

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



As I was adding articles to the newsletter this month, I was reflecting on all the activities and opportunities that our pupils take part in during a month at Belgrave! It always amazes me how much goes on within four weeks!

I had a delightful visit from Leo and Anna in Year 2 last week. They shared their very high standard of writing which reflected their progress in independent writing. It was fabulous to hear their stories and how proud they were of the work they had produced.

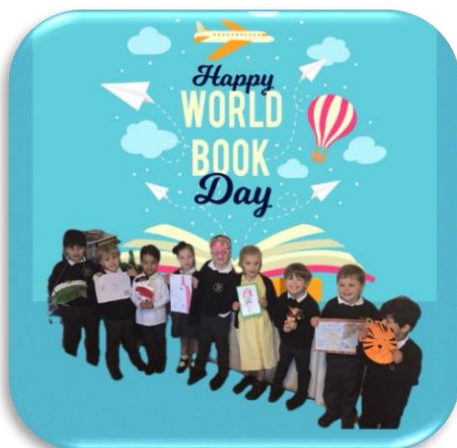


Thank you for attending Pupil Learning Reviews with your children - they were celebratory afternoons; pupils were so enthusiastic to show off their progress and work as well as demonstrate how far they have come with their targets since November.

We break up at 2.00pm this coming Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April; wishing you all an enjoyable break and time to relax over Easter. We return to school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

## DRUMZ ALOUD WORKSHOP

Drumh (formerly known as Drumz Aloud) was a huge success with all the children (and staff!). The fast-paced workshops involved music, rhythm and physical exercise with many videos shared with you on Dojo! Ian, the instructor was really complimentary about working with every class and shared his enjoyment coming to Belgrave. Thank you to the PTA for funding this workshop. It's great to use the money raised at events for workshops such as these, whilst saving for bigger items.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

We enjoyed a wide range of activities on World Book Day with many different creations shared by our pupils.

There were drama recreations; a reading cafe where children could 'taste' different genres of books; book reviews written and shared; board games; drawings; comics; 3D masks, Lego, buddies sharing favourite books and having a Reading "Picnic" outside in the sunshine!

And lots and lots of reading and listening to others reading!

A great day enjoyed by everyone! ☆





## YEAR 5 TRIP TO XPLORE LEARNING



Year 5 have recently enjoyed a trip to Xplore Learning. They took part in a colour changing chemicals workshop and electrifying forces. They also had time to explore around the exhibits in the museum.



## YEAR 1 TRIP TO IRONWORKS



Year 1 went on a fabulous trip to The British Ironwork Centre in Shropshire.

The children had a great time exploring all of the sculptures at the centre and managed lots of walking too!



Mrs Bates was delighted with the children's behaviour and enthusiasm. And also the weather stayed dry, so an all-round super day for Year 1!

## OCEAN TRAWLER CHALLENGE

We are very excited to be taking part in the British Ironworks Global Ocean Trawler Challenge!

Our net has arrived, so please continue to send in your crisp and confectionery

packets/wrappers into school. Remember to spread the word so that our net fills up!



Children can place their wrappers into the allocated bin in the hall and they will be transferred by the Eco Team into the net outside.

Together we can make a difference!





## STEM WEEK

We had a busy whole school STEM week in March which started with Mr Clifton giving all classes a challenge to calculate the 'average height' of a pupil in their class.

There was lots of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities across school during the week. Year 6 designed and made a 'rollercoaster' marble run, focusing on how to make materials stronger and which shapes provide strength/ rigidity.



Year 3's focus was investigating how the distance between a light and the object changes the size of a shadow. This involved lots of great planning, measuring, communicating and scientific thinking.



All classes shared their work during a celebration assembly at the end of the week. This included the average height of each class!

## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Lois in Year 2 and her brother Felix helped out with Beavers and Scouts at the water station for the Chester 10k run! Well done both of you!



Aoife and Veronica in Year 1 have taken part in their very first Feis at Irish dancing school. They both received medals and were so excited to perform. Sounds like they did brilliantly – they were very keen to tell me all about it!



Kiara from Year 1 is very happy to share that she has completed her Stage 2 in swimming. A great achievement – well done! ☆



## SPRING GROUNDS AFTERNOON

A huge thank you to all of the families that came and helped with our Grounds afternoon last Friday. Adults and children planted, painted and weeded the grounds, and it's now looking great! We

appreciate all of the kind donations of plants and bulbs. And, again, the weather was kind to us!

Thank you to the Eco Team who helped organise the event and will continue to keep on top of all the hard work that was done (with gardening club!). Also, thanks to all the staff who helped with arranging the event. Great team effort! ☆





## ECO TEAM TRIP AND AWARD

Our Eco Team had a fantastic time visiting Westminster Park last week. They were met by volunteers from Friends of Westminster Park who had arranged for the children to plant various



species of trees. It was lovely to see the nature pond thriving and full of frogspawn. They went on a walk through the woods and used all of their senses to fully embrace being surrounded by nature. They also helped to create a bug habitat before returning to school.

Our Eco Team have been awarded the **Schools for Nature** certificate, signed by Sir David Attenborough for taking action to protect and restore nature in our school grounds and in the local area.

Thank you for being a  
**SCHOOL  
FOR NATURE**

Awarded to

By making your school a little wilder,  
you are helping to bring back nature.

*David Attenborough*  
Sir David Attenborough

SAVE OUR  
WILD ISLES



Our Eco Team have also received the Bronze Wild Challenge award for completing tasks in both categories:

### Experience nature -

Minibeast safari  
Look closer  
Sensing the world

### Helping nature -

Food and water for wildlife  
Fundraising  
Spread the word

The Eco Team are now working towards achieving the silver and gold awards. Well done team, you are so busy! ☆



## MUSIC CELEBRATION



We were treated to a showcase of musical celebration last week where music talent was performed in a concert. We were delighted with how many parents and grandparents attended. Children performed brilliantly in: Choir, Band, Recorder, Guitar, Brass, Woodwind, Piano and Wider Opps. Thank you to Mr Young for organising the concert.



What a lot of progress our musicians have made!





## SPORTS UPDATE

Well done to all of our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 team of Cross-country runners who took part in an event at Ellesmere Port Sports Village last week. ☆

Our Year 5 and 6 Girls and Boys Football teams took part in separate matches at Abbeygate last week. Well done to: Theo, Nathan, Aaron, Casey, Leo, Freddie Matthew and Harvey ST and Cora, Heidi, Gabriela, Lily, Tess, Emilia and Alice. ☆

Hot off the press – yesterday our boys football team took part in a match against Newton Primary, they played well against a very strong team.



## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Mrs Green on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Leila. Mrs Green is doing well and we are excited to meet Leila when she visits school. Mrs Bates has already had a cuddle when she dropped off the gorgeous card and some gifts. Thank you to Year 1 who made a spectacular card for Mrs Green and her family.



## PTA

Children can come to school in non-uniform on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April for a £1 Donation. They can also decorate an egg run by PTA. Information has been sent out via Dojo.

Look out for Springo Bingo this coming Thursday from 4.30pm – 6.00pm. There are lots of prizes to be won. Bring family and friends to this fun and enjoyable event! Bingo cards can be purchased on the night or alternatively buy a family ticket on ParentMail.



## DUCK RACE



Our 'eco-designed' duck, sponsored by C & C Catering Equipment Ltd, has been decorated and delivered ready for the annual duck race on Saturday.

The Chester Duck Race is a super fun, FREE event held annually. It's a great way to raise money for The Countess Charity. It will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April on the River Dee. Ducks can be viewed from 12pm – 2pm with the race starting at 3pm. There are lots of activities for children including a colouring competition, hook a duck & a visit from Puddle Duck.

This fun family event will take place on the River Dee

where, from the lovely setting of the Groves, you can watch fantastically dressed up rubber duckies fight their way to finish first and be crowned the winner of The Chester Duck Race! We hope to see some families at the river on Saturday!

Thank you to Mrs Childs for having our creative ideas for the duck (who we've named Hyacinth!) and organising our pupil decorators.



## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

Hi everyone!

The governing board met for the second time this term, and had some excellent discussions around finances, attendance, policies and staff well being.

The meeting highlighted once again how dedicated our staff are, not only with their teaching duties, but also providing nurture and pastoral care for many children and families, as well as investing in their professional development; always looking on how they can help Belgrave be an ever better school.

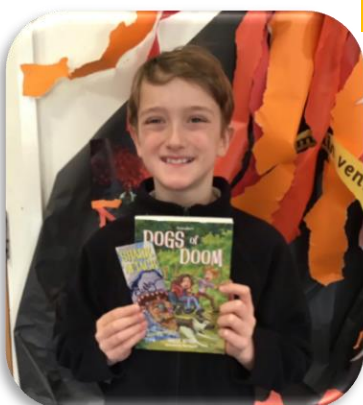
So, once again, on behalf of the whole governing body, our heartfelt thanks to all the staff.

We all look forward to a sunny half-term break, before starting our last term of the year.

Thanks  
Belgrave Governing Board



## COMPETITION WINNER



To celebrate the upcoming release of book sequels, Alfie in Year 3's Mum has won a recent competition.

A huge thank you to Alfie's mum who has won a 'Dog of Doom' book for Year 3 signed by the author Sarah Wynne who lives in Chester. She also received signed bookmarks for each child in Year 3. Huge thank you for entering! ☆

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE ON PURPLE DAY

We were delighted with the generosity towards our Purple Fundraising Day at Belgrave.

### **Wear something Purple for Epilepsy Fundraiser - Stand Up to Seizures!**

Together, we have made a difference raising £515 of our £200 target. We are so pleased that together our Belgrave community can show how much we care.

*Purple day was created in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a young girl from Canada, who has epilepsy and wanted to get people talking about the condition. Cassidy decided to use the colour purple because lavender is recognised as the international flower of epilepsy. Cassidy not only wanted to raise awareness but also assure people with epilepsy that they are not alone.*

It was a very purple school on Friday with children embracing the awareness day. Some Reception pupils even created their own boy band! "Let's be called the Purple Dudes" suggested by Harlan from Reception! 🎵





## SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE INCREASE

School lunches will be increasing to £3.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024. This is due to the increase from our catering supplier.

## THANK YOU MR PHILLIPS

We wish Mr Phillips the very best as he moves on from Belgrave after 18 years. Mr Phillips has taught sports each week here at Belgrave and has been a big part of Belgrave over the years. Mr Phillips will be leaving at Easter and we thank him for all the time and energy he has shown in his role.



## AND FINALLY.....

- A reminder that we will be increasing our Happy Hive wrap around costs with effect from Wednesday 23rd April 2025.  
Bookings for the summer term (return after Easter) will become available to book on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Please note, this is slightly later than usual due to our system syncing the change in prices.
- A new extra – curricular clubs timetable will be sent out tomorrow (Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April) with bookings opening before Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.
- 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 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>April</b>	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Decorate an egg competition – wear own clothes for £1 donation
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PTA Springo Bingo 4.30pm – 6.00pm
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
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 pupils attend St George's Day event in Chester
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
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last Year 5 swimming
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 start swimming lessons
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)