

## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

National events have taken place this week that really highlight the past and present plights of different groups of people. First of all, World Refugee Day is marked on the same date each year, 20 June, to recognise and celebrate the contribution of forcibly displaced people. Check out this week's Creative Reflection Time entries on Class Dojo for artwork by and stories of refugees. *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna is one of my favourite refugee themed books – read a synopsis of the story [here](#).

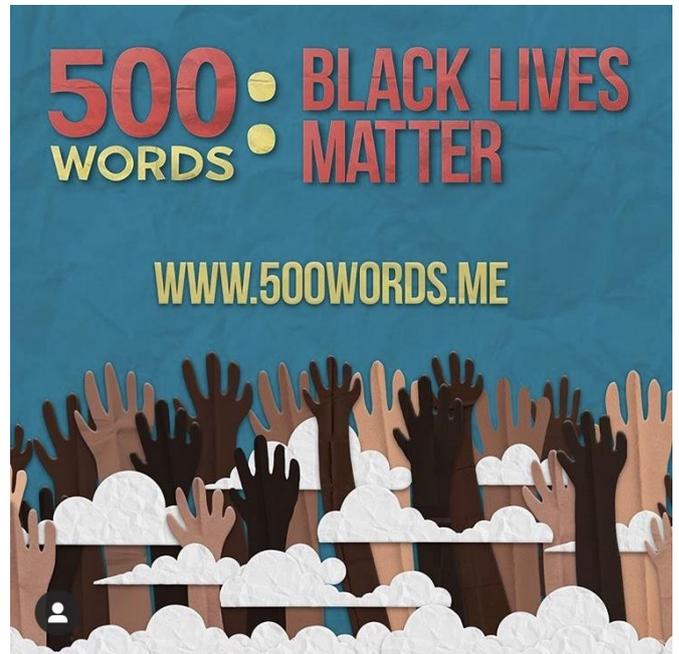
LGBT+ month is in February but pride parades are held all over the world in June to commemorate the Stonewall riots which began in the early hours of 28 June, 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York. The parades are now a celebration of LGBT+ pride and a show of support for equal rights. The annual London Pride parade was due to take place on Saturday but like most organised events, it has been cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic. Watch my assembly on Class Dojo to find out more about the history of pride parades and click [here](#) for a review of a true story with an LGBT+ theme about two penguins.

Finally, the first ever Windrush Day was celebrated last year on 22 June to remember the first generation of people from the Caribbean who came over to the UK, by invitation, to help rebuild the country after World War II. However, when they arrived, they were often met with hostility, prejudice and racism. With recent events further highlighting inequalities within our society, the stories and experiences of the Windrush generation should be listened to. [This BBC Newsround article](#) is child friendly and tells the story of the first ship, *The Empire Windrush*, to arrive in Britain from the Caribbean, the unfriendly welcome that people received, and the impact this had for subsequent generations in Britain.

## SCIENCE @ HOME – ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK

Each week, Ms Chan will be setting an exciting activity that you can do at home. Please see attached flyer for this week's activity!

## BLACK LIVES MATTER – 500 WORDS



500 Words is the world's largest story-writing competition for children. They want to bring children's voices onto the themes and issues emerging from the Black Lives Matter movement. They want children to lead on the process of writing their story.

Please follow this link for more information on how to submit your story –

<https://500words.me/>

**Opens at 6:30am on Monday 29th June.**

## FREE ONLINE ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT

The summer season of music festivals may have been cancelled but the BBC have put together the Glastonbury Experience, a set made up of past performances, which runs from Thursday to Monday – it will be just like the real thing! You can catch it on iPlayer, BBC2 or BBC4.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5xvr2213vtgnH9ZGYZbXtDt/glastonbury-experience-2020-how-to-watch-and-listen>

Go onto the WWF's website for educational activities to enjoy from home. Activities include live events and talks about nature.

<https://www.wwf.org.uk/learn/love-nature>

## A NEW DIRECTION POSTCARDS PROJECT

I have been working with A New Direction - a London-based non-profit organisation, generating opportunities for children and young people to unlock their creativity - for a couple of years now. They are behind many arts initiatives for young people, including the recent Steve McQueen Year 3 Exhibition at Tate Britain.

They have asked The Belham to take part in their Postcards to the Future Project.

*'The best way to learn about the past is to hear from people who lived at different times throughout history. We can learn about people and their experiences from letters, diaries and artwork.*

*Your stories and experiences of living during the lockdown are really important and the people of the future will want to find out all about them.'*

A New Direction are inviting Belhamites to work with their families to create postcards to their future selves and communities. You are encouraged to send these to A New Direction, via their online submission form so that they can be included in a future exhibition and archive.

It is an exciting opportunity so I hope many of you will get involved. The details of the first challenge have been attached. I will send the next 3 challenges out with the Belham Buzz over the coming weeks.

I am also going to share this blog with you. It is about how to 'rediscover your home as a creative space'. It contains tips and challenges in how your home can spark your creativity as an artist and writer.

<https://www.anewdirection.org.uk/blog/keeping-creative-at-home-rediscover-your-home-as-a-creative-space>

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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)

## FOB NEWS UPDATE

Thanks to all the reps who joined our FOB meeting on Tuesday. It was lovely to catch up with everyone, and we had some healthy debates as ever!

## NEW EVENT!!!! BELHAM WINDOW TREASURE HUNT SATURDAY 11 JULY

### CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH WINDOWS!!!

We need you for the BELHAM WINDOW TREASURE HUNT. Here's how it works:

- Sign up to have a participating window by emailing [hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com](mailto:hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com) and saying which street you live on<sup>1</sup>
- We will allocate you a letter or an image that you can colour in and put in your window on **Saturday 11 July**
- On that Saturday, there will be a "Treasure" hunt around the streets. Identify the letters, work out the hidden words / phrase, count the images, and share a photo of you with your results!

It's a chance to walk or run around the neighbourhood with a bit of a mission... have some fun, and maybe "bump" (in a socially distanced way of course) into old friends on the street. The more people who sign up, the more fun it will be. You don't have to share your window to do the hunt, more details on how the treasure hunt will work to be made available next week.

<sup>1</sup> Any personal data will only be stored temporarily for the purposes of the Treasure Hunt

## AUTUMN EVENTS

We are so sad at the FOB not to be able to put on any of our lovely fundraising events at the moment, but we are aware that time and/or money are in short supply for many people.

We are collating ideas for events in the autumn that might be able to run if there are still some lockdown restrictions in place. Watch this space for news! And feel free to email [friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com) if you have any brilliant ideas for things we could do.

## EASY FUNDRAISING

Since FOB aren't fundraising at the moment we would be really grateful if you could make the trouble to use Easy Fundraising for any online shopping.

Just click the link below to register and remember to do your online shopping through the app and proportion of your spending will get **automatically donated to FOB.**

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