

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



During the Spring term we see such great progress and maturity in pupils. There has been a lot of exciting and creative teaching and learning since Christmas with some great historians and geographers at work. Celebration assemblies show vast cross-curricular opportunities alongside building on the Bee-Mores: Creativity, Independence and Resilience.

The small flurry of snow caused great excitement in January and pupils certainly made the most of it! Some of our Year 4 children finding enough snow to make mini snowmen and Year 2 pupils being creative by making little shelters from paper towels and sticks to stop the snow melting during break and lunchtimes! ❄️



## FOREST SCHOOL



Pupils always get a creative Forest School session with Mrs Wilkinson and Reception have recently enjoyed theirs in the snowy weather. We receive such positive feedback during pupil voice sessions when talking about Forest School activities and participation from Reception right through to Year 6.

Recent sessions have included:

- Reception painting their snowy footprints using pipettes and paint to mix colours and create new ones
- Year 6 making dens for their buddies to come and test out.
- Forest School Club Year 5 and 6 using the secateurs to cut willow withies to make Dreamcatchers and playing



Foxes Tails! 🦊

- Year 5 and 6 Forest School Club looking at the trees in the forest and talking about which trees are evergreen and which are deciduous. Observational drawings using natural materials for the colour including mud, grass and leaves.

Great creativity everyone! Thank you for always making Forest School so inspirational Mrs Wilkinson!



## YEAR 6 TRIP TO SAFETY CENTRAL

Year 6 went on a trip to Safety Central in Lymm last week.

They took part in many activities learning about how to keep safe associated with fires, road safety, travel, cyber, building sites, water, accidents at home, bullying, keeping healthy, the countryside code and first aid.

The day was full of interactive information and practical activities starting and ending with an interactive quiz to test knowledge and understanding. Sounds like a fantastic and informative day with buzzing Year 6 chatter on their return!

## YEAR 4 MUSICAL PERFORMANCE



Our Year 4 have been playing their instruments since September and showed their huge progress and talent during a musical performance in January. Mrs Hancock and our music tutors (Mrs Carver and Mrs Thomas) are delighted with the enthusiasm and commitment to practising from this year group.

Thank you to all of our parents and grandparents who were able to join us for the performance.

Well done Year 4!

## ECO TEAM COMPETITION



We were really proud of our Eco Team Leaders who set the eco competition to use recycled wrapping paper, boxes and Christmas recycling to create gingerbread houses. We were delighted with the number of entries and



how creative pupils had been. Congratulations to everyone who took part and received a handmade Bee-More keyring designed and made by Mrs Amner. And well done to Nehir in KS1 and Oliver in KS2 who won overall receiving a handmade furry bee notebook made by Mrs Amner. Thank you Mrs Amner! ☆

## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Congratulations to Isabella in Year 5 who has gained a distinction in her recent ABRSM Grade 1 piano exam – well done! ☆

Freddie in Year 6 has been continuing in his impressive trampolining. He has now been selected for the 2024 Great Britain squad for double mini trampoline - the youngest ever to be selected!

Freddie will be part of the Junior Development Programme which is a new addition to the Great Britain Performance Pathway for 2024. We wish Freddie the best of luck in his new venture and know he will take it all in his stride!



Eliza in Year 1 got "Star Of The Week" last week at her musical theatre group, Razzamataz! She's had the award a couple of times but, this time, her teacher wrote a little note on the back explaining that the award was for being, "always so lovely to teach! Such a happy girl and always working so hard!"

We are very proud of you Eliza – well done! ☆



## PTA

The PTA are currently planning for spring and summer term events. Look out for:

- Springo Bingo and Bunny Hop in March
- Break The Rules before Easter break
- Rainbow Raffle after Easter



More information from the PTA to follow.

## UNIFORM AND JEWELLERY REMINDERS



A few reminders regarding school uniform and jewellery:

Parents are asked to ensure that children's shoes are safe to run and play in. Shoes need to be flat. Tights and socks should be plain. Boots or open toe sandals are not permitted to be worn in school.

We prefer jewellery not to be worn during the school day. If children are wearing earrings, they must be small studs. To ensure children are safe during P.E. sessions, earrings should be removed before the lesson or covered with surgical tape.

Watches can be worn in Key Stage Two although parents are asked to note that we cannot accept responsibility for loss of, or damage to, personal property.

Hairbands and hair accessories should be appropriate for the school day.

**Please ensure that all of your children's items are clearly labelled** including hats, scarves and gloves. Any lost property is listed on Class Dojo half termly by Mrs Halewood. Children need a coat in school every day. We try and go out at break and lunchtimes as long as it's not raining too heavily!

## YOUNG CARERS



We were pleased to welcome Emma Lightfoot from Cheshire Young Carers into school last week. She delivered an assembly and worked with Years 1-6 giving them an insight into life as a young carer. Cheshire Young Carers works collaboratively with its education centre partners to improve attendance, achievement and the overall educational experiences for young carers. They have developed a unique assessment tool which accurately measures the impact a caring role is having upon a young carer's attainment, attendance and emotional wellbeing in schools. The programmes have been designed to support all ages of young carers with wide ranging interests and they are able to offer advice, holiday and after school clubs and some support in school.

## MONSTER PHONICS BOOKS



Please can we request that all Monster Phonics books which are sent home weekly are looked after. We only own one set of each book in school so we have no spares. Books are sent home in plastic wallets to help keep them clean and dry. Please help us to look after school books that are invaluable to teaching our phonics scheme. They are very expensive to purchase and we do not have the budget to replace any sets (we cannot purchase individually). Thank you for your support.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

This month our linked governor has visited the school to discuss the Pupil and Sport Premiums and ensure the most effective and impactful allocation of funds. Also of note was a Chairs meeting organised by The Learning Trust to encourage exchange of views and ideas across the governing boards of the 4 schools, which we intend to become a regular event.

Our next governing board meeting here at Belgrave is later this month.

Thanks,  
Belgrave Governing Board

## NETBALL SUCCESS



Hot off the press news this morning – Our Year 4 netball team played exceptionally well yesterday in a tournament held at Blacon High School. The team won three games and drew two which is a fantastic achievement. Mr Philips was very proud of their performance. Well done to Cora, Alice, Casey, Theo, Sophie H, Lily, Abigail and Olivia!

We look forward to our Year 5 and 6 team attending their tournament today. ☆

## ATTENDANCE FROM FAMILIES AT THE LEARNING TRUST NEURODIVERSITY WORKSHOP

Thank you to all of our Belgrave families that attended The Learning Trust 'Understanding Stress & Coping - a workshop for neurodivergent families' session held at Queen's Park High School yesterday. Miss Taylor was delighted with the positive feedback from many of our families that attended the workshop.

We were delighted that Gareth D Morewood, Education Adviser at Studio III was able to offer a free workshop for all our Trust schools focusing on stressors young people face and how to help plan to reduce these and increasing coping strategies. There were practical ideas and examples shared from Gareth's experiences working with families, young people and educational settings globally.

We look forward to more sessions being held within The Learning Trust.

## AND FINALLY....

- Any pupils arriving after the close of school will be registered with a late mark. KS2 gates will close at 8.50am and KS1 gates at 8.55am. Please ensure your child arrives before this time each morning.
- 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.
- Our perimeter fencing which has replaced the broken fencing around school is due for completion by half term. Thank you for your patience especially at the front entrance whilst the works have been carried out.
- 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)
- We will be exploring Children's Mental Health week with the theme: **Your Voice Matters** in school next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Juliette Benton  
Headteacher



**DIARY DATES**

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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
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bedtime Story session for KS1 pupils 4.15pm – 5.15pm
<b>March</b>	
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 trip to Liverpool Museum
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)
<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)
<b>May</b>	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – no school
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – 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
<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)
<b>July</b>	
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)