

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



We are now settled back into the summer term with residential visits already under way. Classes have made the most of the glorious weather with lots of outdoor learning taking place this week.

As reported in the April newsletter, Margaux in Year 5 performed her poem recently as part of the No Outsiders Poetry Project. This photo shows Margaux representing our school at Storyhouse where she read her fantastic poem about refugees. Performing to a full room, her Mum and Mrs Hancock were very proud of her as were we all back at school.

There will be some competitions coming out very soon linked to the family Jubilee event being organised by WPRA on Saturday 4th June so please keep a look out on Dojo over the next couple of weeks.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS FOR YEAR 4 AND 5



Year 5 enjoyed an action packed three days away at the Conway Centre after returning from the Easter break. They participated in canoeing, abseiling, nightline, zip wire, shelter building, high ropes and team building activities. Mrs Hancock, Mr Moss and Mrs Clethro were impressed with the children's participation and personal achievements. It's so lovely to see children being able to go away on residential trips once again. The experiences they gain are invaluable.



The weather was amazing for them!



Year 4 attended Tattenhall for two days last week, taking part in pond dipping, team building skills, willow fish making as well as toasting marshmallows over the campfire. They had a really action packed visit and their behaviour was impeccable.



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Over Easter, Isla in Year 3 decided that she would like to donate her long hair to The Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. The photo shows the chopped ponytail Isla sent off to the charity!



Freddie in Year 4 competed in the English qualifier for the Trampoline English Championships. He was awarded the bronze medal in age 9-10 for double mini trampoline and just missed out on qualifying for the English championships. He has been selected as first reserve for the national team. Wow!



Erin in Year 5 recently took part in U10's Vauxhall Novas GTE girls football team who won their heat in the county qualifiers in the Cheshire Pokémon Futsal tournament and will go on to represent Cheshire in the next stage at the regional finals on 7th May in Walsall.



Harry in Year 4 has recently received three new badges from Cubs - collection, knots & lashings and teamwork. He has also achieved Stage 4 at swimming and has moved up to the stroke improvement group. And finally he's raised money for Ukraine by making and selling Easter egg punnets. In total he's raised £45 from an initial loan of £1.



Last Thursday Owain and Santi from Year 5 entered the Under 11s Cheshire Phoenix basketball trial. They went through a series of tests and challenges over three weeks. Both boys were selected – fantastic news – we look forward to hearing more!

Last weekend, Ivy in Year 1 received her level 1 badge for swimming – a great achievement – well done!

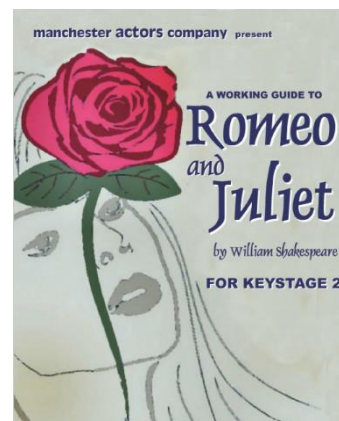
Super Swimmer!



PRODUCTION OF ROMEO AND JULIET



Key Stage Two children watched an abridged version of 'Romeo and Juliet' performed by the Manchester Actors Company. There was drama, great sadness, despair and regret, but also comedy and warmth.



COVID-19 UPDATE ON GUIDANCE 'LIVING WITH COVID'

From 1st April 2022, the government has changed the rules on accessing tests for COVID-19. As a result of this, they have removed the current guidance for schools and replaced it with the more general guidance below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

As we move into this next phase, schools will continue with measures to reduce the spread of viruses (including COVID). These actions include making sure that busy places are well-ventilated and reinforcing good hygiene practices such as hand-washing and cleaning. We would like to remind you of the key points from the updated government guidance so that you are clear about when your child should and should not attend school:

- It is no longer recommended that children and young people are routinely tested for COVID-19 (unless asked to by a health professional). If they do test positive however, they should not come into school and should try to stay at home for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they are well enough (and do not have an ongoing high temperature), they can return to school.

- Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people where they can. They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

We hope you and your children enjoyed a happy Easter and have had a good start to the summer term. Governors will meet 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 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 summer term!

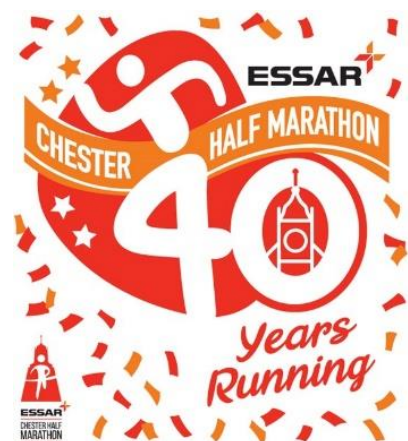
Thank you,
Belgrave's Governing Board

PTA

On 15th May, a group of Belgrave parents (Neil, Lucy, Chrissie, Nathan and Kat) will be running the Chester Half Marathon in support of Belgrave Primary School PTA. They hope to raise as much money as possible to go towards much needed new playground equipment for the school as well as new books and other learning resources and workshops for the children. Their training is in full swing and they would love to see some friendly faces on the day to help keep them going!

We are delighted that Belgrave Parent Teachers Association have already raised £450 so thank you to all who have donated. Please donate to their JustGiving Crowdfunding Page to support the half marathon runners - any support you can give would be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/belgraveparentteachers-association>



More information to follow about a film night and rainbow raffle this term.

Ice cream Friday has returned! PTA will be selling ice creams every Friday on the playground after school. Ice lollies will be 50p and Cornettos £1 all to be paid in cash to PTA.

The PTA are continuing to save for a new piece of large playground equipment for the Willow Playground.

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.

Juliette Benton
Headteacher



DIARY DATES	
May	
Mon 2 nd	Bank Holiday
Tue 3 rd	Return to School
Fri 6 th	Parent Governor election nomination deadline 12 noon
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 on school field
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

Further dates to follow for transition and Year 6 celebrations.