

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



We made a brilliant £750 for Children In Need. Thank you to all families for your generosity and thank you to Mrs Clethro who organised the day. The children certainly liked wearing their pyjamas! Well done to Ben in Year 2 who won the huge Pudsey Bear in the raffle!

Our Christmas festivities are well under way with preparations for performances in school, the lantern parade last night and the light switch on at Westminster Park shops tonight. Thank you to Mrs Hancock and our school choir for opening the event.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 9th December at 5pm.

PLATINUM SPORTS MARK AWARD

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games PLATINUM Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those pupils who haven't previously been active or represented our school.



We believe in the power of physical activity and sport as a school. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A huge thanks to Mr Moss who has enabled us to reach this point after six years of previous Sports Mark Awards.

YEAR 4 LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP WITH ALI PITT



Year 4 had an action packed and enjoyable day making lanterns with local artist, Ali Pitt. The lantern parade took place last night in Chester City Centre.

It was lovely to see so many families attending such a magical evening. Thank you for joining us for this event. 😊



YEAR 3 TRIP TO ST MARY'S CHURCH

Year 3 had a brilliant visit to St Mary's Church in Handbridge.

The children had booklets and investigated the church to find different artefacts. Rev Ric explained about the different robes he wears at different times of the year.

The children found out about what you will find in a Christian church and asked Rev Ric lots of questions!



YEAR 6 TRIP TO WESTERN APPROACHES



Year 6 enjoyed a day at Western Approaches as part of their World War II History topic. The Western Approaches was the headquarters for the Battle of the Atlantic and has a fascinating range of artefacts which allow the children to experience history first hand.

YEAR 5 TRIP TO RIVER DEE

Year 5 had a great day out by the River Dee, learning more about the weir

originally built by Hugh Lupus in 1093 and sketching the Suspension Bridge and the Old Dee Bridge.

They enjoyed a lovely walk there and back, with everyone representing Belgrave impeccably.



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Lucy was extremely proud to receive her very own letter from King Charles III which included a lovely message and a photograph of him with his mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

Lucy received the letter after sending him a special card to Buckingham Palace recently. It's certainly a keepsake to treasure for ever!

Lovely news Lucy! 😊



Aurelia in Reception had her first dance show at the Storyhouse Theatre in November. She was very proud to have performed live on stage with many other children.

Well done Aurelia! 😊





Felix was taking part in a 'keepy uppy' challenge every day in November to raise money for the Bobby Moore Fund and Cancer Research. He's been out every day come rain or shine doing as many as he can, and has had some generous donations! For more information, click on the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/linseys-bobby-moore-fund-keepy-uppy-challenge-giving-page>

Many pupils from Belgrave attended the Remembrance services at the war graves in Overleigh Cemetery and afterwards at St Mary's Church with their uniformed groups in November. Mrs Chaplin was very



proud to have been there and said our pupils were all impeccably behaved, very respectful and looked super smart in their uniforms.

Patrick in Year 3 was particularly proud and excited about attending and very articulate in telling me all about his time at the service.

BOOK FAIR



A huge thank you to all of the parent helpers who helped with our book fair last month. We had so many pupils and families visit and purchase books. We now have some money from the book fair to buy some new books for school which our bookworms are busily organising.

If any children purchased a book from our book fair or read a new one over the Christmas break and would like to send in a book review for our January newsletter, that would be great! Please email them in via admin@belgrave.cheshire.sch.uk

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

We hope that you and your children have had a good second half of term so far and that you are all looking forward to Christmas.

We met as a Full Board in October to discuss matters relating to the educational and financial management of the school and we are going to meet again in early December.

Belgrave, as part of The Learning Trust, are still in communication with the Local Authority following our consultation period regarding the Moat Park school 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 a very merry Christmas!

Thank you,
Belgrave Governing Board

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

What a fantastic afternoon the girls football team had at the Chester football tournament, coming 3rd overall! They won their group comfortably qualifying for the semi finals before narrowly missing out on a place in the final. Then in the 3rd place playoff they won a nail biting penalty shoot out! They now go through to represent Chester schools in a regional tournament. The team were celebrated in assembly and received certificates from the organisers. Well done to all of them and Mark for coaching them 🏆



Mr Moss was impressed with the team who represented Belgrave at a football tournament last Friday.

There were fifteen primary schools taking part in the tournament at Christleton High School and our team played with great team spirit and respect for others.

Well done to everyone involved! 😊

CHRISTMAS POST BOX OPEN ON THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Our Belgrave post box will be open from today, Thursday 1st December for any pupils to post cards. Please ensure the recipient child's name is clear as well as their year group. The last post will be on Thursday 15th December. Any cards posted after this date will not be delivered.

AND FINALLY.....

- 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
- School reopens for all pupils on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Finally, from all the staff, pupils and governors at Belgrave School, we wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and a prosperous new year 2023!

Juliette Benton
Headteacher



(My new portrait by Lucy in Year 2)



DIARY DATES	
December	
Thurs 1 st	Westminster Park Light Switch On (School Choir to sing) approximately 5pm
Fri 2 nd	Sing The Christmas Story at Chester Cathedral (School Choir only)
Fri 2 nd	Non-uniform Day – bring your wrapping room donation and any raffle or tombola donations for PTA Christmas Fair.
Tue 6 th	Rec and KS1 Christmas Performance for parents 1.30pm
Wed 7 th	Year 4 Roman trip to Chester
Wed 7 th	Rec and KS1 Christmas Performance for parents 9.45am KS2 Christmas Performance for parents 5.00pm
Thurs 8 th	KS2 Christmas Performance for parents 9.30am
Fri 9 th	PTA Christmas Fair 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Wed 14 th	Christmas dinner (wear non-uniform / Christmas clothes)
Thurs 15 th	Y1 – 6 trip to Cinderella Pantomime at Floral Pavilion, New Brighton
Fri 16 th	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
January '23	
Tue 3 rd	Inset Day
Wed 4 th	Pupils return to school
February	
Fri 17 th	Last Day of Half Term
Tue 28 th	Pupils return to school
March	
Fri 31 st	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)
April	
Mon 17 th	Pupils return to school
Wed 26 th	Year 4 residential visit to Tattenhall (1 night)
Thurs 27 th	Year 4 return from residential
May	
Mon 1 st	Bank Holiday – no school
Tue 2 nd	Return to School
Mon 8 th	Additional Bank Holiday His Majesty's Coronation – no school
Mon 22 nd	Year 3 residential visit to Delamere (1 night)
Mon 22 nd	Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights)
Tues 23 rd	Year 3 return from residential
Wed 24 th	Year 5 return from residential
Fri 26 th	Last Day of Half Term
June	
Mon 5 th	Inset Day
Tue 6 th	Pupils return to school
Thurs 8 th	Tempest Class Photographs
Mon 12 th	Year 6 residential to London (2 nights)
Wed 14 th	Year 6 return from residential
W/b 19 th	Interfaith Week
July	
Fri 21 st	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)