

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

Pupils are settled into their new classes now and there has been exceptional learning taking place across school. Reception have been focusing on being more independent with the help of their Year 6 buddies at break and lunchtimes. Year 1 have been busy at Forest School making crowns for the King and practising tying overhand knots.



Year 2 have been excited with the new launch of Monster Phonics and enjoying their interactive learning.

In Key Stage 2, Year 3 have been learning some raps at the end of their poetry unit performing some impressive rhymic and speedy performances! Year 4 have now been handed their new musical instrument and starting to play each week in Wider Opportunities sessions. Year 5's English text has been 'The Story of Katherine Johnson, NASA Mathematician' which links to the space topic for the Autumn term. Year 5 have been helping out their new Year 1 buddies which they will continue to do throughout the academic year. Year 6 have been working hard on their World War II topic and are due to visit Western Approaches Museum later this half term. Year 6 No Outsiders book this half term is 'Dreams of Freedom', an inspiring book linked to Amnesty International and Human Rights. There have been discussions around the concept of freedom and the class have had some really interesting ideas.

## MUSIC MARK

For the second year, we have been awarded Music Mark. This recognises the value that Belgrave places on music and we add to the growing network of Music Mark Schools supported across the UK as a Music Subject Association.

A huge thank you to Mrs Hancock for all the hard work she leads to ensure that our pupils are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. The award recognises the dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum.



PROUD TO BE A  
MUSIC MARK  
SCHOOL

2022 - 2023

Recently, we have had a number of Year 6 children achieve their grade 1 accreditation in instrument exams including:

- Amelia – Clarinet
- Emily – Clarinet
- Santi – Clarinet
- Margaux – Trumpet
- Ciara – Trumpet
- Elspeth – Flute

Congratulations to all of these pupils – a brilliant achievement!



## GROUNDS DAY

We were delighted with the number of families who joined us at our Grounds Day Welcome Event on Friday despite the rain! It was lovely to see so many people helping to tidy and brighten up our school. What a difference it makes! Thank you to the PTA who organised refreshments and to all of you who donated money and gardening supplies. A huge thank you to Isaac's (Year 6) parents who secured many items from Homebase and Grosvenor Garden Centre and delivered them to school.



**ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL**



Thomas in Year 6 has been busy making a hedgehog house with his Grandad and very kindly donated it to school. Mr Amner helped Thomas find the best place for it in the vegetable patch area. We are hoping that some spiky friends may come and visit and even hibernate there during the colder months. Thank you to Thomas!



Last week Evan in Year 2 was named “Judoka of the week” at his judo class with Chester Judo Club. He was also named player of the game for Westminster Park Romans (U7’s). He was selected for this by the opponent’s coach for his performance. What a fantastic week for Evan and amazing achievements – well done!

**CROSS COUNTRY**



The School Cross Country Race Series is back up and running for the new academic year. We have been fortunate that many children and parents have organised attending the cross country events at Ellesmere Sports Village, Stanney Lane over the past couple of years and we have performed extremely well in the overall results table.

If your child is in Year 3 -6 and they would like to attend, the dates are as follows:  
 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
 Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Races start at 10am and registration is from 9am.



**DEE RADIO 'SCHOOL OF THE WEEK'**

We are excited to have been chosen as ‘School of the Week’ on Dee Radio 106.3FM . We welcomed Darren from the radio station to Belgrave last Thursday where our ambassadors were interviewed about life at school. Listen to our pupils each day this week Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm. And huge thanks to our ambassadors who did an amazing job. We are very proud. 🙌



## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

We hope that you and your children have had a good start to the new academic year and that your children are continuing to settle into school well.

Belgrave (as part of The Learning Trust) are still in communication with the Local Authority following our consultation period regarding the Moat Park satellite provision on Wrexham Road. We have not yet submitted a Full Business Case review and we will keep you updated of any progress in future correspondence.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the rest of this half term and we also wish you a very good half-term break.

Thank you,

Belgrave Governing Board

## PTA – PLEASE HELP – MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It was great to see such a good turnout at the grounds afternoon/ social last Friday. Thank you to those who braved the elements.

The PTA are delighted to be funding the new playground equipment due to be installed on the Willow playground and costing approximately £11,000. The PTA will also be paying for the children's ice creams at the Floral Pavilion pantomime just before Christmas.

We have a number of events this term so please look out for notifications on email/Dojo/Class What's app in the forthcoming weeks.

## **In order for these planned events to take place, we desperately need more volunteers to help out with our fundraising efforts.**

All parents are automatically members of the PTA.

Please get in touch with either myself Liz Lucas (Alys's Mum Y5) or Vicki Harrod (Joseph's Mum Y6) or if you are able to volunteer at any of the planned events that would be a great help. Also if anyone is able to donate a raffle prize for the school Christmas fair please let us know.

Upcoming Events are:

- Wednesday 19th October - Fancy Dress Disco TBC
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Break the Rules Day
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Film night (straight from school) so parents have an extra two hours to do Christmas shopping
- Friday 9th December - Christmas Fair

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS FITZGERALD

Congratulations to Miss Fitzgerald who completed the Chester Marathon yesterday to raise money for The British Heart Foundation. We are all very proud of your fantastic achievement!

## AND FINALLY.....

- Please make any payments to SchoolMoney in advance of any club or lunch taken in order to keep all accounts in credit. We would like to ask that no account is showing money owing to school as this can effect the cash flow in the school's budget.
- School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. Any holidays in term time cannot be authorised. Please report any pupil absences to the school office 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)
- 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](mailto:admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk) who will contact the appropriate person.
- Dogs are NOT allowed on school premises and this includes all of the playgrounds.

Juliette Benton

Headteacher



## DIARY DATES

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<b>October</b>	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dee Radio featuring Belgrave Primary every day this week at 4.30pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of half term
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	Return to school
<b>November</b>	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 trip to Western Approaches Museum
W/b Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Learning Reviews
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil flu vaccinations
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Lantern Parade in Chester City Centre (TBC Year 4) approximately 6pm
<b>December</b>	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Westminster Park Light Switch On (School Choir to sing) approximately 5pm
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	Rec and KS1 Christmas Performance for parents 1.30pm
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rec and KS1 Christmas Performance for parents 9.45am KS2 Christmas Performance for parents 5.00pm
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Performance for parents 9.30am
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 – 6 trip to Cinderella Pantomime at Floral Pavillion, New Brighton
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
<b>January '23</b>	
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
<b>February</b>	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
<b>March</b>	
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
<b>April</b>	
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
<b>May</b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday – no school
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Return to School
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 residential visit to Delamere (1 night)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights)
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 return from residential
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 return from residential
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
<b>June</b>	
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 return from residential
<b>July</b>	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)