are located in the office and in the STEAM Lab. Please ensure that the children's name and class are clearly written on their slip of paper. The deadline for entries is on a Thursday at 3.25pm, where three winners will be selected. The winners will be awarded certificates and prizes in the Friday assembly when the following week's question will also be announced.

STEAM

question
of the week?



This week's question:

Why do trees lose their leaves in Autumn?

Extra challenge: Are there any exceptions?

During half term, why not go on a walk and collect some Autumn leaves and create a collage or do some leaf rubbing.

Last week's question:

What do you think is the best invention inspired by nature?

This week's winners:

Ines Mayer (Calico) : Shape of the front of a bullet train inspired by a humming bird

Winter (Velvet) : Echo Location inspired by bats

Mae (Denim) : Reflectors in the middle of roads inspired by cats' eyes

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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FoB NEWS

Christmas Cards

Following the success of last year's Christmas cards, all children will soon start work in class to produce their own designs for this Christmas. If your child would prefer to do this at home, please let their teacher know by 15 October and return their finished design to their teacher again by 29 October. You should find a sample printed card in your child's book bag by 7 November along with online ordering details. For home-produced designs, artwork must be on white or coloured A4 card/paper which cannot be thicker than 5mm. A 2-3mm margin around the edge of the paper may be lost, so please keep your design within this. Also, please avoid glitter and other reflective materials.

Quiz Night

Tickets are now available for the FoB quiz night on 15 November at the Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove! Doors open at 7:30pm, with the quiz starting at 8pm. Tickets are £8 for entrance only or £20 for entrance with food options and are available from:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/198816>

The Liberal Club operates a cash-only bar. Teams may have up to 6 people and once tickets have been purchased, please email:

rich_knowles@hotmail.co.uk

with your team name and members. Those without pre-allocated teams on the night can find space amongst the other contestants!

FoB NEWS

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on 7 November from 8pm at the school building (enter via office-side gate) The FoB committee will present our activities and monies raised over the previous year and what purchases or contributions we have made on behalf of the school. Committee members and class representatives are formally appointed at the AGM so if you're interested in this, or would just like to learn more about FoB and what we have done over the past year, please come along.

FoB Secretary

Our current secretary is stepping down from the role and we are looking for a new one. Please email FoB if you're interested and would like to have more information on the role and what it entails. Nominations to be announced at the AGM on 7th November.

School Disco

Get those glad rags on, because it's..... school disco time! This term's disco-fest will be held on 9 November at The Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove, SE15 5DE, about a 5-minute walk from the school. 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. Entry is £3 on the door per cha-cha-ing child and there are refreshments to buy during the session. Parents can use the Liberal Club cash only bar but must remain within their children throughout.