

### **Belgrave Newsletter November 2023**



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



Some of my favourite parts of the week are when I am talking to children about their progress or they are sent to show me some great work they are particuarly proud of. We get to share class work like this in weekly celebration assemblies but having time to sit down with children and chat about their work is delightful. Nathan, Rose and Aoife brought some cross-curricular writing to share with me just before half term and the difference in their work since September is amazing! They shared their writing and could talk articulatley about the book 'Katie in London'. Their choice of vocabulary, punctuation and handwriting were all fantatsic!

Please remember to sign up for a Pupil Learning Review to attend with your child to set targets until March.

Classes have lots of learning to squeeze in before December is upon us and we embark upon performances, a pantomime visit or party

## **CROSS COUNTRY**



Well done to Matthew in Year 6, Hamish and William from Year 5 and Abigail and Mair from Year 4 who ran the first cross country event of the season representing Belgrave on Saturday 7th October despite the muddy conditions! We are very proud of you and look forward to hearing about your progress in the next few rounds in the coming months. If any more KS2 pupils would like to take part in the cross country at Ellesmere Port Sports Village then please see the flier that was posted on Dojo or speak to Mr Moss, our sports lead.

and the PTA Christmas Fair, amongst other activities.

#### YEAR 6 TRIP TO STOCKPORT AIR RAID SHELTERS







Year 6 visited Stockport Air Raid Shelters before half term. Their informative visit included being down in the air raid shelters and getting their gas masks on in only 6

seconds. They learnt lots of new historic information through this experience and some pupils have visited Western Approaches during the half term break to further their knowledge and interest.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL**



Sameer in Year 2 received an award in a photography competition from Beavers club. He shared his certificate in class.

Well done Sameer!

Fearne in Year 2 has recently completed her NICAS Wild Climbers course, which has taken a year to complete. She had fun this half term doing some outdoor climbing in the Peak District. Wow Fearne — we are very impressed! Well done!

Heidi in Year 4 has recently taken part in a gymnastics competition. Heidi and her

partnership competed in Wrexham and performed a fantastic routine to 'Call Me Cruella'. Well done Heidi!





# PTA UPDATE by Kat Pudney

Thank you again for everyone's support last half term. Don't forget we will be holding a Christmas Movie Night on Wednesday 22nd November and believe it or not our Christmas Fair is fast approaching with only 4 weeks to go! Please make sure Friday 1st December is in your diaries. We are busy planning the event however we do need a little bit of help. We will be asking for any new unwanted adult and children gifts for our always popular wrapping room and tombola, cakes for the cake stall on the day and most importantly for volunteers to help the evening run smoothly. If you can offer some time on the day, either to help set up/clear away or during the event it would be really appreciated.

#### **PUMPKIN COMPETITION**

We were delighted with the number of pumpkins that have been created, carved and decorated for the PTA Pumpkin competition! There were such a vast range of ideas.

As it was the flu vaccination day in school, we asked Margaret and her team of nurses to judge the competition. They were so impressed with the range of entries and how creative our pupils are.

Here were the winners:

Rec: Cillian

Year 1: Jessica A

Year 2: Isaac

Year 3: Timmy F

Year 4: Florence

Year 5: Henry

Year 6: Lucy

Overall KS1: Thomas D

Overall KS2: Lola

















#### **GROUNDS DAY**



A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way including donations of bulbs and compost. We look forward to seeing our grounds bloom in the spring.



It was a very successful Grounds Day before half term with a mixture of sunshine and showers! Many families attended and the difference it has made to our grounds is vast.



### **FANCY DRESS DISCO**

The PTA organised the very popular fancy dress disco before half term which was very successful with nearly 200 children attending. There were some very creative outfits and some amazing dancing moves displayed on the evening! Thank you to all of the volunteers and staff who gave up their time to organise and hold this event for our pupils.

# **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD**

Welcome back from the governing board, hoping everyone had a pleasant half-term break and haven't eaten too many Halloween sweets.

Our new governors are settling in, getting access to systems and completing some essential safeguarding training. This month we will all start scheduling our linked-subject visits to the school, during which we observe and discuss specific areas of the school development plan with teachers. These visits are always very informative and enjoyable, and scheduling them well in advance helps everyone make the most of them.

Our next local governing board meeting is in December.

Thank you,

Belgrave Governing Board

#### **CONSIDERATE PARKING**

If you are driving to school, please can you be mindful of parking considerately. We have had a number of parents who have brought to our attention cars which are parked across the zig zag lines or on a bend or up on a curb. Please also consider our neighbours and do not block driveways.

## AND FINALLY.....

- School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. Any holidays in term time cannot be authorised. <u>Please report all pupil absences to the **school office** by phone by 9.15am.</u>
- Please continue to let us know of any achievements made outside school so that we can share them in our newsletters. Please send them by email to admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk
- Please do not use Class Dojo to message staff. If you need to get in touch then email the school office: admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk who will contact the appropriate person.

As ever, we really appreciate your support, enthusiasm and partnership.

Juliette Benton Headteacher



November Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16th Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country for KS2 Ellesmere Port Sports Village 10.00am Year 3 trip to St Mary's Church Scholastic Book Fair
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16th Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to St Mary's Church
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Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Roman trip to Chester
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.30pm
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Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country for KS2 Ellesmere Port Sports Village 10.00am
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA Christmas movie night
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Non uniform day — Children bring in wrapping gifts and sweetie cups for Christmas Fair
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Photography — individual photographs
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lantern Making workshop for Year 4 pupils
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Chester Lantern Parade 7.00pm (Year 4)
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Fri 1st	PTA Christmas Fair
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Christmas Performance 1.30pm
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Choir perform at Westminster Park lights switch on 5pm
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Christmas Performance 9.45am KS2 Christmas Performance 5.00pm
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Performance 9.30am
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country for KS2 Ellesmere Port Sports Village 10.00am
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner (wear non-uniform / Christmas clothes)
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 – 6 trip to Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Floral Pavillion, New Brighton
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas party
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term — School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
January '24	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset Day
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils return to school
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<b>February</b> Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Chester Zoo
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
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March	
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term — School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
April	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Ness Gardens
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 residential visit to Tattenhall (1 night)
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Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – no school
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Wed 22nd	Year 3 residential visit to Delamere (1 night)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights)  Last Day of Half Term
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June	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)
July	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of Term — School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)