

# THE BELHAM BUZZ

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

This week, there has been a steady stream of parents coming into the school (even more than usual!) to spend time with their children in class and have a look through their books. Attending an Open Classroom session is a great way for parents to directly involve themselves in their child's learning and see what happens behind the scenes. We have had some very positive comments from parents so far and I invite any feedback that you may have about your own experiences. We hope to hold Open Classrooms on a termly basis.

We only have a week to go before the Christmas Fair and it will be the first time that it is held on the school grounds. The Friends of Belham are working very hard to make sure that it all comes together on the day and the box in the Reception area has been overflowing with your donated items. In early December, we will be getting into the Christmas spirit and putting the school Christmas trees up. Unfortunately at the moment, we have no decorations. Please let the office know if you would be willing to donate some fairy lights and baubles, or, if you have donated these items to be used at the Christmas Fair, you would be happy for the school to use them afterwards.

## BIKEABILITY – SATIN AND CALICO

For those in Satin and Calico who have completed their consent forms, please bring in your bikes and helmets on the following days:

Monday 26 November / Tuesday 27 November – Calico

Wednesday 28 November / Thursday 29 November - Satin

## ROYAL INSTITUTE LECTURE

On Wednesday 28 November at 6.15pm we will be holding a Christmas Science Lecture for local families. The tickets will be £3 each with an additional optional donation on the night. Tickets will be issued through tickettailor on a first come first served basis. Booking closes at 12pm on Tuesday 27 November.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/214783#>

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

**HATSUSHIKA HOKUSAI**

## KEY DATES

### Monday 26 November

Calico Bikeability training begins – see below for details

### Wednesday 28 November, 6.00pm

Satin Bikeability training begins – see below for details

Community Christmas Science Lecture by the Royal Society, 6.15pm. Please see below for booking information

Thursday 29 November

Year 1 trip to the Wildlife Garden

### Friday 30 November

Book Fair starts in the Main Hall

### Saturday 1 December, 11.00 – 2.00pm

FoB Christmas Fair – the first year in our new building!

## SCHOOL GARDEN

Works are slowly but surely happening in the school garden on Copleston Road. The latest project is a picket fence, made partly from recycled pallets, around the soon to be re-modelled growing garden. If anyone has any leftover tins of fence/shed preservative that they could donate, they would be very gratefully received. Any colour will do, just no creosote please. If you can help please email [gileshardy@gmail.com](mailto:gileshardy@gmail.com)



## COSTUME MAKING SESSIONS

We need your help! In order to turn our youngest children into sheep, angels and camels for 'Lights, Camel, Action' we are asking for parents to help in the making of costumes and props. Please see the dates below. No craft ability is required, just willingness to help!

Wednesday 5 December, 9.30 – 11.00am

Friday 7 December 1.30-3.00pm

Please book to join the sessions via the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-belham-primary-school-17919049416>

We are also currently looking for: old white bedsheets, white netting and a disco ball! Please let the office know if you have any of these items.

## YOUNG IMAGINEERS 2018



### Congratulations to our Young Imagineers Winner, Malo.

Malo invented the 'Ultra Badge', which is an invention to help the blind. It has a sensor inside which stops you from walking into an object. The badge vibrates when you are about to hit something or fall off an edge.

Our two runners up were:

- **Olive** who invented the Pollution Monitor Back Pack, alerting you of areas of high pollution with an alarm.
- **Maisie** who invented 'The Poopa Scoop 2000', keeping the streets clean of dog excrement.

Well done to all our other participants who also wowed me with their imaginative inventions. The competition was tough. These are all our other budding Belhamite Imagineers:

*Elbie Lumsden, Louis, Dexter Macleod, Neomi Noel, Evie Guthrie, Ivan Wesley, Prince Kwabena Aponiah Awuah, Maeve Rober-Smith, Zara Page, Casey Goodson, Ilyas Mouline, India Rose Churchhill, Franky, Alec Baldwin, Andre Spooner, Ella Bennion-Pedley, Havana Soto Bell, Liliana Deda, Makayla Budha-Alerebo, Samuel Hardy, Nancy Mae Fry, Huxley and Luca, Amiah Henry Reid and Syrine.*

## STEAM QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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question  
of the week?



This week's question:

## Why do we put grit on the roads when it is cold?

Extra challenge: What temperature does water freeze?

Please write your answers on a piece of paper with your NAME and CLASS.

Question of the week will be announced on a Friday in Assembly and in the Belham Buzz. Winners will now be announced Mondays in the Brilliant Belhamite assembly and presented their certificate and prize.

Last week's question:

## Are all metals magnetic?

This week's winners:

Winter (Velvet)

Luca (Satin)

Sebastian Mc (Felt)

# THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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## FoB NEWS

### Welcome

Please welcome the FoB Committee 2018-2019 as of the AGM on the 7th November.

See attached poster for all the committee members and class reps.

### MASSIVE THANK-YOU

Thanks to all of you that came to the Quiz last week. We made an amazing £935 for the FoB funds! Special thanks to the organiser Immy & Quiz master Rich!

### The FoB Facebook Group is now live!

This will provide updates and information on upcoming FoB events, together with providing a central parent/carer forum for Belham related discussions.

We will be asking you to upload your photos of the Christmas Fair for the best festive selfie prize.

To take part please join the group by following the link below and click request to join.

[www.facebook.com/groups/355496675010142/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/355496675010142/)

### Belham Christmas Fair 2018 – Saturday 1st December

11am – 2pm

Along with all the amazing stalls we will have lots of yummy food and drink.

These include **Meat Chilli, Veg Chilli, Cakes, Popcorn, Mulled Wine** and **Hot chocolate**.

Hopefully that's enough to get your mouth watering!

### Stall Volunteers needed!

Thank you to everyone that already volunteered.

We only need 2 more volunteers for shift 3: 1pm-2pm!

Please send an email to Michelle

on [michellehardy1975@gmail.com](mailto:michellehardy1975@gmail.com) if you can help in any way.

## FoB NEWS

### Stall Donation Requests!

#### Kids Lucky Dip

Thank you to everyone that has filled jars! We have 60 jars so far and need to have at least 150.

It would be amazing if possible for each child at the school to fill 2 glass jars (of any size & without their labels) with small toys (stuff that you get in party bags), Sweets, Collecting cards etc

If you don't have jars, then please still donate stuff to fill the jars and if you don't have stuff but have jars the please leave those too.

**Please make sure any sweets/snacks are nut free**

### Good Condition Toys and Second Hand Uniform

The finale day of bags of donations is **Thursday 29th November** in the main playground and outside Y1 class rooms.

### Raffle

Do you have any gifts that you have never used, bottles of drink you have never drunk, work for companies or friends that could donate prizes? We are looking for donations of anything that would make a fabulous raffle prizes.

### Christmas decorations

We would love it if you have any decorations you can donate or can borrow for the fair.

**Fairy lights, babbles, tinsel, Reindeer, Santa's sacks for putting the grotto gifts in!**

If you have anything that we could borrow just for the day put them in a bag with your name and phone number so we can ensure we get them back to you.

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There is a MASSIVE box (clearly labelled FoB) that is now located just inside the door to the school reception/office.

Please put all your jars, raffle prizes and decorations in there.

Many thanks in advance!

## **The Belham Christmas Fair Bake Off 2018**

Calling all budding bakers and chefs!

Enter to win the Belham Bake Off trophy and runner up prizes!

### **Theme: Winter Wonderland**

All entries will be judged before the fair starts therefore could you please bring them to school at morning drop off on Friday 30th November. Please clearly name your entry so that we can contact you following the fair.

Drop off area 1 will be in the reception drop off & pick up area.

Drop off area 2 will be in the main playground.

**Please make sure that all bakes are nut free**

## **Raising Money While Shopping on Line**

Booking holidays, buying flights or internet shopping for Christmas?

Easyfundraising is a fantastic way of raising money for the FOB at no extra cost to you!

All you need to do is when you're doing any online shopping shop

via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/)

There are 3,300 shops and sites you can raise free donations with.