

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

There was a definite 'buzz' of excitement in the air this morning in anticipation of the opening of the school library. And first impressions didn't disappoint – the library looks lovely and welcoming, with a bold 'Belham Bees' theme. So many people have contributed to the creation of the library but it couldn't have happened without the Friends of Belham, Acorn Book Club, and of course, Danae Gardner who worked so hard and gave up much of her own time to organise the whole project.

Sadly for me, after experiencing so many 'firsts' at the Belham when it was a new school, this will be the last time that I write in the Belham Buzz. As you know, I will be taking time off so that I can spend it with my family. I would like to say a huge thank you to the Belham community who have made my time here such a wonderful and special experience. I will miss everyone very much. I will be back at the end of the summer term to say a proper 'goodbye' so I look forward to seeing many of you then. I hope that you all enjoy the Easter break, whatever you are doing.

THE BELHAM READING GARDEN!

We had a wonderful time today celebrating the opening of our brand new school library - The Belham Reading Garden! We want to say a huge thank you to Acorn Book Club who, had it not been for their dedication, time and care, this project would not have been possible. We also want to thank everyone in our Friends of Belham, who have funded the entire cost of the library. It is with thanks to you, that we've been able to create a beautiful, exciting space for our children. We are forever grateful! Here's to many years ahead of our Belhamites exploring the world of reading for pleasure in their very own reading garden.



KEY DATES

Easter break

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

Monday 17th April

Children return to school

Wednesday 19th April

Make up after school clubs for strike day on Weds 15th March

Thursday 20th April

Make up after school clubs for strike day on Thurs 16th March

Monday 24th April

Summer term Morning and after school clubs begin

Monday 12th – Friday 16th June

Y6 Residential

Monday 19th June – Friday 23rd June

Y5 Residential

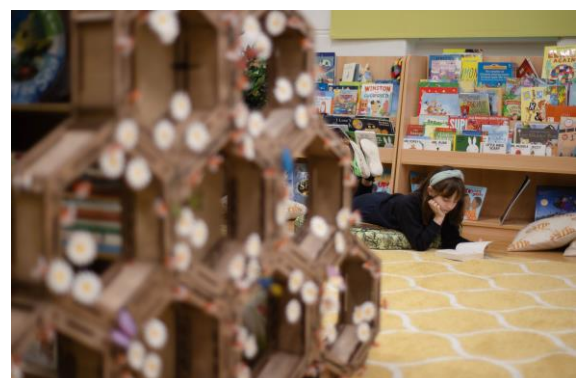
Monday 26th June

INSET DAY

Please find a link [here](#) to our full school events calendar.

Please find a link [here](#) to our PE & SWIM timetable.

A HUGE thank you to Miss Gardner for all her hard work and dedication in making this project happen. We are SO excited to start using it.



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THE BROMLEY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & SPEECH

On the 11th and 18th March, a number of LAMDA pupils from The Belham took part in the Bromley Festival of Music and Speech. Pupils performed a piece of poetry in front of an audience and received feedback from an industry professional. The pupils took part against children from other schools across London. All the children did incredibly well and should be so proud of their achievements. Particular congratulations go to Louis in Year 1 who won a bronze medal, Alfred in Year 3 and Effie in Year 4 who both won silver medals and Theonie in Year 4 who won a gold medal. The standard of the competition was so high so for any pupil to win a medal is an incredible achievement.

If you would like for your child to be involved in LAMDA lessons at The Belham or would like more information on our classes please contact us on info@armstrongspeechanddrama.com.

RECEPTION READING VOLUNTEERS

Reception and Year 1 are seeking parents who would be willing to volunteer their time to listen to our children read! If you have a day that works for you on a weekly basis, please contact your class teacher. This could be from as little as 30 minutes, up to an hour! We appreciate your support, thank you! 😊

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

FOB are planning two Y6 leavers events in July. Provisional dates are:

- 1) Sunday 9th July afternoon: Y6 leavers family picnic
- 2) Friday 21st July: Y6 leavers prom

If you can help with organising either of these events, please let Lianne know (lianne@fashion-conscience.com).



THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



31st March 2023

Meet the Friends of Belham (FoB) Committee & Class Reps

<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/friends-of-belham.html>

Contact us

friendsofbelham@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

1 st April (2-4pm)	Egg Hunt, Lettsom Gardens
17 th June	School Summer Fair
14 th /15 th July	Camping Weekend

EASTER EGG HUNT, 1st April



Friends of Belham's Easter Egg Hunt is returning to Lettsom Gardens! The Hunt will be on Saturday 1 April from 2pm-4pm. Children who prefer a quieter environment are encouraged to come for early opening from 1.30pm. Last entry is at 3.30pm. Non-Belham siblings and friends are welcome.

Please bring your own pencils to fill out the egg hunt forms. The prizes will be a bag of delicious Fairtrade chocolate eggs from Gather. There will also be hot beverages and cakes on sale for the adults. If your child has an allergy, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com and we will source another tasty treat for them! Unlike in previous years, there will be free admission for this event but spaces should be reserved in advance

here <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/867584> . Happy hunting!

MASSIVE THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS!

Today the library opened 🙌

Thank you to all parents for getting involved in fundraising since September; events such as the fun run, the winter fair, the quiz, discos, uniform sales and cake sales have all contributed to paying for the wonderful new Reading Garden.

YR 6 LEAVERS BOOK AND HOODIES

Don't forget to order yours at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/840184> Deadline is 31st March 2023. If you need financial assistance, please contact Belham Office with your order.

CALL FOR YR 6 PHOTOS & ART DOODLES

We are gathering group and mostly school event photos of Year 6 pupils from reception to final year for a commemorative yearbook. Think School shows, sports days, trips, assemblies, egg hunts, fun runs, fairs, any FOB events, all welcome. Plus your pics of their artwork and all those funny doodles your son and daughter bring back from school, to help illustrate the book. Please drop any images you have into Google drive link here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1497M_yo3U8WgkdHpElWgg4clOoB6t5r4 Do you have design/layout skills? If you do, we need your help to lay out the pics, art and text for the yearbook to create something truly memorable.

Please contact lianne@fashion-conscience.com

SIGN UP FOR EASYFUNDRAISING!

Another shout out for EasyFundraising because – well it's just so easy...

Raise money for the school while you shop online in over 7000 retailers. You don't have to have to shop differently. The fundraising automatically happens as you click and buy. All you have to do is sign up here – it takes just 2 minutes, and it will make a BIG BIG difference to our fundraising efforts for the school: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/>

FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

TO DO THIS EASTER

Netmums has put together lists of activities to do during the school break – and we thought we would share in case you're looking for kid-friendly fun:

UK's best Easter Egg Hunts

<https://www.netmums.com/activities/the-best-easter-egg-hunts-and-trails-in-the-uk>

Free things to do this Easter Holiday

<https://www.netmums.com/activities/free-easter-events-and-activities>

All the places kids can eat free (or for £1) this Easter

<https://www.netmums.com/activities/the-best-summer-holiday-meal-deals-for-kids>

EASTER BREAK CLUBS

This is a list of some of the Easter break courses and workshops that we know of. If you know of others please send in ideas to 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 (from £45.00 per day)

Butterfly Tennis Camp – email Arum –

projectaa2021@outlook.com – Tennis club in Camberwell Grove (from £15.00 per session)

Gymnastics –

<http://www.charismagymnastics.co.uk/holiday-camps/> - Gymnastic camp at Dulwich College P.E. Centre (from £25.00 per session)

Holiday Drop Off – <https://holidaydropoff.com/our-camps>

- A range of sports focused activities at Dulwich College (from £50 per day or £240 per week)

Holiday Club – 07463978692 –

info@ultimatesportsclub.co.uk – A range of sporting and fun activities at St Mary's Magdalene C of E (from £15.00 for half days or £30.00 per full day)

Football Magic –

<https://www.footballmagiccoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses/> - Football for boys & girls (5 to 12 years old) at JAGS Sports Club Astro Pitch (from £22.00 per session)

Holiday Kids Club at JAGs –

<https://jagssportsclub.co.uk/jags-kids/#holiday-kids-club> – A range of activities at JAGS Sports Club (from £12.00 per session, dependant on activity)

MAGNA <https://www.magnagroups.com/magna-camps>

- A range of activities at ST John's & ST Clement's Primary School (from £32.00 per day)

Nimble Arts – <https://www.nimblearts.co.uk/drop-off-club-se22>

- A range of activities and workshops at Goodrich Primary School (from £58.00 per day)

Perform - <https://www.perform.org.uk/classes-courses/holiday-courses/holiday-drama-courses> -

Performing Arts camp at a number of venues in Dulwich (three-day holiday courses from £260.00)

SMCC Juniors

<https://www.smccjuniors.co.uk/holiday-camps> -

Indoor sports hall, Dulwich venue TBC (from £47.00 per day)

STAC Swim School – 07921083977 – Swim school

over Easter Holidays 30 minutes session (£38.00 per child)