

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



It was so lovely to see pupils settled back last week after the Easter break. Classes have made the most of the bright and warm weather with lots of outdoor learning taking place. This weather looks to be continuing this week so please ensure that your child has a sunhat in school each day in addition to a water bottle. Please apply sun cream before your child comes to school in the morning. We cannot apply this in school.

YEAR 5 ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE



Year 5 took part in a St George's Day Parade in Chester City Centre on the first day back. They had previously had a workshop with an artist to prepare the props and costumes ready for the event. It was an action-packed morning with the Lord Mayor in attendance. Our pupils had lots of fun and looked amazing in their outfits!

The Lord Mayor asked Russell Kirk (organiser) to pass on her thanks to the

children and staff without whom, she said, the day would not have been so enjoyable. 😊



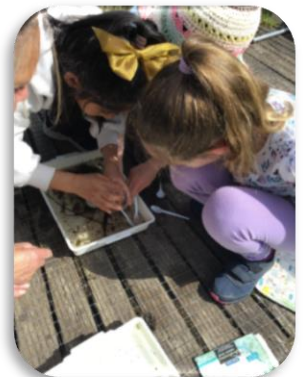
YEAR 4 TRIP TO TATTENHALL



Year 4 had a busy start to the week with a full day of activities and adventures at The Tattenhall Centre. Their activities included:

Jungle camp involving making shelters which needed to be

shower-proof, hammock and nightline. Pond dipping where there was lots of creatures to be found!



Team building games were popular and Year 4 pupils and staff had a fabulous time!



YEAR 3 TRIP TO NESS GARDENS

It was glorious sunny weather for Year 3 who enjoyed a visit to Ness Gardens yesterday.

They enjoyed an educational workshop about plants and pollinators; explored the beautiful grounds whilst doing some sketching and discovered some amazing flowers, plants and trees.

"The trip was adventurous!" – Nathan

"I enjoyed looking at all of the wonderful flowers." - Lucy

"It was an amazing trip!" - Verity

"There was a lot of beautiful flowers." - Alfie



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Indie in Reception has achieved her 10m swimming award. This is a fantastic achievement – well done Indie! ☆

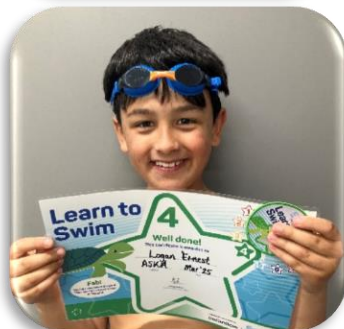


Ada and Talia in Reception have both successfully completed their first grades in gymnastics! They are both very proud of their awards! Well done! ☆



During half term Savannah, Daisy, Lucy and Talia set up a homemade lemonade stand to raise money for

charity. They kindly donated their money to The Ocean Cleanup which is so lovely to hear. Thank you and well done girls! ☆



Congratulations to Heidi in Year 5 who won a silver medal during the Easter break at the Newport competition representing Saltney Gymnastics. Super news! ☆

Logan in Yr 3 has achieved his stage 4 swimming badge at ASKA. Well done Logan – fantastic achievement! ☆

ECO UPDATE



Mrs Childs' Eco Team and Gardening Club are currently growing radish, potatoes, garlic, broad beans, tomatoes, onions, strawberries, raspberries and a herb garden in the Eco Garden. We are excited with how amazing the garden looks with new furniture and painted raised beds. Thank you to the staff who have worked hard to reignite this area; Mrs Halewood's husband for making this amazing bug hotel and Mrs Halewood for painting it! And to Mrs Halewood for winning a tonne of top soil from Dandy's for school! ☆



Well done to all our litter heroes who participated in The Great Big School Clean over the holidays. We are very proud of you all!

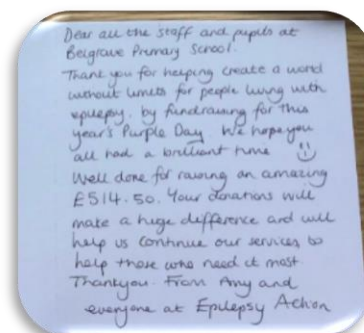
And thank you to everyone who supported the Countess of Chester charity by visiting the Duck Race at the River Dee over Easter. Miles, Henry and Harlen in Reception searched for the Belgrave duck and were delighted to find it! Our eco-designed' duck, sponsored by C & C Catering Equipment Ltd came 11th which was fantastic!



EPILEPSY ACTION FUNDRAISING



Thank you for your very kind donations on our Purple Day at school to raise money for Epilepsy Action. We received a lovely card and certificate of thanks for raising £514.50 for this important charity close to our hearts. ♥



BANK OF AMERICA VOLUNTEERS



An absolutely massive thank you to our four volunteers - Phil, Andy, Nick and Pete from Bank of America, who came into school over the Easter holidays to paint the Reception area and lay the weed membrane and matting in the eco garden (in article above).

They did not stop all day and were absolutely fantastic! This was organised by Oscar's (Year 1) dad, Phil and we cannot thank

them enough for all their hard work. Huge thanks also to Mrs Halewood, Mrs Childs and Mrs Wilkinson for giving up their time to paint on the day too. We are very fortunate to have such creative and committed staff in our community.

The Reading Shed, carefully painted by Mrs Halewood has had a new look and we are delighted with the result! ☆



VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

We will be marking the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) in school by inviting the children to wear red, white or blue (or a combination of colours) with a picnic lunch, activities and celebrations on Thursday 8th May. 🍽️ There will be a 'Guess how many sweets in the jar' competition. Children can guess the amount for a £1 donation on the day.



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

Hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

At our last Local Governing Board meeting, link governors were confirmed for areas in school. We are looking forward to our Curriculum Governor visiting over the next two weeks. I have visited the Eco Garden this week and was impressed with the varied fruit and vegetables being grown – what a huge improvement to this area.

We will be attending summer events planned for this term including meeting new Reception families at the Welcome Meeting in June.

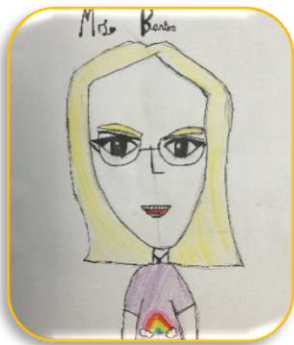
Thanks, Belgrave Governing Board

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.
- If children arrive after the gates close at 8.55am (Rec and KS1) and 8.50am (KS2), they will receive a late mark. Please support your child to arrive at school on time.
- 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

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

Juliette Benton
Headteacher



Our very own Chatwins bakery in Reception!



Fantastic art work by Henry in Year 6



DIARY DATES

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

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| May | |
| Mon 5 th | Bank Holiday – no school |
| Thurs 8 th | VE Day celebrations – children dress in red/white/blue, Picnic lunch |
| Mon 12 th – 15 th | Year 6 KS2 SATs |
| Tue 13 th | Last Year 5 swimming |
| Tue 20 th | Year 3 start swimming lessons |
| Wed 21 st | Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights) |
| Fri 23 rd | Year 5 return from residential |
| Fri 23 rd | Last Day of Half Term |
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| June | |
| Mon 2 nd | Inset Day (pupils not in school) |
| Tue 3 rd | Pupils return to school |
| Thurs 5 th | Class photographs |
| Mon 9 th | KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm |
| Tues 10 th | Reception trip to Imagine That! |
| Mon 16 th | Rec / KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm |
| Tues 17 th | Reserve KS2 Sports Day |
| Tues 17 th | Year 4 Trip to Halle, Bridgewater Hall |
| Thurs 19 th | Reserve Rec / KS1 Sports Day |
| Thurs 19 th | PTA Summer Social 5-7pm |
| Fri 20 th | Year 1 trip to Prestatyn beach |
| Wed 25 th | Year 2 trip to Jodrell Bank |
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| July | |
| Wed 2 nd | KS2 Performance 1.30pm |
| Thurs 3 rd | KS2 Performance 5.30pm |
| Wed 9 th | Year 6 residential to London (2 nights) |
| Thurs 10 th | Wider Opps music performance for Year 4 parents 2.30pm |
| Fri 11 th | Year 6 return from residential |
| Mon 14 th | End of year reports sent out |
| Mon 21 st | Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm for Year 6 parents |
| Mon 21 st | Year 6 Leavers Disco 5.00pm – 6.30pm |
| Tues 22 nd | Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club) |