

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

This year, the Belham has offered a range of coffee morning workshops for parents who want to find out more about a certain aspect of their child's learning. On Wednesday, the focus of the session was the School Development Plan (SDP), an important document that shows the current priorities of the school and outlines the direction we wish to go in. At the start of the session, I asked parents what they thought the SDP priorities should be, and the overwhelming response was that the school should ensure that their children are happy, something which I very much agree with! There was some helpful feedback given throughout the morning and areas that some parents thought could be developed further, including the link between the curriculum at school and how that can be supported at home. It's all food for thought and we will continue to take parental feedback on board. If you wish to look at the full School Development Plan, you can find it [here](#).

I thought we had run out of 'firsts' but yesterday and today saw the first Spring Presentations from each year group; performances that were a combination of the arts and true reflection of what is happening in children's lessons. As always, I would like to say a big thank you to our committed staff and a huge well done to all of our Belhamites.

VOLUNTEERS FOR TRIPS : GOOGLE FORM

We are trialling a new system to enable parents to volunteer for school trips next term, so please look out for an email tomorrow containing a link to a Google Form.

ARTISTS' OPEN HOUSE AT THE BELHAM



Once again, the Belham will be opening its doors on 11 and 12 May as part of the Dulwich Festival. Come along to see artwork by our Belhamites as well as local artists...and even some members of staff.

SPORTS DAY : 10 JULY

Advanced notice that Sports Day this year will take place on the afternoon of 10 July at Alleyn's School. Pick up will be directly from Alleyn's.

Creative reflection time next week will be about:
APRIL FOOLS

KEY DATES

Monday 1 April

Year 4 : Peckham SongFest – all tickets have now been sent home in bookbags so please check that you have received them. All children taking part will need a packed dinner (they will have lunch at school as normal) and must be collected from Harris Academy Peckham at 7.00pm when the performance finishes.

Tuesday 2 April

Year 1 Trip to Kew Gardens – packed lunch needed

Thursday 4 April

Year 3 Trip to South London Gurdwara – packed lunch needed

OFFICIAL PHOTOS FROM DHFC

We have been sent the link for the official photos from the DHFC game in which our Belhamites were mascot and in which some of our girls' team playing at half time:

<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/dulwichhamlet/photos/dulwich-hamlet-2-0-dartford-2nd-march-2019-884040.html>



BELHAM LANE GARDEN– UPDATE AND INVITATION TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY!

The Belham Lane transformation is about to move on apace! You might have noticed some beautiful green shoots peeking out of the saplings the children planted in November...

Now decking will be installed during the Easter holiday - making the space use-able and ready for further planting.

Thanks to funds from the Southwark Neighbourhood Fund and generous donations through Just Giving and the Year 3 cake sale, we're ready to order the plants to be put in soon after! The Fun Run on the 9 June will also raise funds to ensure we can complete the work and provide trellising, watering system and other essential touches for the garden as it gets established.

First opportunity to get your hands dirty is for tree planting on Saturday 27 April when we'll be taking delivery of and planting 9 cherry trees in the holes that our strong and determined volunteers dug back in the Autumn term.

There'll be more opportunities to get involved spreading soil and planting in May - watch this space!

If you'd like to get involved contact Harriet: harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk We're also still accepting donations at [The Belham Lane Garden](#) - please spread the word to friends, family and neighbours who might like to support the development of the Lane into a green oasis for the kids to use - a lasting legacy for the school and its pupils for years to come!

STEAM TEAM CHALLENGE



Whose paper aeroplane can travel the furthest?

We had round one of the new STEAM Team challenge. There was much excitement in the STEAM Team Lab with aeroplanes being thrown left right and centre. This is the current leader board. Round 3 on Monday 1 April.

Team	Distance Travelled/ m
Puppy, hedgehog, unicorn pandas	9.60
Super Ninja Dynamite	8.30
Dragon Breath	7.25
Coconut	6.30
Do the floss like the Boss	5.20
Shooting Stars	4.90
Best Paper Planes	4.80
The Four Kittens	1.64



June 10 – 14
2019



Calling all...

Scientists

Technicians

Engineers

Artists

Mathematicians

Please email me if you would like to volunteer for our upcoming STEAM Week

Careers talks. Workshops. Volunteer support during STEAM activities. Behind the scenes prep. Ideas generation.



STEAM QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Why are the clocks going forward on Sunday 31st March?

Challenge: Why do we have more hours of daylight in the Summer than in the Winter?

Art Challenge: Create a Spring piece of art.



Last week's question : Cyclone Idai. Where did it come from?

A tropical cyclone is a circular storm that forms over warm oceans (at least 26.5°C. When a tropical cyclone hits land, it brings heavy rains and strong winds. The winds can destroy buildings and rip out trees by their roots. Tropical cyclones have different names around the world.

Challenge: Do you think this cyclone was caused by global warming?

Cyclones have occurred for centuries, so they are not a direct to global warming. However, a review article in the leading journal *Science* (Sobel et al. 2016) concluded:

We thus expect tropical cyclone intensities to increase with warming, both on average and at the high end of the scale, so that the strongest future storms will exceed the strength of any in the past.

So, the cyclones currently happening and in the future are likely to be stronger than those in the past.

Last week's winners:

Luca (Satin)

Stanley (Calico)

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FoB NEWS

Massive Thank You

Massive thank you to everyone that bought in items for The FoB Bags2school.

We raised an amazing £112:00!

The FoB Facebook Group

The page will provide updates and information on upcoming FoB events, together with providing a central parent/carer online forum for Belham related discussions. Please do join and use to grow our group community!

To join go to the link below and request to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/355496675010142/>

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday 30th March, from 10.30am

The Easter egg hunt will be at Lettsom Gardens (arrive Grove Park side SE5).

See attached Map.

£3.50 per child, non -school siblings welcome.

Please bring your own pencils to fill out the hunt forms. As part of FoB's wider commitment to more ethical resources, fair trade chocolate eggs are used in the hunt.

Cheese & Wine Evening – Thursday 2nd May, 8pm

We are delighted to announce FoB's first cheese and wine evening! It will be hosted by reception parents Mel and Stephanie at The Church Street Hotel in Camberwell and promises to be a great opportunity to meet other parents, whilst indulging in some delicious food and drink.

Tickets will be £25 and include wine tasting, a delicious plate of cheeses from Neil's Yard Dairy, and one glass of wine. Extra wine will be available to purchase by the glass or bottles to take home.

To book tickets go to:

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/249141>

FoB NEWS

FUN Run - Saturday 9th June, 10am

We are very excited to announce that our very first Belham Sponsored Fun Run will take place on the morning of Sunday 9th June in Peckham Rye Park, followed by a picnic in the arboretum, so please save the date in your diaries!

The aim of the run is to raise money to continue the amazing work on the Belham Lane Garden.

If you'd like to be involved with the Fun Run and/or have any great ideas you'd like to contribute, please email Natacha at natachaclarke@gmail.com

FoB Camping Weekend - Friday 21st June until Sunday 23rd June

You can now book tickets for 2nd Belham camping weekend. Anyone that attended last time can tell you it was an amazing weekend. Tickets will sell out fast so if you would like to attend don't leave it too long.

Dates:

Fri 21st June 2019 5:00 pm - Sun 23rd June 2019 noon

Location:

South London Scout Centre, Grange Lane, SE21 7LH

Details:

You can join us for 1 night, 2 nights or simply spend the day in the fun of the outdoors, just around the corner! There will be a bar (cash only), a hot dog stand (cash only), face painting and some organised games. You will need to bring all your own camping equipment (ie tent, sleeping bags etc), food, charcoal/firewood and for those that don't want to bring your own BBQ, there will be one for you to use.

Full details will be supplied nearer the time.

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We have 4 ticket options available:

Friday Night stay only - from 5 pm – 12 noon on Saturday (£5 per person)

Saturday Night stay only - from 12 noon (£5 per person)

Both Nights stay (£10 per person)

Saturday Day ticket - from 12 noon (£2 per person)

* If you are going for option 1 you will need to leave the site by 12noon on Saturday. If you wish to stay later, you will need to purchase a Saturday day ticket (option 4).

* If you are staying Saturday night (option 4), Saturday day is included within the £5 ticket.

Ticket prices are per person, not per tent/family

To book tickets go to:

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/247128>

Save the Date

- FUN Run - **Sunday 9th June**
- Summer Fair at the school on **Saturday 6th July**.

Company Match Funding

An increasing number of large companies operate a match funding scheme whereby they “match” charity fundraising undertaken by their employees.

These organisations set aside millions of pounds to fund such schemes and are more than happy to support their staff in raising money for charities of their choice.

What is match funding?

Match giving, or match funding, is a simple way to maximise the fundraising efforts of individual volunteers.

It is an informal, but corporate, arrangement between a company and an employee.

Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has either raised (volunteered to help at an event) or donated to a charity.

If you think the company that you work for is happy to fund match please get in touch with us as it would be a huge boost to the money we can raise for the school. Email Friends Belham friendsofbelham@gmail.com

Easyfundraising

Shop with over 3,500 big name retailers including Argos, John Lewis, Boden, Apple, Confused.com, ASOS, even Amazon and eBay!

And when you raise your first £5 for Friends of Belham School - London, #easyfundraising will match it!

THIS IS FREE MONEY FOR FoB, so please make sure that we don't miss out!

Here's a 60 second video to show how easyfundraising works:

<http://efraising.org/Zdv2U34Gdf>

Sign-up using our unique link

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/