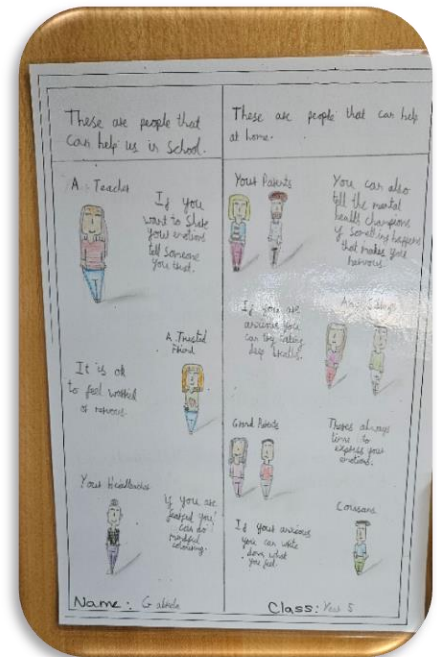
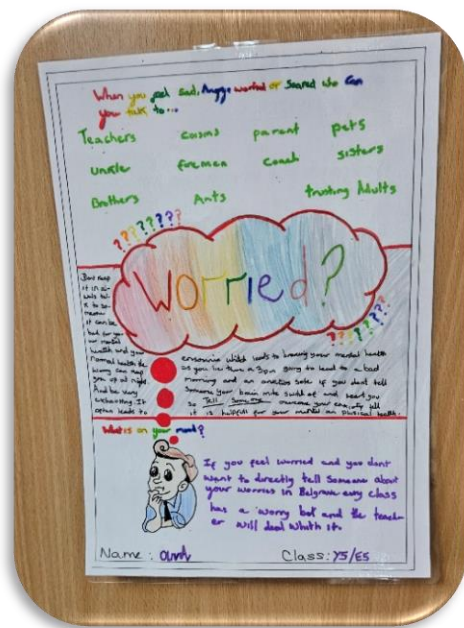


Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break – we were very fortunate to have some brighter weather in February. The mornings are now getting lighter and the daffodils, crocuses and tulips are blooming in our grounds so Spring does certainly look like it's here!

We are now more than half way through the academic year. We are

looking forward to a half term of exciting learning including many trips and preparations for residential visits after Easter.



## Know Yourself, Grow Yourself

Year 5 posters designed to help children know who they can talk to should they become worried or need help are displayed around school and are very professional and a great reference for children!

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

We took part in Children's Mental Health Week in February exploring the theme of **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself** in class and in assemblies. We want to equip and empower children, young people, and the adults who surround them to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

Clips of reflections from children are still saved on Whole School Dojo should you want to look at these together with your children. For further information on the theme, please follow this link: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Our younger children looked at the things that made them happy. There were lots of ideas from playing with friends to eating healthy food and hugs from family! Children listened to a range of calm and relaxing music during activities, practised breathing techniques and talked about emotions. The children were able to talk about what makes them feel worried, sad or frustrated and what, or who helps them.



Our Key Stage Two pupils have watched mental help videos hosted by BAFTA focusing on 'learning about and understanding yourself and your feelings'. The children have then completed work focusing on helping themselves control their emotions and 'unwind their minds'. Some classes have linked to the character, Riley's personality islands in the film 'Inside Out' thinking about what makes us unique and the different aspects that make up our personalities.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 6th March is this year's World Book Day and we are, as always, excited to get involved. This year we are asking children to think about their favourite book and to choose from a range of activities posted on the grid sent out on Dojo. Children have been asked to choose one activity - there are activities to suit everyone; of all abilities and ages! Please can all children bring their finished item into school on World Book Day....Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March for us to share in school. If the activity chosen was a technology based activity, you can send it in by email to: [admin2@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin2@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk) type WORLD BOOK DAY into the subject line, so that Mrs Morgan can send it on to Mrs Bates. We hope you have some fun with your chosen activity and we are excited to see what children have chosen!



## READING FOR LIFE

Congratulations to Year 3 who have won the second prize of the series of 10 books featured in *The Reading for Life* author sessions this year.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL LAUNCH

School Council launched their Healthy Lunchbox challenge in assembly in February. They talked about all of the ways we can keep healthy and how eating a



healthy lunch helps with this.

The council reinforced that eating the right food groups and giving ourselves times to eat were very important. Our School Council are now judging the completed competition entries submitted. Look out for the results coming soon!

## SAFER INTERNET DAY

Thank you to Lewis and Henry who delivered a very informative assembly on Safer Internet Day which is marked every year in the UK, and all about staying safe online. The day is themed around a different topic each year, and for 2025 the theme was: **Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.**

The day is run by the UK Safer Internet Centre, who work with young people to provide tips about how to stay safe online. For further information please follow the link below:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>

But what are scams, and how can you protect yourself from them?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/c78xzmeyyzlo>

## BEDTIME STORY SESSION

Reception and KS1 children enjoyed a bedtime story session with books read by Mrs Redmond, Mrs Bates, Mrs Chambers and Mrs Wilkinson as well as an opportunity for reading with parents and in groups. It is always a lovely time to enjoy the love of reading and the pleasure it brings. Thank you for attending.



## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Thomas in Year 3 has completed his Beaver Scouts Bronze Award and also received a special badge from his scout troop for completing all possible beavers stage badges. Well done Thomas! ☆

Well done to Archie in Year 3 who was awarded 'Player of the Week' at his local football team for great defending. ☆

Daniel in Year 1 has been awarded a certificate from 1st Saltney Scouts Squirrel's troupe for completing all activity badges – fantastic achievement! ☆



Arliyah in Year 1 competed in her first ever gymnastics competition in February and won an amazing 1st place gold medal! This is brilliant news – hoping to hear more success about Arliyah's gymnastics progress – well done Arliyah! ☆

Lia in Year 1 has completed her stage 3 swimming level at ASKA in Saltney. She looks super proud and so she should be – well done Lia! ☆



A group of children from Belgrave have recently been awarded a successful grading in Karate. They have all worked very hard and their Sensei and family are very proud. Congratulations to Lucy, Ben, Naomi and Zara who are all in Year 4; Estine in Year 3 and Kiara in Year 1. Well done to all of you! ☆☆☆☆☆



## FOREST SCHOOL AND GARDENING DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE

We are asking for any donations of the following which we are short of for our Forest School and gardening club. If you are able to donate any second hand tools or resources listed below then we would be very grateful. Thank you 😊

- Rope
- Gardening gloves
- Compost
- Small gardening tools such as trowels or forks
- Tarpaulin



## GROUNDS AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

We have been made aware that many children have clubs on Saturday mornings so we are trialling a grounds afternoon on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March for any parents / grandparents who would like to help plant bulbs, clear the grounds etc. The afternoon will be led by Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Tiffin, Mrs Halewood, Mrs Childs and the Eco Team who will collect your child for you and guide you towards some jobs around the school grounds. If you are unable to attend and would like to donate any bulbs, compost or plants that would be amazing – thank you in advance!

If you are able to attend then please come to the school office anytime from 1.15pm – 3.15pm and we will ensure that our school ambassadors collect your child/ren to join you to help out on this afternoon. We will keep our fingers crossed for dry weather!

## JUDO SUCCESS

Following a half term of extra curricular Judo Club, we watched the Judo group demonstrate the progress they have made in an assembly. It was very enjoyable and we were delighted with how far they have come in such a short space of time. Well done to all of those children in Key Stage Two. ★ They were also presented with their certificates from the term by Anne, Judo Education instructor.



## PTA



The PTA Movie Night and Break The Rules Day were very popular events during the last week of half term raising over £1000 towards our new school library. We are excited for Drumz Aloud workshops next Friday where all children will have a workshop in the school hall. We know from the last time that this is a day packed of enjoyment.

## PUPIL LEARNING REVIEWS

Our second Pupil Learning Review Meetings will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. This will give you an opportunity to look at your child's books with them before the Teacher-Pupil-Parent meeting afterwards. Please keep to your appointment time so that the afternoon / evenings can run smoothly for everyone involved. A letter with more information was sent out yesterday and all appointments need to be made via School Spider. You will receive your child's end of year report in July.

## NEW LOOK RHINO

Our rhino has been getting a new look over the past few weeks. Gardening club helped paint the rhino with blackboard paint and now the rhino is helping to display important Eco messages to children and visitors to school. Mrs Childs is also busy thinking of ideas for our sponsored duck which will be in the duck race in April. More details to follow next month!



## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

Belgrave Governing Board had the pleasure to welcome our new parent governors, who jumped right in our discussions around policies and curriculum.

Of particular note in this meeting was the essential role our Teaching Assistants play in our successes. The nature of that role means they spend much of their time tucked away doing targeted work with individual pupils, which can lead to them feeling overlooked. So, on behalf of all the governors, and we are certain all parents and carers, a big thank you to all our Teaching Assistants for the extraordinary effort they put in day after day!

Thank you,  
Belgrave Governing Board

## AND FINALLY.....

- A reminder that we will be increasing our Happy Hive wrap around costs with effect from 23rd April 2025 (return after Easter break) in order to continue to provide the service. The new prices will be as follows:

Happy Hive session	Cost with effect from the Summer term
Morning session 8.00am – 8.45am	£3.70
Morning session 8.30am – 8.45am	£1.60
After school session until final pick up time of 4.15pm	£5.25
After school session until final pick up time of 5.30pm	£11.05
After school session 4.15pm until final pick up time of 5.30pm (following an extra curricular club in school)	£5.80
Additional costs incurred for late pick up at 4.20pm and 5.35pm respectively	£5.25 per 15 minutes

- 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)

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>March</b>	
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day (Information in main body of newsletter)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Drumz Aloud workshops all day (PTA funded)
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 trip to Xplore Learning
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to The British Ironworks Centre, Oswestry
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
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Grounds afternoon for parents/grandparents 1.15pm – 3.15pm
<b>April</b>	
Thurs 3 <sup>d</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>d</sup>	Pupils return to school
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
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 trip to Jodrell Bank
<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)