

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

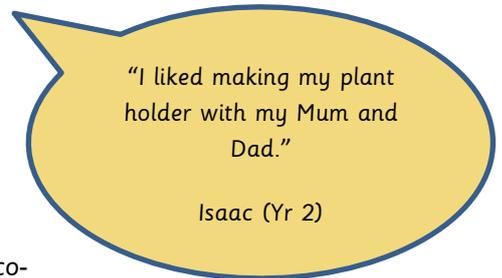
We have had such an action-packed few weeks since returning to school in the new year – you will see how much is squeezed into this newsletter! We have welcomed many visitors into school for inspiring assemblies and workshops, sports competitions, pupil leadership groups making progress in their projects for the year, ensuring freshly baked gingerbread men or women don't escape in Year 1, designing games on Scratch in computing, Year 6 have been on their trip to Dangerpoint to learn some very important life skills, and some excellent progress across the curriculum celebrated on ClassDojo, in celebration assemblies and on classroom and corridor walls. A big thank you to all the parents who offered to help Miss Taylor and I to grit the playground during the icy weather last week, it was much appreciated! ☺

### ECO-COMMITTEE COMPETITION



We had so many entries for the eco competition set by the Eco-Committee at the end of last term. Creating something useful from left over packaging from Christmas was the theme and we had such a wide variety of imaginative entries from a plant holder to a piggy bank to a jewellery box! All children who entered received a bird seed ball wrapped in newspaper as an eco-

friendly wrapping. The two independent judges awarded the winner of Key Stage 1 as Lucy from Year 1 who made a stationery organiser and the winner of Key Stage 2 was Finley who made a board game – fantastic effort! The winners received a drawstring bag made by Mrs Amner from recycled denim and inside was a kit to make an eco-craft. A huge thank you to Mrs Amner, Mrs Price and the Eco-Committee who organised the competition.



### ECO-COMMITTEE CHALLENGE



In assembly, we were reading about a project where EcoBricks have been sent over to Africa to build houses. Around the world people are using EcoBricks to build in a whole new way! Ollie from year 6 brought an example in that he had already made at home –thanks Ollie! We thought it would be a really good idea if everyone at Belgrave could make an EcoBrick over half term and we would build something useful of our own at Belgrave! An EcoBrick is a reusable building block created by packing clean and dry used plastic into a plastic bottle to a set density. EcoBricks enable us to take personal responsibility for our plastic.

#### How do you make an EcoBrick?

- Collect your **clean** and **dry** household waste. We recommend only waste that you cannot recycle (like dog food bags or black plastic trays), but you can EcoBrick anything non-biodegradable and dry.
- Twist your waste and insert it into a plastic bottle. Compress it as tightly as you can with a stick.

- Keep doing this - make sure your bottle is unsquishable.
- Think your EcoBrick is done? If you can squeeze it by more than 10% with one hand you should add more waste.
- No longer squishable? It's done! Celebrate and bring your EcoBrick into school.

Making EcoBricks is not about encouraging the production of plastic, but rather a temporary means of protecting the environment while us humans figure out a way to cut plastic out of our lives altogether. \* The latest plastic cup count from our amazing eco-friendly year 5 team is 1381! \*



## VOLUNTEERS

"I like doing the maths problem solving in the jars"

Lucas B (Yr 3)

We are always looking for parent / grandparent volunteers to help us in school. If you have even an hour, morning or afternoon during the week where you would like to come into school to listen to readers, make crafts or help out then please let the school office know. Any extra help is most gratefully received.

## TREE TRUNK REQUIRED!

Our wooded area is very popular with our pupils at Belgrave and it is heartening to watch them enjoy the facilities on offer during break and lunchtimes. Unfortunately we have a tree trunk (which lies on the ground) in the centre of our woodland area that is now rotting and falling apart. If anyone has a tree trunk that they can donate or you can volunteer to help us collect and deliver a tree trunk to school then we would be extremely grateful.

"It has been exciting with the new lockers.....and with the snow!" Ruby (Yr 6)

## YEAR 2 SHOOTING STARS

I have looked forward to presenting pupils with their shooting star certificates each week in year 2 since Christmas. Pupils are striving to move onto the gold star each day with their consistent hard working attitude, effort and behaviour in class. ★

## ALL LOCKERS IN PLACE!

"I like playing dinosaurs in the sand."

Lottie (Reception).

Year 1 and 2 are now as delighted as the juniors to have their own locker. The corridors are much clearer now and new artwork and writing has been going up to celebrate achievements across school. Thank you again to all of you for supporting PTA events which has raised money in order to purchase the lockers. We couldn't provide our pupils with all the extras without your continued support.

## SURPRISE PLAY FOR YEAR 5 STAFF!

Mrs Salter, Mrs Bowle and Mrs Price were very surprised to have a performance put on for them by a group of Year 5 pupils who have been so inspired by 'The Highwayman' text that they have spent their own time at break practising for a play. It was truly magnificent and included songs, drama and expert direction (even lighting and a stage manager!). Year 5 were a great audience and staff who watched were blown away with how much of the narrative poem that the cast performed by heart. They even dressed up in outfits to match their character. Well done team – you certainly did us and yourselves proud and what a thoughtful thing to do for your teachers!



"I loved performing 'The Highwayman' with my friends. I felt nervous at first."

Lilly-Ella (Yr 5)

## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

**DRUMMING AND JUDO:** Congratulations to Cian in Year 6 who has achieved his grade 1 with a merit in drumming – hoping we may see this showcased in Belgrave's Got Talent later in the year? Also to Cian for securing his 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon in Judo – well done! ★

**BALLET:** Well done to Emily in Year 2 who has achieved a distinction in her ballet exam. Congratulations Emily! ★



## NATIONAL DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY ASSEMBLY AND WORKSHOPS

Mark from The National Deaf Children's Society joined us for assembly along with his interpreter with some very useful help of how to support people who are deaf. In an additional workshop with year 3 and 4, they helped pupils to acquire new skills in how to improve their communication with deaf people as well as a reminder of how to be considerate of them in the classroom. He also delivered workshops specifically around new technology for deaf people.



## CHESHIRE SCHOOLS FA CUP

Belgrave made it through to the Cheshire round of the Football Cup after becoming runners up at the Chester tournament in Upton at the end of last term. They travelled to Crewe for the tournament and played very well up against very stiff competition. They missed out very closely on going through to the next round - well done team Belgrave – you should be very proud of yourselves for getting that far and I am sure everyone reading this newsletter will join me in congratulating you on your achievements! Thanks to Mr Moss and Mrs Lucas for transporting the children.



## YEAR 6 VISIT TO DANGERPOINT

Year 6 recently enjoyed an action packed day at Dangerpoint in Talacre learning important life skills. Specially designed rooms and spaces enabled the pupils to visualise and experience real life scenarios such as the road safety zone (pictured), possible dangers in the home, fire safety and first aid. Questions Mr Clifton put to pupils to ask at home through Classdojo included: How often should you test your smoke alarm? How far does it take a high speed train to stop? And what is the name of the poisonous gas that can be very dangerous in your home? Answers from Year 6 children!

## ENABLING ENTERPRISE WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE DAY

Thank you to all of the children who have already brought in junk modelling for the Enabling Enterprise day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. We are very excited about the day when we will be holding a whole school project on transport in the future. Any more junk modelling will be extremely useful for the day please!

## ALLERGY AWARENESS ASSEMBLY AND WORKSHOPS



We were fortunate to have Dr Saul and Celia Proudfoot into school to deliver an assembly on allergy awareness for all of our pupils. Year 3 then received a workshop in class covering different types of food allergies through a variety of practical activities. Thank you to Mrs

Christian for organising this and to Finley for such a delightful thank you letter to Dr Saul. He was extremely impressed with the behaviour and attitude of Belgrave children. Also a good time for another reminder not to bring food into school for break or lunchtime which contain nuts or seeds. Thank you for your continued support with this.

"The children are so well behaved and listened really carefully."

Dr Saul – visitor delivering assembly on Allergy Awareness

# Thank You

To Dr Saul and Celia  
Thank you for coming into my School to give the allergy assembly and workshop to my friends. We all thought it was very interesting. We really enjoyed the gummy blood experiment and the find the hidden allergen sheet!  
From Fin Christian

## PLEASE TRY A SHOP AT WAITROSE DURING FEBRUARY!

Waitrose

Thank you to the PTA for securing our eco-committee with a chance for earn some money for one of their many ongoing projects to reduce, reuse and recycle. Belgrave PTA will be one of the charities on offer for customers to choose from when receiving their plastic tokens at the checkout. Please shop at Waitrose in February to help us receive as many tokens as possible. ☺ Please also share this with friends and family!

## ARCHIE'S REMARKABLE FUNDRAISING CELEBRATED WITH BEAR



We had two visitors from Clare House attend celebration assembly on Friday, along with Clare Bear, to celebrate Archie's amazing fundraising and to explain to us some of the work they do. Archie explained to me, "I did the Fun Run at Chester Racecourse whilst having strong chemotherapy at the time. I raised £940.23 which has gone to help Clare House. Alex, from Clare House comes to my house sometimes to help me too."

Well done Archie – a fantastic achievement!



## EVEN MORE GREAT PUPIL LEADERSHIP: GULP PROJECT BY THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council have launched a new project titled GULP: **Giving Up Loving Pop**. This is a campaign from Food Active that aims to help people cut back on sugary drinks by raising awareness of the health harms of over-consumption and by informing people of the benefits of drinking alternatives such as water and milk. Their very informative and interactive assembly has inspired others to get on board, sharing statistics and important facts, and all children have received a word search to take home.



## BELGRAVE PRE SCHOOL

We are delighted to have started working with Belgrave Pre-school this term. Our Reception class are enjoying Belgrave Pre-school children learning alongside them in the outdoor area and during continuous provision sessions in school. Reception are learning all about dinosaurs this half term (as well as Chinese New Year) so have enjoyed sharing this with the pre-schoolers! We are really happy that they are now joining us on a regular basis which will benefit all involved!

"I like mentoring Yr 3 and guiding them if they are stuck, then I feel very satisfied at the end."

Anastasia (Yr 6)

## WATER VILLAGE ASSEMBLY AND WORKSHOPS



This week we have had a visitor from the 'Village Water' charity to help us understand what life is like in Zambia where children have to walk a long way to collect clean, safe water. Year 3 and 4 also participated in workshops for the afternoon which they found interactive and informative. School Council will be organising a fund raiser for this Shropshire based charity.

## SCHOOL MONEY PAYMENTS

Please ensure your child's account is not in arrears. Some families do owe money to school. Thank you.

## AND FINALLY.....

To celebrate Chinese New Year, we are having a themed lunch on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February if your child would like to try some Chinese food at the usual cost of £2.30 for KS2.

We have had a couple of neighbours and parents who have asked for drivers to turn their engines off whilst they are waiting to drop off / pick up their children. This will help our environment so please help!

Good luck to the cross country runners at Ellesmere Port this coming Saturday! And thank you to Mr Burton for organising the runners all wearing the same T-shirts to represent our Belgrave team!

If you have a query or concern please see your class teacher or email [admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk) where Mrs Wilcox or Mrs Pilling will alert the person who will be best placed to help you with your enquiry.

If your child has achieved any special awards, personal goals or celebrations out of school, or helped out in the community in any way, then please share this information with us so we can celebrate their achievements in our school newsletter too!

“Really happy with our child’s performance at school.”

Year 4 parent  
(questionnaire)

Kind regards,

Juliette Benton - Headteacher

## DATES

### 2019

#### Feb

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Challenge Day – Enabling Enterprise
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Themed lunch – Chinese New Year
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 to QPHS to watch Grease
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half Term
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Judo Year 3 & 4 for 5 weeks
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Quick Sticks Hockey

#### Mar

Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Vision and Hearing check for Reception
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Residential Pre-meeting @ 6.00pm
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Curriculum Day at Chester Catholic High School
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Film night for pupils
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 Residential Visit to Conway
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Atlantic Rowing Sports week
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parents’ Appointments Reception & KS1 1.00pm – 5.30pm
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents’ Appointments KS2 1.00pm – 5.30pm
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents’ Appointments All classes 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wear Sportswear Day for end of Atlantic Rowing Week
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY

#### Apr

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	First Day Back
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest class photos
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	S4YC Football for 10 weeks
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Themed lunch – Easter
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Closed for Easter
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Residential Visit to Tattenhall
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Music celebration @QPHS

#### May

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	No School - Bank Holiday
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Residential Pre-meeting @ 6.00pm

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grounds Day TBC
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Themed lunch day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Mini-Kickers
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

## June

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	First Day Back
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> - Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Residential to Beeston



## February PTA Message:

January is such a grey and dark month but the PTA have helped the school brighten up the children's world with colourful lockers - one for each child. As well as improving the overall look of the school environment and health and safety they also help our little one's look after their belongings more easily. No more missing gloves?! The £4500 cost of this enhancement has come directly from monies raised by the PTA.

So what is next on the school's "need list"? Well we are now fundraising for new indoor and outdoor play equipment - not only helping learning through play but also increasing the exercise our children are getting, which supports all the healthy eating and lifestyle messages that the school promotes.

### Race Night - Friday 8th Feb

Don't forget this Friday we debut Belgrave's first Race Night! Tickets are still available at £5 each for fun, fizz and a flutter if you fancy. It's a great opportunity to catch up with fellow parents and carer's, without the bitter east wind, snow or rain whipping across the playground. The ticket price includes entry as well as a drink of your choice and nibbles.

Betting is optional and we are keeping it very simple - you either win or lose and winners share the winning pot. For each £1 bet - 50p from each bet will go to the school and the remaining 50p straight into the pot, to be divided equally amongst the winners! There's a good chance you could win back the cost of your night!

We look forward to you joining us for what promises to be an enjoyable and relaxing evening.

### Reading Challenge - Friday 15th Feb to Sunday 24th Feb

Reading, writing, speaking and listening well is at the heart of how our children learn so we are delighted to announce the return of Belgrave's Reading Challenge encompassing all ages from Reception to Year 6 and take place over the half term break.

Further details of how to take part and the prizes on offer will be in your children's book bag on Friday. There will be individual class prizes as well as a whole class prize and age or ability will not be a barrier.

### Children's Film Night – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

We are reviving Children's Film Night - which will be straight after school and split into KS1 and KS2 groups and are being supported by the School Council to choose the perfect films! As soon as we have organised all the details we will update you.

