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## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

February marks LGBT+ History Month in the UK and in addition to the diverse histories and individual stories that children learn about within the school curriculum, we will be also celebrating the achievements of the LGBTQ+ community (both current and historical) through our assemblies and Creative Reflection Time topics.

For several years now, I have enjoyed reading children's books where there is more diversity in the types of families and people that are represented. Recently I have noticed that children's programmes are becoming increasingly more diverse too, which is great to see. Two of my favourite children's shows are 'JoJo and Gran Gran' (a show that has a Black British family lead and an active grandma) and 'Pablo' (whose main character is autistic), both of which can be found on CBeebies. It is incredibly important for children to have access to books and television shows that promote diversity and celebrate differences.

## THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to FOB for their very generous donation to our theatre trips that will be happening from next term! This comes from the new arts fund, set up to support creative trips so that no child misses out! So far, we have Year 5 and Year 6 going to the *Lion King*, Year 4 going to *Gulliver's Travels* and Year 2 to *Marvin's Binoculars*. Full details of these trips will be in the Buzz as we get nearer to the event.

## SWIMMING AND PE SPRING TERM 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2 SWIM	R PE	Y3 SWIM	Y1 PE	Y4 SWIM
Y6 PE	Y5 PE	Y2 PE	Y1 YOGA	Y6 PE
Y3 YOGA			Y5 PE	Y3 PE
Y4 PE				

Swimming lessons will start week of 10/01/22. There are **no** lessons on the week of 14/02/22. Lessons end on the week of 21/03/22 (inclusive of that week).

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

## KEY DATES

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January

DIVERSITY WEEK

Y2 Swimming

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Y3 Swimming

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Y4 Trip – British Museum (bring packed lunch)

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Y4 Swimming

Reception Trip – Tower of London (bring packed lunch)

Y6 Trip – Science Museum (bring packed lunch)

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Half term

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February

First day back after half term

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

At the start of each academic year, we send out information to parents about making a **voluntary contribution**, either at the start of the year or spread out over the three terms. This is so that we can take our pupils to see plays, visit galleries, museums and other locations of interest. We also invite high-quality providers in to run workshops, activities or assemblies. These additional trips and in-school activities enhance the children's learning experiences greatly. We will send a separate letter next week detailing how you can pay the voluntary contribution on SchoolsBuddy – any amount that can be donated would be greatly appreciated.

## NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week's guide is 'What parents need to know about YOUTUBE'. Please see attachment.

Creative Reflection Time next week will be about:

Inspire your heart with art day –  
School Diversity Week

# 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

11 Feb	Bake sale
24 Feb	FOB Quiz
3 April	Easter Egg Hunt
1-3 July	FOB Camping weekend

## FOB QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT 24<sup>TH</sup> FEB

### **WARNING!! THIS IS NOT A PARTY OR A SOCIAL EVENT\***

Are you over Omicron? Have you been zonked by zoom quizzes? And are you VERY tired of take-aways? Well we have the solution - the annual Friends of Belham Quiz & Curry Night!

In teams of six, pit your wits against fellow Belham parents, carers, teacher or governors. Our resident quiz master Rich will put your lockdown revision to the test, asking about anything from 80s pop music to celebrity trivia to politics. But be warned - this event may cause an awkward sense of over-competitiveness amongst some participants.

**FOOD:** We will be serving up delicious South Indian Curry from our famous local restaurant, **Ganapati**. You can choose between:

- Chicken curry, medium spiced with cardamom, cloves, cinnamon, tomato and coconut (free range & halal)
- Vegan black eyed bean and pumpkin, and spicy aubergine (mustard seeds)

Both served with vegetable pilau rice, half paratha, poppadoms, raita and pickle.

### **TICKETS & PRICES:**

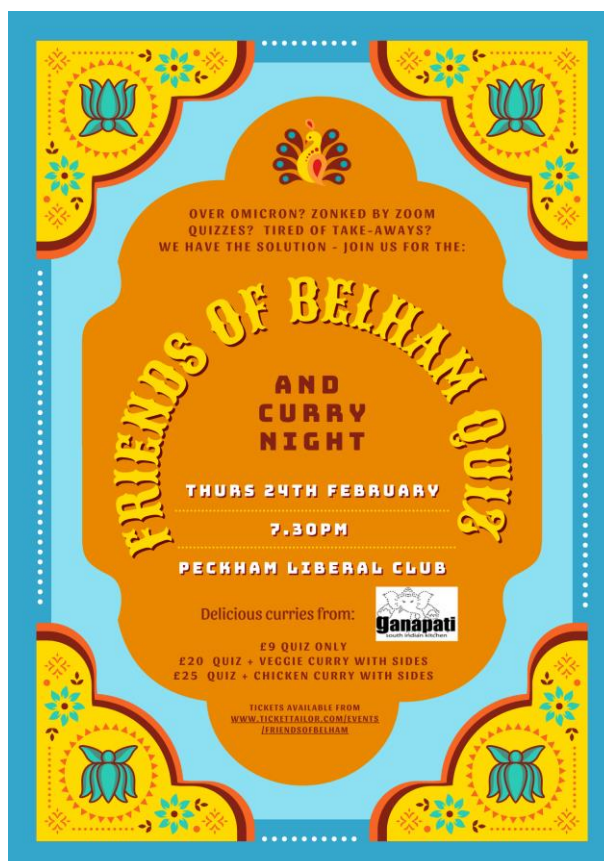
[Purchase tickets here](#) (food deadline 21<sup>st</sup> Feb):

Quiz only (no food): £9 (free for school staff but ticket still required)

Quiz + Veggie curry + sides: £20 (£11 for staff)

Quiz + Chicken curry + sides: £25 (£16 for staff)

**All proceeds to the Maker's Room Campaign – help us raise the remaining £2900!**



*Note: Tickets can also be purchased by former parents or other friends in our community.*

**TIMING:** Doors open at 7.30pm, Quiz starts at 8pm.

**TEAMS OF SIX:** Once you have purchased your tickets, send team names & participants to [friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com). Anyone without a team can be matched with others!

**RAFFLE:** Thanks to generous parent & community donations, we will be running an amazing Raffle at our Quiz. You can win tickets to see the immersive theatre production 'The Burnt City' by *Punchdrunk*; tickets for the Batman Live 'Arkham Asylum Experience'; a three course dinner at *Uva*; jewellery from *Alice Made This*; wines from the *Little Fine Wine Company*; and other prizes. Email [friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com) for further donations.

## RECEPTION LEADS THE RE-LAUNCH OF 'BELHAM BAKES'!



In order to raise funds to support a much-needed refurb of the Reception playground, we're happy to (re-)launch 'Belham bakes' starting on Friday 11th February, after school in the two playgrounds.

We're planning to hold one bake sale in each half of each term, and one year group will be responsible for baking and selling cakes each time. Reception reps and parents have kindly offered to kick us off on the 11th February!

## 6 YEARBOOKS & HOODIES

**Year 6 parents and carers!!** Don't forget to order your Leavers Yearbooks and Hoodies, all the information you need is on the Ticket Tailor link below:

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/633980>

## UNIFORM LABELS

Friends of Belham has registered with two name label companies that offer commission to school PTAs. Both labels have been tried and tested by committee members and are recommended! If you are in need of new stick-on labels, please consider these suppliers:

- 1) [Stikins](#) – enter Belham school code 36250 at checkout to earn 15% commission for FOB.
- 2) [Mynametag.com](#) – enter Belham school code 105032 at checkout to earn 24% commission for FOB.

You can also click on direct links to the companies to order from our [FOB webpage](#), without need for codes.

## FEB HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

This is a list of some of the Feb half term courses and workshops that we know of. If you know of others please send in ideas to [friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com) and we will update the list!

**Alleyn's Holiday camps** –

<https://www.alleyns.org.uk/alleyns-enterprises/holiday-camps> - Indoor and outdoor activities at Alleyn's school

**Gymnastics** –

<http://www.charismagymnastics.co.uk/holiday-camps/> - Gymnastic camp at Dulwich College P.E. Centre

**Holiday Champs** – <https://holidaychamps.co.uk/book-now-1> - A range of activities at Goose Green Primary School

**Holiday Drop Off** – <https://holidaydropoff.com/our-camps> - A range of sports focused activities at Dulwich College

**Football Magic** –

<https://www.footballmagiccoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses/> - Football for boys & girls (5 to 12 years old) at JAGS Sports Club Astro Pitch

**Holiday Kids Club at JAGs** –

<https://jagssportsclub.co.uk/jags-kids/#holiday-kids-club> – A range of activities at JAGS Sports Club

**MAGNA** – <https://www.magnagroups.com/summer-camps-2020> - A range of activities at ST John's & ST Clement's Primary School

**Nimble Arts** – <https://www.nimblearts.co.uk/drop-off-club-se22> - A range of activities and workshops at Goodrich Primary School

**Perform** - <https://www.perform.org.uk/classes-courses/holiday-courses/holiday-drama-courses> - Performing Arts camp at a number of venues in Dulwich

**SMCC Juniors** – <https://www.smccjuniors.co.uk/2022-holiday-camps> - Cricket camp at Kingsdale Foundation School

**The South London Dance Academy** –

<https://thesouthlondondanceacademy.com/february-camp-2022> - Dance camp at Ivydale School

## CAN YOU HELP THE FOB GARDENING GROUP?

We're looking for parents to help co-design the school's garden space and share their gardening knowledge. If you would like to help out please reach out to Rachel [rachelhomemail@gmail.com](mailto:rachelhomemail@gmail.com)