

## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

October marks the beginning of Black History Month in the UK. At the Belham, we will be marking this through planned lessons and activities. Over the past couple of years, we have reviewed our curriculum to try and make sure that it represents the diversity of our wider community, working with external agencies such as The Advocacy Academy, The History Corridor, and subject associations to gather examples of best practice across the sector. This is only the start of our journey and we are looking forward to developing our curriculum even further. Our current provision is based on the national curriculum but includes carefully selected case studies to ensure that subjects are viewed through a diverse lens that explores a variety of perspectives. For Black History Month this year, our children explored ancient African kingdoms during CRAZE Week. They learnt that the countries (kingdoms and chiefdoms) have a rich history of their own that predates the transatlantic slave trade. Later in October, pupils will explore the cultural contributions of Black British poets.

As always, the Belham is keen to work in collaboration with our families so if you have any ideas of connections that may be helpful or relevant, please do get in touch.

## PARENTS' EVENING

We are delighted to invite you to our first parents' evenings of the year. These will take place on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**.

In response to feedback from parents, there will be a number of virtual appointments available on Wednesday afternoon for Years R, 1, 3, and 5, and Thursday afternoon for Years 2, 4 and 6.

Booking will open on SchoolsBuddy on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** at and close on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. Please log in to your SchoolsBuddy account to book.

Here is a guide on how to make your booking:

<https://managebac.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360041715351-Making-a-Parents-Evening-Parent-Conference-Booking>

If your child receives support in the form of an EHC Plan, please do not book using this link. We will be in touch directly to schedule your next meeting.

## KEY DATES

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Y2 – SWIMMING

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Individual & sibling photograph day

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Y6 – SWIMMING

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October

**\*\*Flu vaccinations\*\***

Secondary School Meeting – 6pm (entry via Maxted Gate)

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Y4 – SWIMMING

**TRIP** - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross Country Event @ Rosemead Playing Field (*Parents will be contacted by EMAIL if your child is involved*) (**Packed lunch will be required**)

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October

The Belham Art Show – 6pm-7pm (entry via Maxted Gate)

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

**TRIP** - Y3 - Butser Ancient Farm

**TRIP** – Y5/6 Lyndhurst Football Fixture (*Parents will be contacted by EMAIL if your child is involved*)

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October

FOB Fun Run @ 10am

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Parents' Evening

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Wear **RED** Day – **Show Racism the RED card**

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

\*Half term\*

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November

**TRIP** - Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby Festival @ Dulwich Hamlet (*Parents will be contacted by the school if their child is involved*)

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

**TRIP** - Y3 & Y4 Tag Rugby Festival @ Dulwich Hamlet (*Parents will be contacted by the school if their child is involved*)

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Reception Vision Screening @ 09:30am

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Last day of term (finish at 1:15pm)

# THE BELHAM BUZZ

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## A HUGE THANK YOU!

A huge heartfelt thank you to Kathryn and Adam for such a FABULOUS Autumn Fair and to all of our parents who supported their efforts with donations of goodies to sell and helping hands on the day!! It was a huge success and we were so pleased to see so many of our Belham families there. We managed to raise in the region of £4,000 which is AMAZING!



## CURRICULUM EVENT

It was wonderful to see parents on Tuesday at our Curriculum Event. We enjoyed answering your questions and hopefully you now have a good picture of what will be coming up this year. For those of you who were unable to attend, we will be posting the information on ClassDojo over the next few days. Please keep an eye on the School Story for the presentations.

## FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations will be taking place at the school on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. Please complete this form to confirm whether or not you wish your child to receive it:

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2021/southwark>

To be clear, this is for the annual flu vaccination, not a COVID vaccine.

## INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOS

If you wish for your child to be photographed with a sibling who does not attend the Belham, please come to Bellenden gate on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October** between 3:30pm-4:30pm to have their photograph taken together.

## VOLUNTEERS & WATERPROOFS NEEDED!

Reception and Year 1 are looking for volunteers to come and listen to the children read. If you are able to commit to a regular time each week, then please let the office know and we will get in touch to organise it with you. You do not need to have a child in one of those year groups.

Reception are also looking for donations of rain suits/ waterproof clothing. If you have anything at home that your children have grown out of, then please drop them off at the Reception gate at pick-up/ drop off. Thank you!

## SECONDARY SCHOOL MEETING

We have invited the heads of our secondary feeder schools to come and speak to our Year 5 and Year 6 parents on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm**. They will give a short introduction and then we will open it up to parent questions. So far the schools who have confirmed they are coming are –

- Harris Peckham
- Kingsdale
- Forest Hill

If you have a child in Y5 or Y6 and would like to come along, please email Catherine in the office on [info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk)

## PECKHAM SPORTS LEAGUE FRIENDLY FIXTURE

We are pleased to let you know that on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October our Peckham Sports League after school club will be playing against St Mary Magdalene Primary School. Pick up will be at 4:30pm from Bellenden Gate.

## PE & SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM 2021

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Y1 PE	RE PE	Y2 DANCE	Y1 PE	Y4 SWIM
Y2 SWIM	Y5 PE	Y3 PE	Y1 YOGA	Y6 PE
Y3 YOGA		Y4 PE	Y3 PE	
		Y6 SWIM	Y5 PE	
			Y6 PE	

Creative Reflection Time next week will be about:  
World Space Week

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## SPORT FIXTURES ARE BACK!

Sports Fixtures are starting again and we are very excited!

Some fixtures, such as today's Trust sports day, involve whole classes, whilst some are smaller teams. At the Belham, we track who represents our school so that we can ensure that everyone in KS2 represents the school at least once an academic year (we try to achieve that in KS1 as well but can't guarantee it). We report our attendance figures at the end of each year in our sports premium report.

For smaller teams we may give priority to children in before school sports practices (of the same sport) or we will conduct selections. Selections may take place during PE lessons (informally) or at lunchtime. In some cases where time is a pressure, we may have to rely on our knowledge of the children to make a selection. We make every effort to encourage children to take part in fixtures; however, we will not force children into taking part. We are explicit in describing the emotions one feels before and during a competitive event and we do everything we can to support our children (including promoting a good sporting attitude).

We are always looking to expand the number of fixtures we have; however, we do have to take into account financial and safeguarding considerations.

**There will be football try-outs at lunchtime on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October for Year 5 and Year 6.**

## RECEPTION PLACES 2022/23

If you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, they will be due to start school in September 2022. Applications are completed through the Southwark programme and are now open [here](#).

As we have now started our open days, it would be useful for us to understand how many siblings we may have applying.

If this applies to you, please contact Catherine Ross on [info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk)

## FEES FOR EARLY BIRDS/OWLS & CLUBS

A gentle reminder that all outstanding fees for this terms clubs and Early Birds and Owls need to be paid as soon as possible.

## PARENT DROP IN SESSIONS

Ms Cohen will be holding virtual or in-person parent drop in sessions each Thursday from 2.30-3.30pm. If you would like to book a slot, please contact Catherine in the office [info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk).

## THE BELHAM ART SHOW – THURS 14<sup>TH</sup> OCT

Our Belham Art Show will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October and we would love to see as many of you as possible! This event no longer needs to be ticketed so it will be a free flow entry from 6pm-7pm. Please come along and view first-hand the incredible creative work our Belhamites have been producing!



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## ART EXHIBITION 2021

Thursday 14th October 2021 6pm – 7pm  
165 Bellenden Road, SE15 4DG (entrance via Maxted Gate)



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# FUN RUN

**SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER**

At Peckham Rye Park (by the dog-free picnic area)

**3km run, 10am**  
(warm-up 9.45am)  
awards for Y4-Y6

**1.5km run, 11am**  
(warm-up 10.45am)  
awards for YR-Y3

Followed by a picnic in the dog-free area to celebrate

**Entry: FREE**  
**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/586304>

**GET SPONSORED!**

Help us raise funds towards  
the upgrade of the school art  
and design 'Makers Room'

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/belhammakersroom>



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# 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](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com)

## Save the date

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 19:30	FOB meeting at school
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 10am	Fun Run, Peckham Rye
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas tree sale

## SCHOOL FAIR!!!



**THANK YOU!!!!** to everyone who came to the School Fair on Saturday, and everyone who made it a really fun event either by helping put it on or by participating. We hope you had fun and a chance to meet some friends, old and new. It was so fantastic to be back in the school, feeling like life is a little bit normal again.

We're sorry if you got caught up in the meltdown of the payment system. We've discovered the reason for this and it shouldn't happen again. If you wish to make a donation to cover any costs you couldn't pay, or for any other reason, please do so here, and set the 'platform fee' to £0 as we don't get that money!: <https://justgiving.com/friendsofbelham>

We'll let you know next week exactly how much money we've raised for the school and for local charity Ignite Hubs, but in total looks as though it's in the region of an **AMAZING £4,000!!!!**

Thank you to the brilliant volunteers who helped on the day, too many to mention here, but you all played a vital role!

We had a fantastic team supporting us in arranging the fair and we'd like to give special thanks to:

Amber D for sorting all the delicious food  
Ginnie K and Zoe C for preparing all the craft activities  
Eleanor B for arranging the plant stall  
Elena O for setting up the toys and books stall  
Laura F for helping us to reduce our environmental impact and sorting all our waste management  
Doug R for building great games  
The Kwashie family for finding and helping to fund the performance by Gadu Dramatic Arts  
Anna F for booking future stars *Driven Inertia*  
Rich K for bringing his BBQ and cooking all afternoon  
Jessica W for beautiful graphic design  
Neil W of the Montpelier for donating ice and rocket  
Mr Turnham for helping us in the run up to the fair and on the day too  
Louis, Simon, Joanne and Catherine at school for lots of help along the way.

Also thank you to all the amazing local businesses who donated to the fair, see the attached flyer for the full list.

If you have any feedback on the fair or a great idea for the next time then please tell us here: <https://forms.gle/W1aNKWrENH4vLmtM9>

## Next FOB meeting – all welcome

The next FoB meeting will be held at the school, 7:30-8:45pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please come to the Maxted Road gate. We will retire to the Montpelier on Choumert Road afterwards for a social gathering.

All are welcome and we'd love your ideas and input. We'll be discussing plans for events and fundraising for the rest of this term and into 2022.

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The **2021 Belham Fun Run** will be at Peckham Rye park on **Sunday 17th October:**

- First run (3km) starting at 10am, with a 9.45am warm-up session: Awards for YR – Y3
- Second run (1.5km) at 11am with a 10.45am warm-up session: Awards for Y4 – Y6

Details are all in the attached poster! We would love to see lots of fancy dress this year so there will be special prizes for best fancy dressed runner and family! Do join us afterwards for a picnic in the Arboretum (the dog-free area) to celebrate.

Pre-register for the event here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/586304>.

We are raising funds to support the school upgrade their 'Maker's Room' (art, craft, design, technology) - children can raise sponsorship through our Just Giving page

here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/belhammakersroom> - click 'Start Fundraising' to set up your own sponsorship page linked to the campaign.

We also once again need volunteers to make this happen - including lots of marshalls to cheer on the runners round the course and make the run as 'fun' as possible! Please sign up here if you can some time on the morning of the 17th: <https://forms.gle/Yd1gCpTYBqQywKH26>."

## NEW FUNDRAISING TARGET!!!!

### THE MAKERS ROOM

We are delighted to announce that we have agreed with the school to fund raise for a specific "big spend" target.

The Makers Room is the school's space for doing DT and Art projects. However the school was provided with secondary school art benches which are too tall for DT projects, and they want to replace these with ones of a suitable height, in addition to putting in more storage for equipment. We are also raising money for additional equipment (a laser cutter or hand tools) for the Makers Room and in total we have a target of **£10,000** to upgrade this brilliant resource.

We will be fundraising for this at the forthcoming Fun Run and subsequent events. If you want to be

more closely involved in this or other FOB activities do come to the next FOB meeting, see below.

### Christmas trees

#### Fundraising Christmas trees

It's a long way away but if you'd like one of our great value, good quality, fundraising Christmas trees then please save the date of Sat 4th December when they will be at school to collect.

### Other useful links

**EasyFundraising** – Sign up here for a percentage of your online shopping to go to FOB:

[https://bit.ly/FoB\\_EasyFundraising](https://bit.ly/FoB_EasyFundraising)

**AmazonSmile** – choose FOB as your charity on Amazon and we will receive a tiny percentage of your spending – it all adds up.