

# **Belgrave Newsletter June 2024**



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



We have enjoyed some delightful outdoor, practical maths across school. Year 2 have enjoyed some lessons learning how to tell the time, drawing clocks and looking at o'clock and half past.

You will see from the sections below how much we value our trips giving the children opportunities to develop their independence, try new things and take them out of their comfort zones developing resilience and perseverance.

The School Council have now helped to choose the menu choices for lunches next year and have planned Belgrave's Got Talent in the summer term. They will be sending out more information soon.

Please keep a note of important dates for this final term (on the last page of this newsletter). An end of term update will be sent out on 24<sup>th</sup> June with key transition information.

#### YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TO CONWAY

Our Year 5 pupils recently spent two nights and three days at The Conway Centre in Anglesey. Their action packed activities included:

- Raft building
- Canoeing
- Climbing
- Team building
- Zip Wire
- Low ropes
- Nightline
- Dragon racing





Thank you to all of our staff who plan, organise and take the pupils on exciting residential visits and trips.

Belgrave.



And always a favourite – a visit to the famous souvenir shop!

The children had a fabulous time! Each and every one of them overcame a fear / challenge which is one of our pledges at

#### YEAR 3 RESIDENTIAL TO DELAMERE

Year 3 enjoyed a residential trip away at Delamere at the end of May. They ventured on a nature walk and created personalised nature walk sticks with their findings. They enjoyed looking closely at the trees and collecting wood for the camp fire as well as some orienteering.

The children built some fantastic dens and toasted marshmallows around the camp fire.





#### YEAR 4 TRIP TO LIVERPOOL MUSEUM



Year 4 had a really enjoyable day at the Museum of Liverpool linked to their History topic. The children engaged enthusiastically in the workshop activities.

Mr Moss was particularly proud of the children as a member of the public visiting the museum approached him to comment on how well behaved the class



were whilst they were walking through the museum and looking at the exhibits. Well done Year 4!

### **SPORTS**



Congratulations to Belgrave girls football team, they played an excellent game recently. The final score was 1:1 against Queens school on the astro turf at Chester University.

There was some excellent play; including strong defending and determined attack.

Team spirit was high demonstrating significantly improved team work.



Thanks to Mr Moss for refereeing the match and transporting on the minibus and also to Miss Fitzgerald for her supervision, encouragement and support.

Well done Wala, Hope, Matthew and Harvey at the Year 4 tennis tournament. The team finished 4th in their pool with both doubles teams winning 2 games each at Hoole Tennis Club.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL**



Alice in Year 4 plays for the Chester Tigers netball team who have won trophies at the U9s Deeside league after being undefeated all season and finishing top. They also won the special one-off finals day competition and received an extra medal for this! Well done Alice!  $\sum$ 

Evelyn, Eleanor and Heather in Year 5 have all been busy taking different levels of piano exams recently. They all gained a distinction in piano!  $\stackrel{\frown}{\longrightarrow}$ 

Henry, Cillian, Alfie and Ellis in Reception and Georgia in Year 3 all participated in the Chester Fun Run in May on an extremely hot and sunny day!





Well done to all of the runners who took part; children who helped on drinks stations as well as parents who ran the Chester half marathon.

A special shout out to Miss Hopkins who ran the half marathon for the first time and to





the Reception group who cheered her on! 🏠  $\sim$ 

Matilda in Year 1 proudly completed her first 1 mile fun run at Chester Racecourse. She ran very confidently and is looking forward to doing more runs in the future.  $\sum$ 

### **OLIVIA'S POEM**

Year 5 have been focusing on poetry as their English unit. Olivia wrote her own very powerful and emotive poem at home based on a refugee leaving home from Ukraine:

Home Home is where the sun shines bright It's there Not here Home is where the flag we love is seen in the sky above and fields carpeted in gold It's there Not here Home is where the sacred grave my Grandad sleeps all alone It's there Not here Home is here I long for the day when It's there again Not here

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

Our amazing cook Jo and her kitchen team continue to do a fantastic job offering three choices of meals each day in addition to a vegetarian option. Please help us to support your child by deciding with them their choice for the day before arriving at school. Many children chose the deli option (a sandwich, wrap or bagel) but if you would prefer your child to have a hot dinner then discuss this with your child before school and help with their independence in choosing. Staff are unable to choose a meal for your child. The menus are on our website to help with this preparation.

Special lunch menus are arranged at key dates throughout the year.

#### **RNLI ASSEMBLY**

We have been visited by life guards from the RNLI for an assembly. They have talked to the children about the role of the life guards and how to keep safe at the beach.

The children learnt many useful tips to use if they saw someone in difficulty in the water including:

- When you're by any water, what do you need to ask yourself
- Family and friends can help in an emergency
- Currents matter
- Floating helps
- Call 999 or 112

### ECO TEAM TRIP TO WESTMINSTER PARK

Our Eco Team recently visited Westminster Park to work with the conservation volunteers in the wildlife conservation area. They planted both seedlings and seeds in the wild flower garden (started by last year's Eco team), sewed yellow poppy seeds in the damp area in the woods and had fun scattering bullrush seeds over the pond.

They were also thrilled to find 2 frogs!

The conservation volunteers helped the children identify lots of trees and flowers and showed them around the newly created habitats. Volunteers commented on the children's behaviour which was fabulous all afternoon and said they were great fun to be with. Well done Eco Team!

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD**







The governing board met before half term to review items with specific focus on finance, health and safety and policies. Governors have visited school to observe SATs being administered. For the remainder of the summer term we will be focusing on Annual Development Plan priorities for the forthcoming academic year and supporting transition planning looking ahead to September.

Many thanks, Belgrave Governing Board

### AND FINALLY....

\*Crossing Safely When Walking\*

Following numerous reports from parents, we would like to make you aware that cars have been observed going through the red lights on the pelican crossing on Lache Lane near the junction to Castlecroft Road.

Please support your children who are walking independently to be aware that the lights may indicate it is time to cross but to continue to look and observe traffic.

This half term, Year 4 will be completing the 'Let's Walk' programme to teach road safety awareness.

- Please report all pupil absences to the school office absence line **by phone** by 9.15am. Please do NOT use School Spider or ClassDojo to send messages as they are not accessed.
- 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 ensure you continue to book ahead for Happy Hive before and after school clubs.
- If we enjoy some warmer weather, please ensure that your child comes to school with a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream applied at home in the morning. We cannot apply sun cream to any pupils in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Juliette Benton Headteacher



DIARY DATES	
June	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest class photographs
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rec and KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 trip to Jodrell Bank
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip to the Halle Orchestra at Bridgewater Hall
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reserve</b> Rec and KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 health workshop GULP (Give Up Loving Pop)
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reception trip to Imagine That
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reserve</b> KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Social
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Prestatyn beach
July	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Performance at 1.30pm (More information to follow)
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Performance at 5.30pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Piano performance for parents (More information to follow for pupils who have piano lessons in school) at 2.15pm
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Disco 5.00 – 6.30pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents 2.30pm
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)