

Belgrave Primary School March 29th Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

We are finishing the Spring Term thinking about next term and all of the exciting events that we are planning. The school will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on the 29th June with a fun day during the school day and a family festival after school. Our golden anniversary is called Goldfest and the festival starts at 5pm.



Please SAVE THE DATE and tell everyone about this community event. No tickets will be needed and there will be dancing, food and fun!

We will confirm details about the programme for the evening after Easter but here are a few activities that we have arranged: circus skills, large games, an exhibition of photos from the past and present and a chance for visitors to walk around the school, a dance performance by the whole school, a performance by Rock Choir and a band.

We are collecting photos about the life of the school so if you came to the school, or know someone who did, please spread the word. The school was opened as a primary school in September 1968 and we are fortunate to have some photos showing the construction and many of the activities carried out over the years.

Photographs sent in need to have names and contact details to enable us to return them; or they can be sent electronically or copied on site. It would be very helpful if photos were displayed on a piece of card or placed in an album so that the community can enjoy these. Each classroom will be focussing on a decade.

Thank you for your generous donations for the Rainbow Raffle which will be drawn on the 27th April at the Welcome Back to Summer Event. There will be performances from the Reception children, Street Dance and Choir.

Events have been well supported during the term and you can see photos on the website under Sports Results, News, Gallery and Class Pages etc. There were fantastic results at the cross country event and spectacular team spirit.

The football team have played their final game in the league winning their last game 7:0 and are currently waiting to find out their position. They are also through to the semi-finals of the Chester Cup. The team have played well all season. Thank you to the team, Tom Mulligan (sports coach), Mrs Redmond and supporters.



The Fairtrade event was organised by the pupils who showed competence and responsibility. Miss Taylor arranged the event before she was unwell and the children were able to organise themselves in her absence. We are in regular contact with Miss Taylor who is suffering from vertigo. She is looking forward to returning to school as soon as she is able to. We are very grateful to the Co-op who donated Fairtrade flowers, tea bags, sugar, coffee and chocolate. The children have shown excellent understanding about the principles of Fairtrade.

Year 4's Let's Walk programme has been deferred to next term.

The Reading Challenge was another successful event run by our brilliant PTA; 114 pupils entered and there were 14 winners! Waterstones donated books, bookmarks and stickers to the school and Year 5 have written a really lovely letter to Laura and the team at Waterstones to thank them. This letter is in the album in the entrance. The class winners were Year 5 who were fortunate to be able to enjoy the cake made by Carena.



The disco was described as "best ever" by the pupils and the helpers and it was enjoyable from start to finish. The children's behaviour throughout was outstanding as they showed consideration to each other whilst having fun. There were many WOW moments as Barry the DJ challenged them to participate in the largest conga, lowest limbo, or jump the highest to reach the stars and make it snow!



The Music Afternoon on the 22nd March showed progression and demonstrated our commitment to music. There were performances from the Year 2/3 recorders, the choir, Year 4 First access/Wider Opps and the school's band. We are very proud of the children's achievements with many pupils taking their Royal Academy exams in Year 5 and 6.

We raised £107.56 on World Down's Syndrome Day on the 21st March. Julie and Lisa from the Cheshire Down's Syndrome Group presented an assembly to the school which gave the children the chance to ask questions. Thank you to the Makaton Club for performing for the school.



50 mums and their children have recorded the Carpool Karaoke which can be viewed on YouTube. The children in school all think this will make you cry!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMxtCmdIXKc>

Grounds Days provide us with an opportunity to make a difference to the children's daily environment and work alongside others. The Eco committee, Mrs Price and Mrs Amner make a list of jobs and in addition everyone finds other things that need doing. The difference is significant and it is a joy to watch the children taking pleasure in the flowers and new shoots appearing. Reception have been on a hunt for signs of Spring and certainly found many things for their list.



The Year 5 are currently enjoying their residential at the Menai Centre. Here they are raft building.



If you are going to see the new Peter Rabbit film please use this as an opportunity to talk to children about the seriousness of allergies and ways we can protect others.

I understand there is a scene in the film where an epi-pen is used and there is concern that the way a person suffering from a serious allergic reaction is not well represented.



Please can I remind you to supervise pupils at the end of the school day.

We want you to enjoy our grounds but we are finding that the end of the day feeling can make children need extra careful supervision by parents and carers.

I would like to end this newsletter with a thank you to the PTA for their consistent hard work in organising a range of social events and raising funds for school. PTA has raised £3,600 since September. Please continue to support us in our endeavour to purchase an outdoor reading space by becoming a member of the Co-op. All you need to do is to become a member, go on line and choose Belgrave PTA and present your card every time you shop.

Don't forget "easyfundraising" which we can have as a reminder tab on our computers so that every time we shop on line we are raising funds for school. Not all retailers are listed but MOST that we all use are. The money goes directly to the PTA bank account.



**Belgrave Parent Teachers Association,
Westminster Park**

Cuckoo's Nest

Belgrave Parent Teachers Association is a charitable body, primarily raising funds for the benefit of the school and its pupils.

Join easyfundraising and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds.

£1,878.97
raised so far

62
supporters

Join us

Report this cause

The Chester Half Marathon is approaching....it is on the 29th April and starts at 9:00. If you are running for the school please contact Liz Lucas (07971 426056) or Lucy Grattan (07816 178353 email lucygrattan@hotmail.co.uk). There is usually a Fun Run for the family ...don't forget to register as it is often booked way before the event.

Wishing you a very happy Easter and looking forward to seeing you all after the holiday on the 16th April.



Best wishes,

Deanne Garratt

DATES
2017-18
New dates are in bold

April

Tue 17 th & 18 th Mon 23 rd Fri 27 th	Year 4 Residential visit to Tattenhall Tempest – photos of Class Groups PTA Here Comes Summer Fayre! Rainbow Raffle Draw Reception pupils and Street Dancers performing to open the event!!
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May

During May Week beg. Mon 14 th Thurs 17 th Tue 22 nd	KS1 SATs KS2 SATs Year 3 Residential Pre-meeting 6.00pm Year 6 Farming and Food Workshop
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June

Wed 6 th & 7 th Week beg. 11 th Tue 12 th Wed 13 th Thur 14 th Thur 21 st Fri 15 th Mon 18 th Fri 22 nd Sat 23 rd Fri 29 th	Year 3 Residential visit to Beeston Phonics Screening Check Rec/KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day QPHS Reception New Parent's Meeting @ 6.30pm TBC Year 4 Performing with the Hallé in Manchester Rec/KS1 Reserve Sports Day 1.30pm KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm KS2 reserve Sports Day 1.30pm Year 2 Midsummer Watch Parade TBC Belgrave's Golden Anniversary Celebration during the school day and Family Goldfest Celebration in the evening 6.00 - 9.00pm! Lots of WOW... glittering golden ideas to mark 50 years of the school's life!
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July

Tue 3 rd Fri 6 th Sat 7 th Mon 9 th Tue 10 th Wed 11 th Mon 16 th Tue 17 th Tue 17 th Tue 17 th Wed 18 th Fri 20th	Year 6 Transition Day QPHS & CCHS Afternoon performance KS2 Play 1.45pm performance Community Summer Fayre – TBC Year 6 Bikeability All Week KS2 Play 6.30pm Performance KS2 Play 6.30pm Performance Open Afternoon 3.20pm – 6.00pm Reception/KS1 assembly for Parents 9.30am Year 6 Presentation for Parents 2.15pm Year 6 Leavers Disco Year 6 Fun Day Last Day of Term
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