

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

A very warm welcome to a slightly different version of the Belham Buzz! We may not all be in school but that doesn't mean that there isn't news to share with our community. In the coming weeks, we won't be focusing so much on events happening in school – for obvious reasons – but instead, we will be sharing staff recommendations and news items that look at the positive things happening in the world right now. Enjoy your first 'home' edition of the BB – as always, I welcome your feedback!

HOME LEARNING

Our teachers are doing a great job in making sure that pupils are being set appropriate home learning tasks but as you've probably realised, there are also many resources that are available online for you to access. Below is a snapshot of some of the best interactive resources that you can work into your daily timetable.

Free Daily Resources For Children



PE with Joe Wicks On YouTube

Week days at 9am but you can visit any time on youtube to view the workout.

Wildlife With with Steve Backshall On Facebook

Every day at 9:30am for answering all your wildlife, biology, conservation, geography and exploration questions.



Science with Maddie Moate on YouTube

Weekdays 11am. Maddie & Greg chat about science and nature!

Dance with Oti Mabuse On Facebook

Every day at 11.30am but children can view the class at any time.



Maths With Carol Vorderman

Free access to the her maths website: www.themathsfactor.com

Music with Myleene Klass on YouTube

Twice a week. Next one Friday 27 March 10am, but can view any time.



Storytime With David Walliams

Free story everyday at 11am on his website: www.worldofdavidwalliams.com

SONGS TO SING AT HOME

Singing is such a huge part of our creative offer at the Belham and as we know, singing can make us feel great, whatever the situation! Mrs Wayman has recommended that parents click on the following link to access '[Out of the Ark Music @Home](#)' Out of the Ark are initially releasing seven songs for you to sing at home but will be adding more songs and resources to the playlist each week. Enjoy!

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY EVENTS RUN BY EXTERNAL PROVIDERS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES AND CLUBS) ARE NOT ENDORSED BY THE SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE

5 REASONS FOR HOPE

Pollution drops

With many countries now in lockdown pollution levels have significantly dropped! In some counties car pollution has been reduced by nearly 50%

Canals go clear

In Venice the water has gone so clear that fish can now be seen!

Acts of kindness

Lots of groups have been set up via social media to help one another through this time, whether it's sharing exercise ideas, recipes, or donating money. Notes of support are being put through the doors of the elderly to let them know they have help in the community.

A united front

People around the world are coming together to stand at their windows and balconies and sing. This week in the UK we all went to our windows, front doors, garden to applaud our NHS.

Creativity boom

Lots of people are using this opportunity indoors to get creative and are coming up with news ways to stay connected and make art/music/theatre/exercise. Making it more accessible than ever before!

BANNERS OF SUPPORT FOR KEY WORKERS

We would like to ask for your help in getting the children to make banners of support to put up in your own front window. Some ideas below but we would also suggest asking the children what they would like to write as it will help with their making sense of this time and make them feel like they are doing something positive—

Thank you NHS! We're with you!
Keep washing your hands!
We're staying in for YOU!
Love to all keyworkers we need you ALL!
Love, health and solidarity

We would then like you to send us pictures of your window, and we will put them in the Buzz throughout the coming weeks to help inspire us all. Please email them to – info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

Friends of
Belham



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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

THANK YOU TO THE SCHOOL

We're pretty sure it's not just the FOB committee who have developed a deepened respect for teachers this week. On behalf of the parents and carers out there we wanted to extend a special thank you for the teachers and staff and at the school, not just for all the work they've put in in the past, educating our children, but for the awesome transition they have made this week to supporting us whether online or with their continuing work in the school for children of key workers. It has been a tremendous effort.

SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL

We are very pleased that we were able to support the school with provision of food boxes, exercise books and work books this week. A big thank you to the previous committee and ALL the families who have donated or contributed to FOB in the past, which has enabled us to provide this support now.

FOB COMMUNITY CORNER

We would like to make the Friends' Friendly as helpful as possible to you all in these difficult circumstances. If you run a business that offers something that may be useful to school families at this time, or you work with a charity that is helping people impacted by this crisis, we invite you to submit a short paragraph and a link telling everyone how we can support what you are doing. Please only submit if it's a business or charity you are personally part of, and we ask that your name appears in the text. Please send to friendsofbelham@gmail.com. Thank you!

Golden Toad Theatre Company (Co-run by Felix in Wool's mum Jen Green) has a variety of online activities including a song-writing competition for under-11s available through their website: <https://goldentoadtheatre.com/busy-kids-corner>

SOUTHWARK FOOD BANK - although we haven't had a direct submission on this we have a long tradition of support for the food bank so we're giving them a special shout out. They are running an emergency appeal to continue support efforts during the outbreak. <https://southwark.foodbank.org.uk>

According to the website, urgently needed food items include tinned fruit and meat, rice pudding, long life fruit juice and milk, and toiletries.

DIARY UPDATE

All our future events are under review as we consult with the school and as government advice develops.

Our next FOB meeting on 31 March has been cancelled.