

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

I do hope that you all enjoyed some rest and family time over the festive period. Wishing you a happy and healthy new year from all of us here at Belgrave!

It was lovely to welcome pupils back to school on Wednesday refreshed and re-energised ready for new learning this term. Pupils were quick to be back into routines and have already started new topics.

### OUR FANTASTIC BELGRAVE SCHOOL CHOIR ACHIEVEMENTS



Our Belgrave Choir consisting of over 60 pupils did exceptionally well before Christmas attending many events including 'Sing the Christmas Story' at the Cathedral



and at the Westminster Park light switch on. Our term ended on a high with them winning the Dee Radio 106.3 Christmas Stars singing competition with 650 votes! ★ We are so proud of our choir and huge thanks to Mrs Hancock for her amazing teaching and talent! We look forward to being presented with the Christmas Stars trophy. Thank you to all of our families who have supported at recent events, your support is truly appreciated.



### PTA

The PTA raised a magnificent £2813 at the Christmas Fair. This is a significant amount of money which will go towards our next 'big buy'. School Council are busy collating ideas with the help of staff to best make use of the money. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the fair, helped out during the evening and tidy up at the end! It was a really bustling and enjoyable event!

THANK YOU





## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



James in Year 1 has been brilliant in both swimming and rugby recently. He was star of the week at rugby for super running, and achieved his Stage 2 swimming badge!

Well done James! ☆



William in Year 4 enjoyed playing the lead role of Scrooge with Minerva Arts Youth Theatre in December at St Mary's Creative Space in Chester. He was really proud of his acting and having such an important part in the production.

Well done William! ☆

Well done to Ben in Year 1 and all of the families who took part in the 2023 Santa Dash! It's always a delight to see so many Santas in Chester raising money for charity.

Six Belgrave pupils received their new belts during the Christmas fun session in Taekwondo. They had been working

hard all term learning their new patterns and techniques. Well done to all of you! ☆

Well done also to Thomas, Daniel and Aurelia from KS1 who have joined the Kubz program. New students are always welcome to have a free trial by contacting Mrs Shuler through:

[www.tkd-chester.co.uk](http://www.tkd-chester.co.uk)



## CROSS COUNTRY



We are really proud of all our pupils who attended the cross country Saturday events in the Autumn term.

The final, wet and muddy cross country of the season ended with our Year 4 girls winning overall 2nd team place.

Well done to Abigail, Mair and Alice. Well done also to Zaan, Hamish and William in Year 5 and Matthew in Year 6.



## JACK AND THE BEANSTALK PANTOMIME



While Reception stayed at school for their Christmas party, all other pupils enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Floral Pavilion Theatre before Christmas to watch 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

The children laughed a lot and it's always delightful to see them enjoying the interactive performance.

Emilia from Year 5 was confident enough to go up on stage to represent Belgrave and sing – well done Emilia – we were very proud of you!



## ECO TEAM COMPETITION



There is still time to enter the Christmas Competition set by the Eco Team before Christmas. Children have until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to make a gingerbread house using recycled materials.

Use unwanted boxes, wrapping papers, gift tags, decorations and ribbons, etc and have a go at making a fabulous gingerbread house.



You may want to create a traditional style house or be bold and design a modern dwelling for your gingerbread character to live in.

We look forward to seeing what you make .... And you may win a prize!

Please bring your recycled gingerbread houses into school by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Don't forget to put your name and year group clearly on your model.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

We hoped you all enjoyed the Christmas break and wish you a happy new year.

Our priority this term is to make link visits to school with subject leaders prioritising targets on the School Development Plan.

Thank you,  
Belgrave Governing Board

## AND FINALLY.....

I was just about to send this newsletter when I had a visit from Ludo in Year 2 to share a scrap book he has made over the Christmas break when he visited London for a couple of days. It's a super collection of photographs and captions from visiting many attractions in the capital and even a picture of him at Pudding Lane where the Great Fire of London started. What a fantastic book to keep forever – well done Ludo and thank you for sharing!





- Thank you for your patience whilst transferring to our new payment system ParentMail. Please ensure that you book The Happy Hive at least 24 hours in advance to secure a place for your child. If you are booking into late club (until 5.30pm) then you must book both sessions to secure the booking. Cancellations should be emailed to the office at least 24 hours in advance.
- School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. Any holidays in term time cannot be authorised. Please report all pupil absences to the **school office absence line** by phone by 9.15am.
- Please continue to let us know of any achievements made outside school so that we can share them in our newsletters. Please send them by email to [admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Juliette Benton  
Headteacher



# Happier January 2024

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
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| <br>7<br>Learn something new and share it with others | 1<br>Find three things to look forward to this year         | 2<br>Make time today to do something kind for yourself          | 3<br>Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day | 4<br>Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why                            | 5<br>Look for the good in others and notice their strengths                           | 6<br>Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe                                  |
| 14<br>Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today  | 8<br>Say positive things to the people you meet today       | 9<br>Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)         | 10<br>Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why       | 11<br>Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime                       | 12<br>Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat                           | 13<br>Take a different route today and see what you notice                            |
| 21<br>Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone  | 15<br>Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful | 16<br>Contribute positively to your local community             | 17<br>Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes           | 18<br>Get back in contact with an old friend   | 19<br>Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough                                 | 20<br>Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge                           |
| 28<br>Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently   | 22<br>Plan something fun and invite others to join you      | 23<br>Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment | 24<br>Take a small step towards an important goal              | 25<br>Decide to lift people up rather than put them down                             | 26<br>Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today                     | 27<br>Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside                        |
|    | 29<br>Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better  | 30<br>See how many people you can smile at today                | 31<br>Write down your hopes or plans for the future            |  |  |  |

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**DIARY DATES**

| <b>DIARY DATES</b>                               |   |
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| <b>January '24</b>                               |   |
| Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>                             | Inset Day   |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>                              | Pupils return to school   |
| Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>                           | Wider Opps Music Performance for Year 4 parents 2.45pm                    |
| Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>                           | Year 6 trip to Safety Central   |
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| <b>February</b>                                  |   |
| Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>                              | Year 1 trip to Chester Zoo  |
| Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>                           | Last Day of Half Term   |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>                             | Inset Day   |
| Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>                             | Pupils return to school   |
|  |   |
| <b>March</b>                                     |   |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>                            | Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm                                    |
| Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>                             | Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm                                    |
| Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>                           | Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club) |
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| <b>April</b>                                     |   |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>                             | Pupils return to school   |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>                             | Year 3 trip to Ness Gardens   |
| Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>                             | Year 4 residential visit to Tattenhall (1 night)                          |
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| <b>May</b>                                       |   |
| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>                              | Bank Holiday – no school  |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> –<br>Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> | Year 6 SATs   |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>                             | Year 3 residential visit to Delamere (1 night)                            |
| Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>                             | Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights)                      |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>                             | Last Day of Half Term   |
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| <b>June</b>                                      |   |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>                              | Inset Day   |
| Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>                              | Pupils return to school   |
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>                             | Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)                                   |
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| <b>July</b>                                      |   |
| Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>                            | Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club) |