

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 such lovely weather in February so hope you managed to make the most of it. Who knows if there's any more snow on the way! The mornings are getting a bit lighter and the daffodils are blooming so Spring does certainly look like it's here! The superb ink paintings that Year 2 have created are full of lovely Spring colours too – inspired by Henri Rousseau!



All the quotes in this month's newsletter are children's comments from the pupil's questionnaire in the section, 'Would you like to add any additional comments?'

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE PTA FOR A SUCCESSFUL RACE NIGHT

It was fantastic to see so many parents and friends at the Race Night organised by the PTA in February. It takes a lot of hard work planning, organising and clearing up after the event so thank you to everyone who attended or helped in any way. Please remember that all money raised goes directly into benefiting your children at Belgrave. Thank you so much PTA team!



YEAR 6 BUDDING JOURNALISTS!

Before half term, Year 6 enjoyed a day of dressing up as journalists following on from their English unit on writing balanced newspaper articles.



OUR NEW DONATED TREE TRUNKS HAVE ARRIVED!

"We like the school trips. I like my buddy."
Year 1 pupil



Huge thanks to Mrs Carnie, a Reception parent, who has arranged for us to receive two tree trunks from Chester Zoo to replace the rotten one in the wooded area. They were delivered to school this week and even have smooth tops so that children can sit on them too! We are extremely grateful as the children love playing in the wooded area at break and lunchtimes – thank you so much! ☺

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Well done to all of the Belgrave pupils who attended the penultimate cross-country run in February. Fantastic news



that team Belgrave has now moved from 5th position to 4th position overall! Special congratulations also goes to Maya from year 3 who finished in 2nd place and earned herself a silver medal. Thank you to parents for taking their children and to Mr Burton for organising all the runners to be wearing the same Belgrave T-shirts. A fabulous team! ★

"I feel safe in this school. And I love making new friends and I have so many friends already."
Year 2 pupil

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

BALLET AND FLUTE PLAYING: Congratulations to Sophie in Year 5 who took part in a play with her youth group and played the flute very well! Sophie is also a helper at Ballet and is doing very well dancing at Grade 3 - well done! ★



PARKRUN: Well done to Emily in Year 2, shown here, at the Chester 5km Park Run on Saturday. This was her 16th park run (a total of 80km run now)! Wow! She is wearing her park run 10 T-shirt which finally arrived, given for free to juniors who achieve 10 Park runs! She's super speedy too - her fastest time is 30mins and 5 seconds, even faster than her Mummy at the moment! ★



BALLET: An excellent achievement for Annabel in Year 5 who achieved a merit in her grade 2 ballet exam! Fantastic news – I'm not surprised that you participated so readily in our assembly on the value of feeling proud! Well done! ★



FOOTBALL: Excellent footballing from Isaac in Year 1 who plays for Westminster Park Under 6's and won the trophy for 'Player Of The Week' to show for his skills – well done Isaac! ★



PERFORMING: Another successful singing performance for Joseph in Year 5 who performed with Theatre Train Regional Choir on stage with Collabro in Crewe last Friday – well done Joseph! ★



ECO-COMMITTEE CHALLENGE TO MAKE AN ECO-BRICK

Thanks to all who made the Eco-Bricks over half term. If you still have one or are still in the process of making one then it's certainly not too late to send yours in!

YEAR 5 WATCH GREASE AT QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Year 5 enjoyed a visit to Queen's Park High School before half term to watch the performance of 'Grease'. They were very impressed with the singing and acting variety and the costumes!

ENABLING ENTERPRISE WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE DAY

We had the most amazing whole school project day designing, making and evaluating transport for the future. The day was really successful with two boys in Year 1 saying it was their best day in school ever! It was lovely to be joined by Clare from Enabling Enterprise along with many governors who were able to join us for the project. Pupils focused on skills as well as focusing on skills such as problem solving, listening and positive thinking. Hopefully you saw the wonderful array of photos on ClassDojo!

"School is awesome!"

Year 3 pupil

"I think this school is very inspiring as we have lots of people coming in to do assemblies and workshops!"

Year 6 pupil

LET'S WALK AND WORLD BOOK DAY

We are currently organising another annual Let's Walk event for Year 4, information will follow shortly. A letter has gone out about World Book Day and we are looking forward to seeing how creative you can be in changing potatoes into book characters on Thursday 7th March! Remember to bring your favourite book into school on the day too!

STEM WEEK INVITATION TO PARENTS – FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2.30PM – 3PM

As our Enabling Enterprise week was so successful, we are incorporating the values from this in our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) week challenge week beginning 11th March. All pupils will have worked on a project during that week which will be shared with any parents who can join us in classrooms on Friday 15th March between 2.30pm – 3pm. Please pick your child up at the usual school finishing time. If you have a job that involves STEM and would be willing to come and speak to Belgrave pupils, or help out in any way during the week, then please let your child's class teacher know. Many thanks ☺

STEM CLUB



STEM after school club, led by Bupe Galal from Liverpool University, has been a real success. Pupils have been keen to share their experiences, especially Jess in year 4 who articulately explained three of the sessions to me: making colour



wheels using skittles, making slime and finding out about major organs.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR MUSICIANS IN THEIR FORTHCOMING EXAMS THIS MONTH



Good luck to all our musicians who are due to take exams this month. Woodwind students will be taking exams in their chosen instrument: saxophone, flute and clarinet. Good luck to Rory, Holly, Abbie, Olivia, Izzy, Elen, Lucy, Isana, Evie M, Evie M and Ana who are all in Year 5 or 6.

"That we all work as a team."

Year 4 pupil

CLIMBING OUT PROJECT



As a school we have been learning about Kelda Wood the founder member of the 'Climbing Out' charity. 'Climbing Out' support young adults aged 18-30 years old following an illness / difficult experience. The charity funds residential courses to build confidence and self-esteem. Kelda has single-handedly rowed the Atlantic in 77 days as part of the 'Row to Raise' challenge. She has raised £25,000 completing the challenge on 26th February at 4am. We are hoping she will visit the school to share her experience. To celebrate this and raise a contribution we are having a non-uniform day on Thursday 28th March.



FAMILY SWIMMING AT CITY BATHS

A message from the team at Chester City Baths: We are starting a family swim every Saturday from 12-1pm which is suitable for all ages. We charge £4 for ages 4+, £2 for under 4s and £12 for a family of 4. This 1901 original Victorian pool is a fantastic facility that all the family can enjoy. It is located on Union Street, CH1 1QP. Please note if your child is under 8 they will need adult supervision with a ratio of 1:1 or 2:1 depending on the ability of your child in the water.

WATER VILLAGE NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM FUNDRAISING DAY

Following the 'Village Water' assembly and workshops, our School Council arranged a non-school uniform day on the last day of half term. This raised a fantastic £225 which will be sent to the Shropshire based charity and this amount will be doubled by the government. Thank you for your kind donations.



SCHOOL MONEY PAYMENTS

"Teachers care for every one of us."

Year 5 pupil

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

AND FINALLY.....

Please remember that once your child is dismissed into your care, we are not responsible for your child's safety. Please ensure you supervise your child in the playground and on any equipment before you leave the school premises.

Poorly child? Don't know if they should be off school or not? Help is at hand! Our new at a glance guide will help http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf

When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*		



This information is based on the Public Health Agency guide - full copy [here](#)

*No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.



If you have a query or concern please see your class teacher or email 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! Kind regards,

Juliette Benton - Headteacher

"I think our school is fair about everything."

Year 6 pupil

DATES

2019

Mar

Wed 6 th	Vision and Hearing check for Reception
Wed 6 th	Year 5 Residential Pre-meeting @ 5.15pm
Thurs 7 th	World Book Day
Fri 8 th	Year 1 Mini-Kickers
Tue 12 th	Year 4 Enabling Enterprise trip to Liverpool
Wed 13 th	Year 3 Enabling Enterprise trip to Chester
Thurs 14 th	Year 5 Curriculum Day at Chester Catholic High School
Thurs 14 th	Film night for pupils
Fri 15 th	STEM presentation for parents 2.30pm- 3.00pm in classrooms
Mon 18 th	Reading Challenge results announced
Mon 18 th	SATs information evening for Year 6 parents @ 5.00pm
Wed 20 th – Fri 22 nd	Year 5 Residential Visit to Conway
Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th	Atlantic Rowing Sports week
Mon 25 th	Parents' Appointments Reception & KS1 1.00pm – 5.30pm
Tue 26 th	Parents' Appointments KS2 1.00pm – 5.30pm
Wed 27 th	Parents' Appointments All classes 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thurs 28 th	Wear Sportswear Day for end of Atlantic Rowing Week 'Climbing Out'
Thurs 28 th	Last Day of Term
Fri 29 th	INSET DAY – Staff Training – No school for pupils

Apr

Mon 15 th	First Day Back
Tues 16 th	Tempest class photos
Tues 16 th	S4YC Football for 10 weeks
Tues 16 th	Year 4 Residential pre-meeting 6.00pm
Wed 17 th	Themed lunch – Easter
Fri 19 th – Mon 22 nd	Closed for Easter
Tue 23 rd & 24 th	Year 4 Residential Visit to Tattenhall
Mon 29 th	Year 4 Music celebration @QPHS

May

Thurs 2 nd	Band Performance TBC
Mon 6 th	No School - Bank Holiday
Thurs 9 th	Year 3 Residential Pre-meeting @ 6.00pm
Sat 11 th	Grounds Day TBC
Thurs 16 th	Themed lunch day
Fri 17 th	Reception Mini-Kickers
Fri 24 th	Last day of term

June

Mon 3 rd	Inset Day
Tues 4 th	First Day Back
Tues 4 th - Wed 5 th	Year 3 Residential to Beeston
Sat 22 nd	Summer Fair

July

Mon 15 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tues 23 rd	Last day of term
Wed 24 th	Inset day – Staff Training – No school for pupils



March PTA Message:

The PTA race night was a great success raising over £700 for our school. Thanks to those who attended and helped make it such an enjoyable evening.

The final day for returning the Reading challenge forms and £3 is March 1st and the winners will now be announced on March 18th.

The next event is Film Night on Thursday March 14th which will run straight from school until 5pm. The films were voted for by the children of KS1 and KS2 and will be *The Greatest Showman* and *The Minion* movie. (Whilst *Mary Poppins* was another firm favourite I can't work my magic to get that on DVD in time so that will be shown at the next film night!) Letters will be in the book bags next week as well as details on the annual Rainbow Raffle and donation requirements.

The Chester Half marathon this year is on Sunday 19th May. We are looking for a Belgrave Half Marathon team to represent the school. Plenty of time to start training! If you would like to be part of the team please contact either Liz, Vicky or Sarah and we will issue you with a sponsorship form. There's no better feeling than crossing that finish line!!!

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

