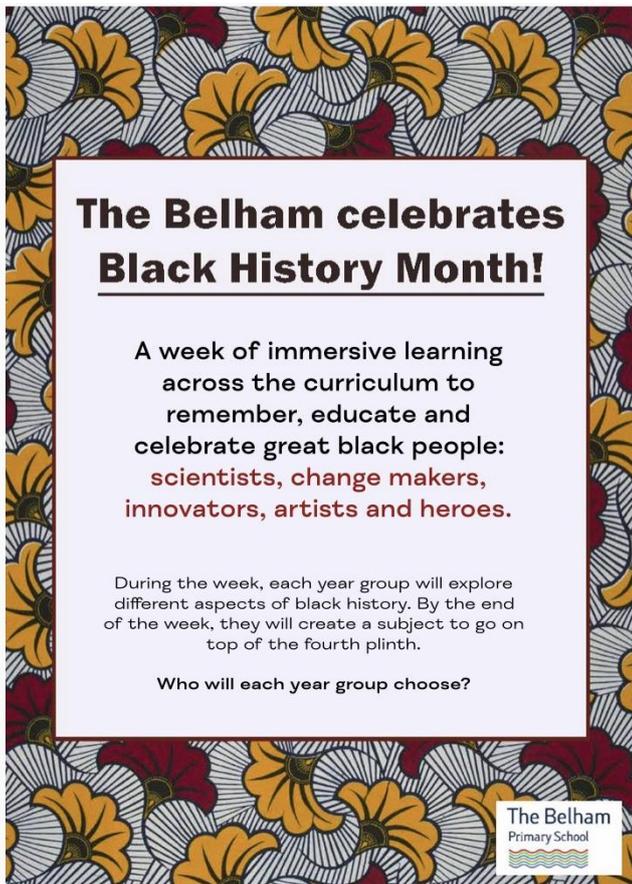


## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

[Black History Month](#) is well under way and as shown below, one of the ways that children will be marking it at the Belham will be by taking part in a week of activities across the curriculum. Check out Ms Gorely's Creative Reflection Time posts on the whole school ClassDojo feed and my weekly assemblies, both of which celebrate Black History Month. There are lots of resources you can use to talk to children about Black history; personally I like the range of child-friendly articles and videos I have found on the BBC website such as [this one](#).

This week we have been holding parent meetings via Google Meet: another first for us in these strange times. By all accounts these have been a success so far and I am so glad that parents and carers have had the opportunity to talk about their child's learning with their teacher. For those parents whose appointments were cancelled yesterday, new meeting times will be arranged this side of half term.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



**The Belham celebrates  
Black History Month!**

A week of immersive learning across the curriculum to remember, educate and celebrate great black people: **scientists, change makers, innovators, artists and heroes.**

During the week, each year group will explore different aspects of black history. By the end of the week, they will create a subject to go on top of the fourth plinth.

Who will each year group choose?



## KEY DATES

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Yr 3 - PE  
Yr 5 - PE  
Yr 4 - Yoga

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Yr 2 - PE  
Yr 4 - PE

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Reception - Dance Lesson  
Yr1 - Dance Lesson

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Yr2 - PE  
Yr3 - PE  
Yr5 - Yoga

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

#### SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Please remember to wear RED

Yr4- PE  
Yr5 - PE

## SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October the Belham will be supporting 'Show Racism the Red Card'. We would like everyone to wear RED that day and support this amazing charity by donating £1. We look forward to sharing pictures of all our wonderful Belhamites dressed in RED!  
<https://www.theredcard.org/wear-red-day>



## PRIMARY TO SECONDARY TRANSFER 2021/22

As you may be aware, the national closing date for ALL applicants to submit their child's secondary application (September 2021 intake) is **Saturday 31 October 2020**.

As the closing date falls both on a weekend and during the half term holiday, Southwark have asked us to strongly advise families of the following:

- To ask parents to submit their child's secondary application by **Friday 23 October 2020** (a week prior to the national closing date and the last day before the half term holiday).
- Southwark Council's school admissions team will **not** be able to provide online or telephone support to families from 5pm on Friday 30 October 2020.
- London Grid for Learning, who manage the online application system (eAdmissions), will **not** be able to provide online or telephone support to families from 6pm on Friday 30 October 2020.

The earlier you submit your child's secondary application, the better. This is because it not only gives Southwark Council's school admissions team the opportunity to contact families should there be any issues with the application, but it also means families are able to contact a member of their team within good time during an extremely busy period.

## SOUTHWARK RUGBY

Southwark Rugby Club is based in Burgess Park and is really keen to encourage new junior players to come down and benefit from being part of a community sports club. We are a charity and as such, our purpose is to promote the health & fitness benefits of rugby.

The club has just been awarded a grant that enables us to offer free membership to everyone. This means it is a great time to join and give rugby a try without any financial implications. Improving both our health and community cohesion is just what everyone needs at this time.

Training is at our pitches in Burgess Park SE5 0JB every Sunday 10.00 - 12.00.

[www.southwarktigers.com](http://www.southwarktigers.com)

## BLACK LIVES MATTER

### Book Fresh

Thank you again to all the parents who kindly helped to add to our library to promote more diversity, both in authorship, character and setting! We love them!



## CALLING ON GARDENERS

We're looking for volunteers to help with an autumn tidy up of the school greenery, and to help plant some new beds in the Reception play area.

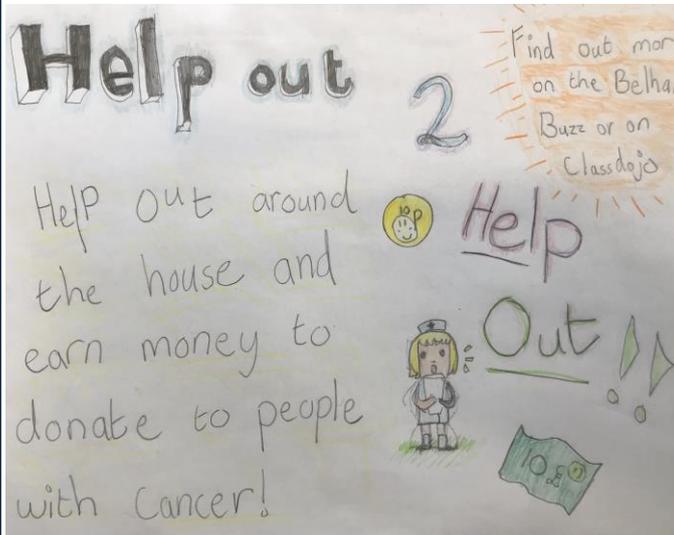
We'll follow Covid Guidance of course and are hoping to have a few groups of six working around the school's grounds one weekend soon.

Register your interest by emailing Harriet on [belhamaq@gmail.com](mailto:belhamaq@gmail.com)

Do also get in touch if you're interested in joining the Belham AQ group - we're a small group of concerned parents who get active where and when we can around Air Quality issues near the school, among other things. So far we've provided air cleaning plants inside the school, built the Lane Garden, providing extra green space and eventually green screening from the road, we've pushed for the extra wide pavement along Maxted Road and the removal of the bus stop at the school gates and extra pavement space along Bellenden Road. We also work in school to support and encourage active travel initiatives and help work towards TfL STARS accreditation, which opens channels of funding for further active travel activities. All interested parents are welcome to get in touch!

Any comments welcome as ever!  
Harriet Bailey

## HELP OUT 2 HELP OUT!



I'm Mira and I have been reading a weekly magazine called The Week Junior. It recently had an article in it about people suffering with cancer.

September was Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

This inspired me to want to do something.

Since Covid-19 I think that everyone has forgotten about other illnesses like cancer. I asked Miss Sprakes, one of my teachers, what I could do and this is how I've ended up writing this! Along with my trusty helper Nancy, we are trying to help people with cancer and their families.

So, you've probably heard of 'Eat Out to Help Out', well it's almost the same! We're asking the children at The Belham to help at home to earn a small amount of money that we can then donate straight to CLIC Sargent who help children with cancer and their families. Along with my friends, Audrey and Claris, we have started making and putting posters around the school.

So if you can 'Help Out to Help Out,' in the week beginning 12th October 2020, please do! You might wash the dishes for 50p or do the hoovering for £1!

If you're able to help us with this, there's a link below to donate straight to the charity.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thebelham>

# 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)

## Meetups for Reception Families

We had a good number of signups for Zoom meetups for Reception families. If you signed up you should have heard from us about arranging a time. If you didn't complete the form but would like to get involved, please email [friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com) and tell us which class your child is in.

## FoB Extraordinary General Meeting

Thank you so much to everyone who joined the EGM on Tuesday. We had such a great turnout that it was a good job we weren't trying to fit in a pub. It was lovely to see our new class reps.

We are delighted to be able to say that we unanimously voted to appoint Neil Akhurst (father of Felix in Wool) to be the Independent Examiner of our accounts. We are enormously grateful to Neil for agreeing to do this role.

We had some really great discussion about things we can do in the current climate to build our community and raise funds. More on that soon...

We have fixed a provisional date for our AGM, where we are planning to amend the FoB Constitution ever so slightly, watch this space for details. It's a thrilling read! (Well, actually, it's not, but there you go, these are the mundane things that have to be done, generally in the background, so that the FoB can exist and arrange fun events and supply the school with books and theatre trips and the like.). The AGM is also where we elect the committee and report on the past year. Please remember that you are all members of FoB and all have a say.

## Important dates

31 October 2020	Halloween! Watch this space for fun stuff
18 November 2020	Save the date for the AGM

## Second hand school uniform

Please hang on to any good quality school uniform you have, we have plans to find a COVID friendly way of enabling people to pass on their old uniform to people who need it, and raise some money for FoB at the same time. We agreed that we will do this via a Google Doc where people can list their available uniform, so get cataloguing what you've got now and we'll share some details soon.

## Company match funding

FoB is registered with Benevity <https://benevity.com/>. If your employer does company matched funding you may be able to get them match any donations or fundraising you do for FoB. We have parents here who have done this and it's a great way of raising money, and making individual donations go further.

## Koru Kids offer code

Koru Kids is a London based childcare service which specialises in after-school nannies and helping families to find nanny shares.

They are offering £50 to FoB and £50 to Belham families when they match with a nanny through their service. Use the code SC1BELHAM in the "how did you hear about us?" section (this is really important otherwise it won't be logged).

## EASY FUNDRAISING

I'm going to plug Easy Fundraising again. We encourage you to use local businesses too, but for when you need to do your shopping online, It REALLY IS EASY and it's FREE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL!!!!

Just click the link below to register and remember to do any online shopping through the app and a proportion of your spending will get **automatically donated to FoB**. Just a little effort on everyone's part here could mean a whole lot more money coming into the school, as some websites give up to 2% on purchases. For example:

M&S give 2%

John Lewis give 1.5%

Amazon gives up to 1.5%

The Outnet gives 3%

Ebay gives 1%

Boden came out as the highest I could find at 4%

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/>