

# **Belgrave Newsletter July 2022**



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



Writing the final newsletter of this academic year, it's been heartening to have parents

return to school events and join in our celebrations. It's been an extremely busy term with workshops, residential visits, school trips, sports days and we are now ready for a couple of weeks in transition as children visit their new classes in preparation for next year and we welcome our new Reception pupils for September at Belgrave. We always pride ourselves on our inclusivity here at Belgrave and the strong reputation we have to deisgn our curriculum so that every pupil can access it to reach their potential. We continue to review our curriculum on a termly basis, changing



and tweaking in order to make it the best it can possibly be for the pupils we educate. Providing an education that is not only academically challenging but provides emotional and social support is key.

## THANKS TO NAOMI



After entering a design competition, Naomi was chosen as the winner of the Redrow home welcoming card. The main prize was for her class to work with an acclaimed sculptor, Brigitte Jurack, to design a set of ceramic tiles to be displayed in the gardens of a brand new care village in Chester. What an exciting, memorable opportunity and with real fish as the stimulus for the tiles!

The children worked in groups and completed individual tiles. Well done to all and thank you Naomi ☺



## JULIA'S AMAZING WORK FOR UKRAINE



We were contacted by a volunteer manager about the amazing work ethic and skills that Julia in Year 4 has shown during the Easter Holidays. She volunteered and worked

long hours tirelessly - in fact so much that she was made to take a break every hour. She listened brilliantly to all instructions and to be honest worked harder and better than many of the adults. She was put in charge of the children's toys division - so she had to determine whether a toy was fit to be sent to Ukraine and whether it should go into the soft toy box, the hard toy box or the stationary and book box. She had a lot of responsibility very early on as she had to assess the conditions of donated items and also remove books that had too many

English words. She also had to identify toys that could be raffled and did the first ever crate count and announced the figure to over 50 people. That was a very brave thing to do and she did it without faltering.

She worked more than 9 hours each day and was so good that I gave her the responsibility of telling new children volunteers what to do. She rose magnificently to the challenge. Sarah, her volunteer manager was so proud of her as we are too — well done Julia — you are a superstar!



## **ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL**





Heather in Year 3 competed in her first gymnastics competition, Saltney Classic. Her partnership came 1st place in their class Grade 2 OOA Women's Groups. This is fantastic news and I know that Heather has another competition coming up next weekend too!

Logan in Reception recently won the Player of the Week

trophy for his football club (Westminster Park FC). Well done Logan — brilliant! Hope in Year 2 undertook a fundraising endeavour before half term. She made 30

paper aeroplanes and then sold them at football practice one morning. She raised £6 for Children in Need. What a thoughtful idea —

we are very proud of you Hope!



On the 4<sup>th</sup> June Heidi in Year 2 took part in her first gymnastic competition representing her gymnastic club. She worked really hard in the lead up to the competition putting in extra hours at the gym to perfect her routine. She performed excellently in front of a huge audience and judges and won a silver medal. Fabulous news Heidi!

Oliver in Year 4 had a great idea to do a cake sale at our neighbourhood Jubilee party to raise money for charity. He raised £10 for cubs to donate to a Ukraine charity

which also won him his money skills badge. He

also raised a further £25 which he chose to donate to a Down Syndrome Charity. Oliver did really well with his planning, baking and selling the cakes with all of his neighbours super impressed. We are very proud of you Oliver — well done and a great photo!





Santi in Year 6 has now completed the bronze JASS award, similar to Duke Of Edinburgh for primary pupils, which he has done through school. This photo (on the right) shows him completing the blue

track at Llandegla. The bronze award is broken up as follows: My Interests (8 hours) Get Active, Stay Active (8 hours) Me and My World (8 hours) and

Adventure (4 hours). Pupils can begin their JASS award when they are in Year 5 and 6. Well done Santi — this is brilliant!

YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED SKATE EXCEL'S GRADE 5

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO:

Amelia Barraclough

DATE: 25th June 2022.

COACH'S SIGNATURE: L. WILLOW !!

Congratulations to Amelia in Year 5 who has achieved her Grade 5 Ice Skating award - there were 18 different aspects/moves to learn so was very tricky — well done Amelia!







#### JUBILEE CROWN WINNERS



Abigail in Year 2 and Matilda in Reception were presented with mugs by the Town Crier after winning the crown competition at the Jubilee family picnic for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



Well done girls! 😊

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NON UNIFORM DAY FOR CHARITY

A huge thanks to our School Council who organised a non-uniform day in aid of The Joshua Tree child cancer charity and raised £280.26. Fantastic! ☺

## **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD**

We hope you and your children enjoyed the half-term break and that your children have settled back into school for the second half of term.

Governors have met this term to discuss ongoing business-as-usual matters relating to the educational and financial management of the school, which officially converted to academy status and joined The Learning Trust on 1st December 2021.

The school also started a Consultation period on Monday 6th June regarding the proposed physical expansion of Belgrave onto an additional satellite site, to be located within the new Kings Moat Garden Village development off Wrexham Road and to formally amend the school's age range. Three Consultation meetings took place in June; 2 face-to-face meetings at the school and one meeting online. Thank you for showing an interest in the proposed expansion; your feedback is important to us and can help the planning process going forward. The Consultation period will end on Monday 4th July, so please feel free to complete the online

survey https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BelgraveConsultation before then and / or visit the school website for more information: http://www.belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk/page/consultation/124549

Sadly, there were no nominations for the parent governor role in May. Governors are planning to review this situation in autumn 2022. If you are interested in putting yourself forward for a parent governor role and would like to find out more about the role before applying, I would be very happy to talk to you about it. Please feel free to email me at <u>cjennings@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk</u> if you would like to discuss the role further.

Thank you, Belgrave's Governing Board

# PTA

A huge thank you to everyone that supported with buying tickets for the Rainbow Raffle and attending the PTA BBQ this week. We were so fortunate with the weather and it was a busy event helping to raise enough money to buy the piece of playground equipment we so desperately need for the Willow Playground. And a heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who planned, organised and helped out at the event as well as folding all of the raffle tickets. We are hoping that we are very nearly at the £10,000 needed to purchase the equipment – maybe a few more ice cream Fridays!











## THE HAPPY HIVE ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note that there will be no after school clubs (The Happy Hive or Multi-skills) on Wednesday 20th July due to staffing commitments. There

will also be no after school club on the final day of term – Thursday 21st July when school closes at 2.00pm for all children.

#### MRS BOWLE RETIRING AFTER 37 YEARS AT BELGRAVE!

Mrs Bowle is retiring after an amazing 37 years at Belgrave Primary School and has taught over 1100 lucky children!

We are sure that all pupils and their families past and present will join us in wishing Mrs Bowle a very happy retirement.

Have a wonderful time Mrs Bowle, we will miss you so much!

#### **BEST WISHES TO OUR YEAR 6 PUPILS**



It's time for oodbye and very best wishes to all of

say goodbye and very best wishes to all of our Year 6 pupils who are moving onto secondary school. I am sure you will join me in saying a heartfelt thank you to all the Year 6 pupils for their contribution to school life and the happiness they have brought to staff and other pupils in their primary journey here. You have been a very special year group and we all wish you the very best in the next chapter of your lives at secondary school.

Year 6, please remember that you will always be part of the Belgrave family even when you are at secondary school.

We are always here if and

when you need us! ©

Primary school is nearly over with secondary coming fast,
I have to tell you this journey has been a blast

Shortly you'll be moving on to somewhere fresh and new Belgrave will be so very different when we don't have all of you

We've watched you grow and turn into the people that you are To read and write and count with ease, you simply are each a star

We want you to remember a message from us all Live your life and choose your dreams whether big or small

You are unique and wonderful and will be sadly missed So grab life and forever hold it tightly in your fist

Good bye from us all at Belgrave and thankyou as you've been so much fun Remember you are special, all of you, each and everyone!

#### **BEST WISHES TO MRS DOUGHERTY**

I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Dougherty good luck as she embarks on her PGCE training in September. Mrs Dougherty has worked at Belgrave for 10 years and we will all miss her.

## AND FINALLY.....

- Please clear any outstanding monies owing and put your child's SchoolMoney account in credit to cover any lunches or clubs you have booked.
- School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. Any holidays in term time cannot be authorised. <u>Please report</u> any pupil absences to the school office by 9.15am.
- Please continue to let us know of any achievements made outside school so that we can share them in our newsletters. If you have any achievements to share from over the summer holidays then please send to <u>admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk</u> and they will go in the September newsletter.



• Please **do not** use Class Dojo to message staff. If you need to get in touch then email the school office: <a href="mailto:admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk">admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk</a> who will contact the appropriate person.

Juliette Benton Headteacher



DIARY DATES					
JULY					
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Production 1.45pm				
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	QPHS Transition Day Y6				
	Catholic High Event for Year 5 — Superhero Day				
	Whole School Transition – new classes				
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Production 9.30am				
	KS2 Production 5.30pm				
	Piano Performance 2pm				
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Transition – new classes				
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception trip to Imagine That! Liverpool				
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential trip to London				
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential trip to London				
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 return from London				
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	No Happy Hive after school club or Multi-skills club				
Thur 21st	Last Day of Term — School Closes at 2pm for pupils (No Happy Hive after school club)				
Fri 22nd	Inset Day				

