

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

A busy month of January with all classes deeply enthused in new topics with exciting and creative learning happening around school. A wide range of learning across year groups including Polar Regions and Climate Change; Bog Baby adventures and volcanoes erupting!



Reception children have been learning about traditional tales through role play, writing, phonics, maths, arts and crafts and trough sensory activities. They also enjoyed finding out about Chinese New Year celebrations; trying lots of different Chinese foods, using chopsticks and even a new dance!



### YEAR 2 VISIT TO LACHE LIBRARY

At Belgrave we want all children to have a love of reading. One of the ways we do this is by visiting our local library regularly. This shows the children what is on offer at the library and ensures they have a membership.

Lache library have fantastic events on

throughout the year. Year 2 enjoyed a morning at Lache Library last week. The librarian was so impressed with their attitudes and enthusiasm. He has also asked Mrs Redmond if we will put a display up in the library to showcase some of our Year 2 work which we are excited about!



### YEAR 6 TRIP TO SAFETY CENTRAL



Year 6 went on a trip to Safety Central in Lymm last week.

They took part in many activities learning about how to keep safe associated with fires, road safety, travel, cyber, building sites, water, accidents at home, bullying, keeping healthy, the countryside code and first aid.



The day was full of interactive information and practical activities starting and ending with an interactive quiz to test knowledge and understanding. Sounds like a fantastic and informative day with buzzing Year 6 chatter on their return and many changes which they are putting into place at home to ensure everyone is safer.



### LORD MAYOR VISIT INTO YEAR 3

Year 3 were enthusiastic in welcoming our visitor to school last week: Her Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Chester.



Pupils learnt a lot during the talk and could relay the information back to me in lots of details including the reasons she didn't wear her gold necklace 'Civic Regalia' to school; her younger life after being born in Dodoma, Tanzania, East Africa; her duties in her role as Lord Mayor.



I heard the Lord Mayor thanking the children for welcoming her so enthusiastically and for their fantastic behaviour and listening. Well done Year 3! ☆

### YEAR 5 VISIT TO QUEENS PARK HIGH SCHOOL



Year 5 enjoyed a morning of workshops at Queens Park High School last week. They had an informative session about plastic pollution and were given the task to produce a letter to a human in the character of an animal. Hope was a dolphin, Lily was a turtle and Scarlett was in role as a narwhal. They articulated how to express to the human how fragile their lives were and how humans could help.

The class also had a computing session where they used AI to detect rubbish, receiving certificates for their success! Year 5 will be revisiting Queens Park High School again next week to watch the dress rehearsal of their most recent production 'Ghost'.

### YEAR 3 TRIP TO LIVERPOOL WORLD MUSEUM

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Liverpool World Museum last week.

They explored different canopic jars which would have been used to store organs (lung, liver, intestines and stomach) removed from the body in mummification and tried to decide which of the four sons of Horus would have been on the lid to guard the contents (and thought of ways to help remember this). They learned about how archaeologists can explore what is inside a mummy casing without any unwrapping by using modern technology. Incredibly some of the artefacts included materials we use today like Kohl eyeliner worn by all Ancient Egyptians to protect from the sun's glare and because of its antibacterial properties.



## WIDER OPPTS MUSIC SUPERSTARS

A big congratulations to our Wider Ops Music Superstars for Autumn term! These children did the most amount of practice on Charanga over the last term.

A special shout out to Tim and Grace for being the top two practisers earning them a special music badge! ☆ ☆



## LUNA NEW YEAR IN MANDARIN



Children have been learning all about the Luna New Year in Mandarin.

Here the children will tell you why we are learning about the snake and how to say Happy New Year in Mandarin! Can you have a go? We have learnt so much about the celebrations and cultural stories of the Lunar New Year! Year 5 have had a wonderful time learning about the traditions of Chinese New Year. They have learnt how to say “Happy New Year” in Mandarin and how to say “snake” (since it is the year of the snake.) They have made a racing snake each and used the directions “left” “right” and “ahead” in Mandarin to play a racing game with their snakes.

## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Savannah has achieved two more Brownie badges: Happy Birthday (110<sup>th</sup> Brownie birthday) and Parliament Week. Savannah has also been writing her numbers in Mandarin at home and got up to 600! Well done – super news! ☆



Ivy in Year 4 has recently achieved her 50m swimming badge – super news! ☆

Very well done to Thomas who has achieved his final Beavers certificate. The certificate means that he has completed all the badges – fantastic achievement Thomas! ☆



## ECO CLUB AND COMPETITION WINNERS

Eco club did a brilliant job clearing the paths in the woods at after school club as well as painting our school rhino with blackboard paint ready to chalk him in a new style!

Our eagerly anticipated Eco competition winners were announced in assembly on Tuesday. The brief to make a flower out of clean recyclable materials but keep it in a specific measurement was a tricky job but the Eco Team were delighted with the number of entries and had a difficult job voting for the most creative! All of the flowers will make a fantastic,







colourful display whilst reminding us of the importance of recycling.

Eco committee had a hard job deciding the winners. Well done to Aseel in Year 1 and Savannah in Year 3.



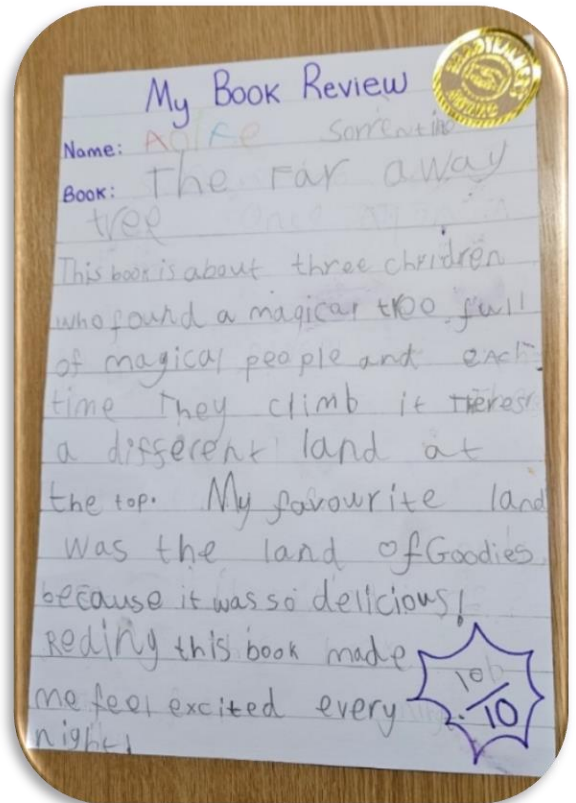
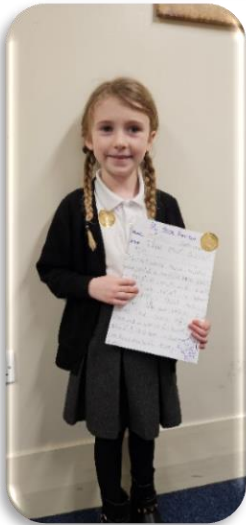
Thank you to Mrs Childs for leading our Eco Team leaders!

### BOOK REVIEW

We are really proud of Aoife in Year 1 who has been reading 'The Far Away Tree' by Enid Blyton with her Mum at home.

She has written a brilliant book review which has been shared with other children.

It is also beautifully presented. I'm sure you'll agree it's a great review and highly recommended by Aoife with a 10/10 rating! ☆



### PTA

The End of January celebration went down a treat with the PTA doughnut sale! There were lots of smiley children leaving the playground!

The PTA are currently planning for spring and summer term events. Look out for:

- Springo Bingo
- Break The Rules
- Rainbow Raffle

More information from the PTA to follow.

We are excited that 'Drumz Aloud' is returning to school to deliver workshops in each class at the beginning of March. This is being funded by the PTA as an enrichment opportunity as was enjoyed so much last time!



## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

# WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome our three new parent governors to the local governing board: Lucy Liang (Parent of Leo in Year 6 and Eva in Year 3), Johnny Ernest (Parent of Logan in Year 3 and Lia in Year 1) and Adeel Mushtaq (Parent of Idrees in Reception). A warm welcome to our new governors and we look forward to working with you.

We are due to meet again as a full governing board next week.  
Thank you,  
Belgrave Governing Board

## INDOOR ATHLETICS EVENT

Well done to our Year 6 athletics team who took part in an athletics indoor event at Sports Village in Ellesmere Port mid January.

Mr Clifton and Miss Fitz were delighted with the team work and enthusiasm. They all received certificates and spoke confidently about their events in assembly.



## AND FINALLY.....

- School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. No holidays during term time will be authorised. Please report all pupil absences to the school office by email or phone. The school office will follow up any absences not reported by 9.15am.
- Please continue to let us know of any achievements made outside school so that we can share them in our newsletters each month. Please send them by email to [admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk)
- We will be exploring Children's Mental Health 2025 this week with the theme: '**Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**', which is about encouraging children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means for them.

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

Juliette Benton  
Headteacher



## DIARY DATES

*Confirmed dates are listed below. Please note that some dates may be subject to change.*

<b>February</b>	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception and KS1 Bedtime Story session 4.15pm – 5.15pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 watch performance at QPHS
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Movie night
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Break The Rules Day
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
<b>March</b>	
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day (More information to follow)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Drumz Aloud workshops all day (PTA funded)
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to Xplore Learning
W/b 17 <sup>th</sup>	Eco Team local visit
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Musical celebration for parents 2.15pm
<b>April</b>	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Springo Bingo
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils return to school
Summer term	Year 2 trip to Jodrell Bank - date TBC when bookings become available
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip to Tattenhall
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Ness Gardens
<b>May</b>	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – no school
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 KS2 SATs
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights)
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 return from residential
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
<b>June</b>	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pupils return to school
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reception trip to Imagine That!
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rec / KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Rec / KS1 Sports Day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Social 5-7pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Prestatyn beach
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Break the Rules Day
<b>July</b>	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wider Opps music performance for Year 4 parents 2.30pm
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 return from residential
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	End of year reports sent out
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)