

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 some sunny weather in February so hope you managed to make the most of it. The mornings are getting a bit lighter and the daffodils, crocuses and tulips are blooming in our grounds so Spring does certainly look like it's here!

We are looking forward to a half term of exciting learning including many trips and preparations for residential visits after Easter.

Mrs Halewood has been sorting through lost property again – please can we remind you that all items need labelling. We are always left with so many items each term that do not have names in. Please help us to reduce the amount of lost property.

YEAR 1 TRIP TO CHESTER ZOO



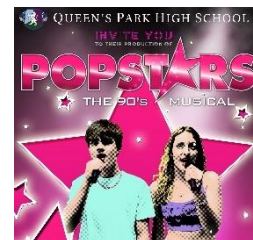
Year 1 enjoyed an action-packed day trip to the zoo before half term. Despite the rain, they had lots of fun exploring the animals and a workshop with Winnie the Owl. Their behaviour was excellent and made us proud! Year 1 have been enjoying their follow up work including their lion artwork (picture at top of newsletter) inspired by the artist Sarah Taylor and their amazing story maps in Literacy.



YEAR 5 VISIT TO QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL SHOW

Year 5 were invited to watch the recent show 'Popstars' – The 90s Musical' at Queen's Park High School before half term.

They were impressed with the show and enjoyed seeing students performing who formerly attended Belgrave!



CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS



新年快乐! Pupils enjoyed preparing for Chinese New Year before half term.

Reception had a lovely morning learning about Chinese dragons and designing their own creations.

Year 5 learnt that Chinese dragons are often benevolent and that was reflected in their own ideas. Year 5 had some fantastic characters such as Integrity Dragon,

Valentines Dragon and many more!

Year 4 had a fabulous afternoon learning about Chinese dragons and their nature. This learning inspired Year 4 dragon designs. The children really impressed Miss Fitzgerald by



adding Mandarin names and introducing their dragons in Mandarin.

Reception have been learning about Lunar New Year. Mrs Mak came in to talk to the children about how she celebrates with her family! A big thank you Mrs Mak, Reception loved hearing about it!



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Veronica (and some of her other classmates) was so inspired by our Chinese New Year topic, she was eager to go to the parade in Chester where she saw the dragon and lion dance, had dragon face painting and got another lucky red envelope! This is a great to see – well done Veronica! ☆

Super swimming achievements in Year 2 with Logan and Rose both receiving certificates for their distance awards – well done! ☆ ☆





Alfie in Year 2 has been to Austria skiing for the first time. It sounds like he had a fabulous time and his ski lessons went extremely well! Well done Alfie and to your brother William in Year 5 who made it to the red run! ☆

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Following on from a whole school assembly where the theme was introduced, each class spent some time working on this year's theme for Children's Mental Health week: "Your voice

matters."

Year 3 were thinking about things that matter to them and created some great artwork.



FUNNYBONES WORKSHOPS FOR YEAR 5 AND 6



Following on from the successful archaeology workshops for KS1, Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed a Funny Bones workshop this week.

The children learnt all about archaeology and how archaeologists can use bones to find out about the past.



Activities included putting together skeletons and estimating the age of a skeleton.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

We had a full governing board meeting before half term where link visits were shared and regular items such as finance, policies and achievement were discussed.

The new perimeter fencing was part of our Health and Safety / Safeguarding section of our agenda.

One of our governors, Debs Forest enjoyed an art day in Year 4 recently and was particularly impressed with the children's enthusiasm and engagement.

We meet again as a full board this month where the changes in the curriculum will be looked at in more depth.

If you have any questions then please contact the school office.

Many thanks,
Belgrave Governing Board





PTA still need volunteers for the Springo Bingo so if you can help in any way or would like to be the official bingo caller then please contact Kat Pudney on 07769 334530.

BEDTIME STORY READING EVENT

Reception and Key Stage 1 enjoyed a Bedtime Story session this week. They listened to staff read from their favourite books and had time reading with their grown up. It was lovely to see so many families attending.



YEAR 3 VISIT TO LACHE LIBRARY



Year 3 enjoyed a visit to our local Lache library yesterday. They loved discovering and choosing books to share with friends as well as enjoying Martin (the librarian) reading two funny stories at the end of their trip. The children selected some books that they might like to look out for next time in the library and the opportunity to become a member.



AND FINALLY...

- We are looking for any donations of compost or plants/shrubs/gardening materials for our pupils to use during outdoor gardening activity times. Please let us know if you can help.
- Please report all pupil absences to the school office absence line **by phone** by 9.15am. Please do NOT use School Spider to send messages as they are not accessed.
- 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
- Please ensure you book your Pupil Learning Review slot; bookings open at 4pm on 13th March – an email went out with more information on Tuesday 27th February. Bookings close at midday on Monday 25th March.

Thank you for your continued support.
Juliette Benton
Headteacher



DIARY DATES

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March	
Wed 6 th	PTA Springo Bingo 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Thurs 7 th	World Book Day
Tues 19 th	Year 4 trip to Liverpool Museum (TBC due to possible Museum strike action)
Tues 26 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wed 27 th	Pupil Learning Reviews 1.00pm – 5.00pm
Thurs 28 th	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
April	
Mon 15 th	Pupils return to school
Wed 17 th	Year 3 trip to Ness Gardens
Wed 24 th	Year 4 residential visit to Tattenhall (1 night)
May	
Mon 6 th	Bank Holiday – no school
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th	Year 6 SATs
Mon 20 th	Year 3 residential visit to Delamere (1 night)
Wed 22 nd	Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights)
Fri 24 th	Last Day of Half Term
June	
Mon 3 rd	Inset Day
Tue 4 th	Pupils return to school
Wed 12 th	Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)
Fri 28 th	Year 1 trip to West Kirby beach
July	
Tues 23 rd	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)