

## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Like many of our pupils today, I used to collect stickers and cards. As a young child, I took great pride in my *Neighbours* sticker collection, taking them into school and hoping that one day I would be able to swap one of my many Harold Bishops for the coveted Scott and Charlene wedding sticker. Today, Pokemon cards are all the rage and we currently allow children to bring them in on Tuesdays and Thursdays to play with on the green terrace. However, over the last few weeks, there have been many Pokemon card related incidents that have upset children and proven to be an enormous distraction during learning time, so from next week, Pokemon cards will not be allowed in school. Your child's class teacher has already spoken to them about this but it would be great if parents could reinforce this message and ask children to leave their Pokemon cards at home.

From my position at the main gate in the mornings, I am increasingly seeing parents drop off their children just outside the school on Bellenden Road where the bus stop is. There are parking and stopping restrictions in place for a reason, mainly for the safety of our pupils and other pedestrians who use the pavement. I would urge parents who are doing this to find an alternative place to stop their car, preferably parking a little further away and walking the rest of the distance to the school gate.

## SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and this week we have had an assembly and a coffee morning for parents and carers with an online safety theme.

If you were not able to attend the coffee morning, you can still visit the website that we recommend for adults who want to know more about what children do online, read age-related advice for parents and view step-by-step guides to setting parental controls on the most common mobile phones, tablets and home broadband systems. It is:

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

A summary of advice:

- Talk to your child about what they're up to online.
- Encourage your child to go online and explore!
- Set boundaries online just as in the real world.
- Keep equipment that connects to the internet in a family space.
- Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet.

## KEY DATES

### Monday 11 February

Reception trip to the Tower of London. 9.30 – 3.00pm, packed lunch and warm clothes needed

### Friday 15 February

Year 4 trip to Natural History Museum, packed lunch required

Year 1 Great Fire of London workshop at school. No packed lunch needed. Parents are invited to watch the performances from 2.30-3.00pm

## THE BELHAM LANE GARDEN - UPDATE

The next stage of work will soon commence on the Belham Lane Garden - the children have helped plant the saplings that will become our hedgerow and soon we will be decking the area to make it usable.

Whilst funding for the majority of this project has been secured, we are still in need of funds to plant the area, provide benches and more mature trees. We estimate that we only need around £5,000 more to make transform this space into an amazing space for our community. Please follow the link to our Just Giving page and feel free to donate!

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BelhamLaneGarden>

A fundraising Fun Run will be held later in the school year to help continue the work - by the summer we should have a beautifully planted garden for all the little Belhamites to use!

## BELHAMITE VALUES

Over the Christmas holidays, children were invited to create some images for our Belhamite Banners. These are going to be printed and made into banners and posters to display around the school, inside and out.

We have had some fantastic contributions and are looking for some more to add to these - especially Modest, Enthusiastic, Inspirational and Helpful. Put your creative thinking caps on and go for Big, Bold and Beautiful. All entries to the office by Friday please.

## READING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for any parents who may be able to volunteer for a regular slot on Monday mornings or Friday afternoons. If you are able to help please email the office.

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

LGBT+

## STEAM TEAM CHALLENGE



Whose vehicle can travel the furthest down a ramp?

The current leader board:

Team	Distance travelled by the car (m)
Turbo Light	5.13
Star DJs	5.00
The Wheels	4.34
Spit Splot	4.10
Girl Gang	3.70
Football Flash	3.60
DJ	3.45
The Titanic Serpents	3.32
Alien Invader Star Crystals	2.70
Sing	2.25
Ninja Super Dynamites	2.00
Fireball	1.34

## STEAM QUESTION OF THE WEEK



### Why do we dream?

Extra challenge: What is the strangest dream you have ever had?

Draw it. Write it.

Please write your answer on a piece of paper with your NAME and CLASS by THURSDAY 14 February.

Last week's question:

What causes an itch?

Our skin has a defence system of nerves that make us aware of annoying things that touch our body. It could be something like an insect – maybe a mosquito. Of course there's all sorts of other things can cause our skin to become itchy – chemicals we might have touched, infections or illnesses we might have caught, even something we ate. Your nerves will send a message to your brain and what happens next?

Ahh! That's better! It's likely that you'll have a good scratch! Scratching is your body's way of dislodging whatever it is that's causing the irritation. It feels nice, to encourage us to remove the tickle, to keep the body from being harmed.

Do insects itch?

Insects can and do 'itch' if their exoskeleton is irritated.

*This week's winners:*

Havana Soto Bell (Satin)

Ezra Ogunyinke (Taffeta)

Atticus OMurchu (Felt)

# THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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## FoB NEWS

### BIG Thanks

To Ian from Brick Brewery for a fascinating and mind expanding journey through the beer making universe on Wednesday. The end product was excellent as always.

### Friends of Belham Bag2School – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

The office will distribute the bags into each child's schoolbag by the end next week.

Please, let us know if you don't receive one.

Bags2school list of accepted items:

**We accept** the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We **do not** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

## FoB NEWS

Please bring your bags to school **ON** the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> March at drop off to the main playground.

### FoB Cake Sale – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Hosted by YEAR 3 and raising money for The Lane. From 3.25pm in the school playground.

If you would like to theme your bakes the theme is "GARDEN".

[If you and your Year 3 child is interested in helping at the event, please email Ginnie at gin27@hotmail.com](mailto:ginnie27@hotmail.com)

### FoB School Disco! – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Get those glad rags on, because it's.....school disco time! Venue - The Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove, SE15 5DE Entry is £3 on the door per child

Sessions are as follows:

Reception: 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Years 1 and 2: 4:45pm – 5:30pm

Years 3 and 4: 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Non-school siblings are welcome, school siblings can strut their stuff alongside their older/younger brothers/sisters, all can come.

Refreshments for children are available to buy during the session.

Parents can use the Liberal Club cash only bar but must remain within their children throughout.

[We are looking for volunteers for the following sessions.](#)

[Set Up at 2:30pm – 1 volunteer needed](#)

[Reception, 3:45pm – 4:30pm – 2 volunteers needed](#)

[Years 1 and 2, 4:45pm – 5:30pm - 1 volunteer needed](#)

[Years 3 and 4, 5:45pm – 6:30pm - 2 volunteers needed](#)

[Clear Up 6:30pm – 4 volunteers needed](#)

[If you can help please email Michelle at michellehardy1975@gmail.com](mailto:michellehardy1975@gmail.com)

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## **We're thrilled to announce a Charity Golf Day in aid of FOB! Friday 29th March 2019**

Come and play golf, have a lovely lunch and raise funds for the school.

Whether you are a scratch golfer or a hacker and whacker (like most of us) we would love you to join us and play a round at our beautiful local course over-looking London.

You'll start the day with coffee and bacons rolls, play 18 holes and then enjoy a leisurely lunch with wine.

We already have a few teams signed up but are looking for another 10 teams of 3 to join in the fun!

\* This event is not just for parents/careers of children that go to the school.

\* If people can't get a team of 3 they can come in alone or in pairs and we will make up teams.

**Venue** - Dulwich and Sydenham Hill Golf Course  
([www.dulwichgolf.co.uk](http://www.dulwichgolf.co.uk))

**Date** - Friday 29th March 2019

**Entry fees** - £90 per player (£270 for a team of three)

This price includes:

- Bacon roll and coffee on arrival
- A golden ball per team - a ball that each team gets to double their stableford points with it on each hole until it is lost - team players take turns using the golden ball
- A 1 mulligan per player - a mulligan means if you do a duff tee shot e.g. lose your ball you can take another shot without dropping a shot
- A delicious 2 course lunch with 1/2 a bottle of wine

### **The day's schedule:**

- 7.30am - registration opens, coffee and bacon sandwiches
- 8am - 2 tee start (10 teams off the 1st hole and 10 teams of the 10th hole)
- 1pm - 2 course Lunch with wine in the club house, with amazing views over London
- 3pm- event close, drinks at the bar (not included in entry fee)

### **Competition format:**

Now this day is all about raising funds and having fun but there must be some rules...

- Teams of 3
- Stableford competition with handicaps capped at 28
- 2 ball better ball - only two player's points score so the third team player can pick up if not going to score - this speeds up play
- Men will play off the yellow tees and women off the reds

- All players must adhere to club rules with regards clothing, phones etc
- You can hire clubs but you will need to arrange this with the club
- There will be a prize for longest drive
- There will be a prize for nearest the pin comp

[If there are any questions / enquires from potential players/ team captains - please email pauljmunro@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pauljmunro@yahoo.co.uk)

To book tickets go to:

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/232211>

## **Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday 30th March, from 10.30am until 12:30pm**

Oh yes, the egg hunt is back again!

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

£3.50 per child

As part of FOB's wider commitment to more ethical resources, fair trade chocolate eggs are used in the hunt.

### **Save the Date**

Belham camping weekend at The Fort ( South London Scout Centre ) from the evening of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June until Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. More details and tickets soon ...