

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



Yesterday, pupils and staff wore yellow and blue to raise as much money as we can towards the crisis in Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity – we were overwhelmed to have received a total of £610.22 - a truly fantastic amount.

It's that time of year when Key Stage Two residential visits will soon begin and the summer term is upon us. We have many exciting events to fit in this term.

Westminster Park Residents Association are organising a Jubilee picnic and fun day for families on Saturday 4th June – a date for your diaries, with lots of activities and performances planned. School will be taking part in the preparations for the event including designing a poster and Queen's crown.

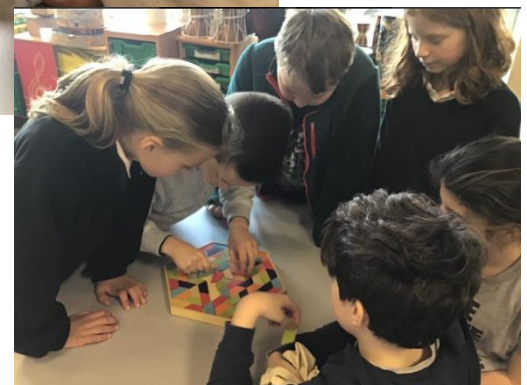
It's lovely to see the grounds looking so colourful after all the planting at Grounds Day back in October – what a difference it makes! We have been fortunate to enjoy a couple of weeks of sunshine which also lifts spirits. Wishing you all an enjoyable Easter break.



MATHS PUZZLE COMPANY



Pupils were very lucky to have the Puzzle Company working with all classes at the beginning of March. Each class had a workshop exploring a range of puzzles - the engagement and focus was amazing. Thank you to the PTA who funded the workshops – a super use of fundraised money!



WIMPEY HOMES DESIGN A CARD COMPETITION



Naomi in Year 1 has been chosen as the winner for her design in her age category and overall, which means that it will be featured in the village's official Welcome Card, for use when new residents begin to move into the Moat Village houses this spring.

The judges were really impressed with Naomi's design and look forward to seeing it in print!

Naomi has also won a ceramics workshop for her class – brilliant!

CHESTER ZOO TRIP



Year 1 had a fabulous trip to Chester Zoo in March. The meerkats got a special treat as the children read their Meerkat Mail letters to them aloud. Staff were so impressed with the children's behaviour whilst touring the zoo and during the educational workshop. Zoo staff were very impressed with the children's knowledge and recall of scientific facts linked to animals and habitats.



THOMAS'S BUG HOTEL



Thomas has been busy making a wooden bug hotel with his Grandad which he has kindly donated to school. We were so impressed with the time which has been spent making this detailed piece – thank you Thomas – it's superb and I'm sure we'll have lots of Belgrave bugs living there!

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Rebekah in Year 6 took part in the Menai swim gala in Llandudno on Sunday. She got two bronze medals for her 100m free style and 100m back crawl races, achieving personal best times. Brilliant news!



Abigail, Mair and Matthew (all in Year 2) took their White Stripe Kubz grading at Chester Taekwon-do in March and were presented with their certificates. Great news for all three children! ★

Hamish and Heather in Year 3 have both been awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Awards at 1st Saltney (St Mark's) Beavers



which is the highest award you can earn as a Beaver. Fantastic news for you both!



Eliza in Year 2 has progressed to the next level at her horse-riding class. She loves it and also learns how to look after and care for the ponies each week. Eliza looks very happy riding her pony here – a natural!

Aoife in Reception won several races in the swimming gala last weekend and is very proud of her medal. This is a fabulous achievement – well done Aoife!



Finally in the achievements outside school, we are really proud of Eleanor in Year 3 who has just received her Level 5 swimming award. I was lucky enough to take swimming last week and see Eleanor's amazing swimming ability – well done!



CHOIR DAY



On Saturday 19TH March, Mrs Hancock and I took a group of choir members to take part in the Northwest Singing Partnership Singing Day in Stockport. We had a fantastic day performing songs that Mrs Hancock had taught the choir at school plus a few new ones that we were taught on the day. It was a great experience to sing alongside other choirs and schools and to sing in harmony. Thank you to Ms Fitzgerald

(Tess's Mum) who helped us on the day and a special thanks to Mrs Hancock who spent many lunchtimes putting on extra choir sessions to ensure we were ready! We were very proud of our Belgrave children who represented our school so impeccably. Well done to everyone!



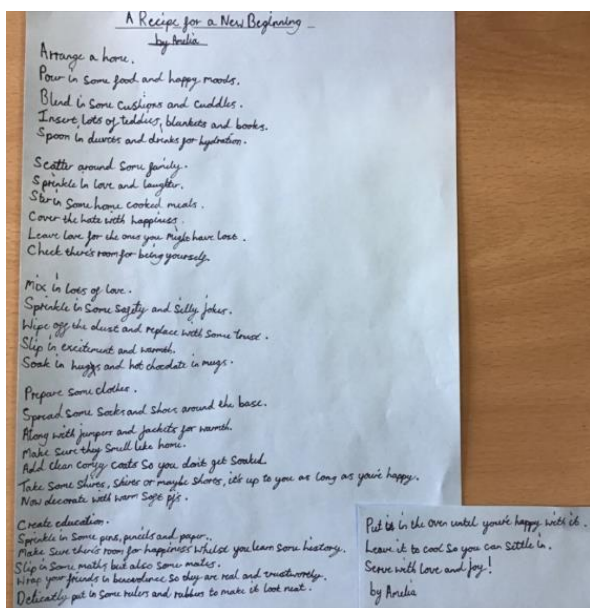
DOWN SYNDROME ASSEMBLY



We were really pleased that pupils celebrated World Down Syndrome day with us on 21st March wearing their odd socks to represent the 3 strands of Chromosome 21 which just happen to look like socks! Thank you to all of the children who bought a gingerbread biscuit which helped us raise an amazing £241.20 for Cheshire Down Syndrome support group.

Steve from Cheshire Down Syndrome support group sent a lovely email about his assembly here that morning: ***It felt like a great assembly to me (never like to judge) and everyone was wonderful (thanks to Charlie for his excellent IT support) – Belgrave is such a lovely school. It was great to meet Rowan and include him in the way we did. Our sincerest thanks to you all for your wonderful support.***

POETRY PROJECT



Year 5 are participating in an interesting poetry project about Refugees - a very apt topic given the terrible war in Ukraine. The focus has been on performance poetry and pupils have explored the work of different poets such as Brian Bilson, John Agard, Valerie Bloom, Roger McGough and Michael Rosen to name but a few. Inspired by Benjamin Zephaniah's poem called 'The British', which is presented as a recipe, Year 5 then wrote our own poems thinking about what it would be like to be a refugee in this country. The title is 'A Recipe for New Beginnings'. Margaux has been selected to present her poem at the Storyhouse at the start of April with other participating schools. All the children wrote very thoughtful, emotive pieces and made our task very difficult!

COVID-19 UPDATE ON GUIDANCE 'LIVING WITH COVID'

Know the symptoms of COVID-19

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have any of these symptoms you should order a PCR test. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

Pupils who have coronavirus should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test from five days after their symptoms started, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, followed by another test on the next day. They can return to school if both these tests are negative, and they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

As has previously been the case, we will offer full remote learning if your child is isolating.

Close contacts do not have to test daily or self-isolate

Pupils should continue to attend school as normal even if they have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus. Further information for parents on the school updates can be found by following the link below:

[What-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges](#)

PUPIL ASSEMBLIES



Thank you to Isaac in Year 5 who delivered a super informative assembly on asthma last week. Pupils said they felt better informed and had learnt a lot more about asthma after Isaac's presentation. He had prepared an engaging set of slides and pupils listened carefully.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

Spring Term.

Governors have met this term to discuss ongoing business-as-usual matters relating to the educational and financial management of the school, which officially converted to academy status and joined The Learning Trust on 1st December 2021.

We hope you and your children have had an enjoyable and productive

We would also like to invite parents to apply for a parent governor role on the Governing Board in May. The role gives parents the opportunity to contribute to our community by supporting the strategic management of the school from both an educational and operational perspective.

The role of any governor, including a parent governor, is to govern the school in the best interest of the pupils. Governors are elected in order to contribute to the work of the governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school, contributing to strategic discussion and holding senior leaders to account by monitoring school performance and ensuring money is well spent.

Governors are expected to meet twice a term; once for a committee meeting, focusing on either the educational or operational side of the school and then once again for a full Governing Board meeting to discuss school matters.

Governors are also encouraged to attend relevant training courses where appropriate and / or necessary. They can also volunteer for specific governor roles on the board, if they wish to.

If you are interested in the parent governor role and would like to find out more about it before applying, I would be very happy to talk to you about it.

Please feel free to email me at cjennings@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like to discuss the role further.

We wish you all a wonderful Easter break!

Thank you,

Belgrave's Governing Board

What a lovely group
of children!

(Judo instructor)

CHESS TOURNAMENT AT BELGRAVE

We hosted the next round of the chess tournament at Belgrave in March. Our coach, Mark Phillips is delighted with how the league is going and the commitment from our chess players. We look forward to more matches in the forthcoming months.

PTA



A huge thank you to everyone who attended the PTA Springgo Bingo event in school last week and to all of those children who entered the Easter bonnet competition – there were some very creative entries including a No Outsiders entry! We were delighted that so many people could attend and it was a great social event – the first we have had in a long time!

Thanks also to all of the people who helped to organise the event and help out – we could not put on these events without you – a sincere thank you! ☺

The PTA raised £484.20 which will go towards our much-needed new playground equipment for the Willow playground. Due to the continual reductions in school budgets, we would be unable to pay for workshops such as: The Puzzle Company, Drumz Aloud and House of Dance without the support of the PTA. Being a parent at school means you are a member of the PTA so please help out whenever you can – organising, helping or attending the events all helps.

We have some more events to look forward to in the summer term starting with the Rainbow Raffle and hopefully a film night too!

PLEASE VOTE FOR OUR QUEEN BEE IN THE DUCK RACE

Our duck, sponsored by Marks and Spencer, is now ready for the River Dee duck race down at The Groves, Chester! Mrs Amner gave the decorating to a group of Year 6 children who have done us proud! I am sure that M and S bank will be thrilled.





We wish our Queen Bee duck lots of luck in the race on Saturday 9th April 2022 which will be a fun family friendly day out supporting our local Countess of Chester hospital.

Times:

12pm – Activities: view dressed ducks, colouring competition, hook a duck and puddle ducks

3pm – Duck Race on the Dee

4pm – Prizes Awarded

Votes open today on Facebook so please vote for our Queen Bee duck to be the 'Facebook Favourite'. Voting closes on 8th April.

AND FINALLY.....

- School attendance is mandatory for **all pupils** of compulsory school age. Any holidays in term time cannot be authorised.
- Please continue to let us know of any achievements made outside school so that we can share them in our newsletters by emailing to admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk
- Please **do not** use Class Dojo to message staff. If you need to get in touch then email the school office: admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk who will contact the appropriate person.
- It was lovely to be able to welcome parents back into school for Pupil Learning Reviews this week. It was wonderful to see children sharing their books with parents and feeling so proud! 😊
- A reminder that car parking is available at Queens Park High School every Saturday and each day of the Easter holiday from 10am – 7pm for £3.

Juliette Benton
Headteacher



Everyone is welcome in our school but we are all different.

(Lily Year 2)



Duck Race at the River Dee, The Groves, Chester on Saturday 9th April 2022 at 3pm

DIARY DATES

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April	
Fri 1 st	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
Tue 19 th	1 st Day of Term
Tue 19 th	Manchester Theatre Company Shakespeare production of 'Romeo and Juliet' for KS2 pupils
Tue 19 th	Year 3 Residential Meeting for parents in Year 3 classroom at 4.30pm
Wed 20 th	Year 5 Residential Visit to Conway Centre
Thur 21 st	Year 5 Residential Visit to Conway Centre
Fri 22 nd	Year 5 Residential Visit to Conway Centre
Tue 26 th	Year 4 Residential Visit to Tattenhall
Wed 27 th	Year 4 Residential Visit to Tattenhall
May	
Mon 2 nd	Bank Holiday
Tue 3 rd	Return to School
Thur 26 th	Year 3 Residential Visit to Delamere
Fri 27 th	Year 3 Residential Visit to Delamere
Fri 27 th	Last Day of Half Term
June	
Sat 4 th	Westminster Park Jubilee Picnic and Fun Day (More information from WPRA)
Mon 6 th	Inset Day
Tue 7 th	Return to School
Thur 9 th	Class Photographs
Thur 16 th	Year 4 and 5 Halle orchestra visit to Manchester
July	
Wed 13 th	Year 6 trip to London
Thur 14 th	Year 6 trip to London
Fri 15 th	Year 6 return from London
Thur 21 st	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
Fri 22 nd	Inset Day