



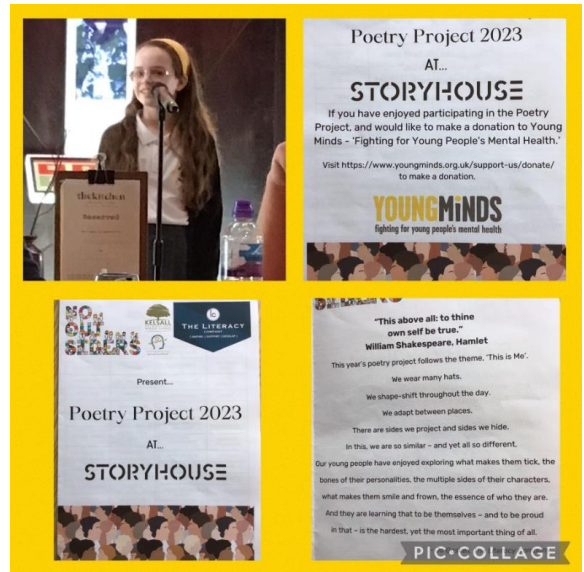
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,

It's been a busy yet short half term with lots of learning and achievements. Thank you to all parents for sharing in our celebration assemblies and supporting children in their achievements such as the recent music concert.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Easter break. Let's hope the weather stays dry and we even have a bit of sunshine.

We were really proud of Lucy from Year 5 representing Belgrave at the Storyhouse Poetry Project 2023 last week. She shared her poem 'This is me', performing it with confidence and expression in front of a packed theatre.

Year 5 have all enjoyed working on this poetry unit Young Minds- 'Fighting for Young People's Mental Health'.



CHOIR DAY



Our amazing school choir spent a singing day at Winsford Academy on Saturday 18th March collaborating with other school choirs from the North West to create a wonderful performance. Thank you to Mrs Hancock for preparing and leading our choir so well, we had many compliments on their musical ability as well as behaviour and attitude.



DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE

A Trip to London was the highlight of last week's assemblies! The KS2 drama group performed this very funny play to the whole school and parents under the direction of Joe Mann, our talented drama teacher who provides drama club after school on Tuesdays.

NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME DAY

On 21st March we celebrated National Down Syndrome Day by wearing bright socks in school and buying gingerbread sock biscuits. We are delighted to have raised £200 for the charity which Mrs Amner will now send off. On Tuesday, Steve from Down Syndrome Cheshire joined us at Belgrave to deliver an interactive assembly to the whole school. Thank you to everyone for



celebrating this special day with us.



BELGRAVE DUCK

We were asked by M and S Bank to decorate the duck that they sponsored in aid of Countess of Chester. Mrs Amner supported Trudy, Mollie and Amelia from Year 6 in designing and decorating the duck and did a truly fabulous job! Our pupils went for a No Outsiders themed duck with the very important message printed on its back: Everyone is different; everyone is welcome. Our Belgrave duck is now all ready for the duck race on Saturday 1st April. Please go to the Chester Duck Race Facebook page to see the Facebook Favourite Album of ducks.

The duck race gets underway at 3pm at the River Dee with activities from 12 noon. Please see attached flier on Dojo for more information.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Heidi from Year 6 recently took part in the Dancing Gemz 10th Anniversary Show at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall. She took part in an Acro dance to Revolting Children from Matilda in front of over 500 people over 2 shows. Well done Heidi. 😊

Ciara in Year 6 received her Gold Award from Brownies in March. The photo shows her receiving her award from Brown Owl. A proud achievement Ciara – well done! 😊



Ciara, Amelia and Trudy in Year 6 did really well playing for their football team during March. They got to the final of the cup competition and were unlucky to lose narrowly in the final. Well done to all three of you! 😊



Eleanor in Year 4 has just completed her Level 7 swimming award and was very proud talking about her achievement – well done Eleanor! 😊

MUSIC CELEBRATION AFTERNOON

Yesterday we were delighted to showcase our musical talents across school with Year 4 Wider Opps, choir, Belgrave band, recorder club, piano and guitar all performing pieces. We were so impressed with the quality of music shared and the progress that pupils have made learning their instruments. A huge thank you to Mrs Hancock for organising this event. Thank you also to parents and grandparents for attending – a fantastic turn out for all of our pupils performing!



YEAR 1 ARTIST NEWS!

Year 1 have been inspired by an artist, Sarah Taylor who is a contemporary wildlife artist based on the western coast of the English Lake District. Her distinctive graphic style plays with the juxtaposition of geometric pattern and fluid marks, to create an engaging and lively painting that still retains a sense of realism. Year 1 have designed many paintings and got in touch with Sarah Taylor to share their art. Mrs Bates was delighted to receive a reply from the artist:

“Oh my goodness this is amazing!! Thank you so much for sending the photos of the paintings your class have made – All the paintings are absolutely brilliant! What a great idea to make collaborative pieces, the team work is excellent, and I really love what the children in year 1 have created!”

Well done Year 1 – what a fabulous achievement to have such a fantastic response from the artist herself!



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

The governing board has been quite busy this month, with 3 separate visits to school to discuss and review progress and targets around our effective use of the sport and pupil premiums, the implementation of the curriculum, and the wellbeing of staff and pupils.

These visits are an essential (and enjoyable!) part of our role as critical friends of the school and we are extremely grateful for the time and effort the staff put into answering our questions and explaining and demonstrating their areas of responsibility.

We also joined a quality of education meeting with The Learning Trust board, aimed at looking for synergies and efficiencies in the way we monitor and report on key quality metrics across the Trust.

Do not hesitate to contact us via the school office if you are interested about the role of governors. Our next board meeting is in the last week of May.

We hope all our families and staff enjoy the Easter break and look forward to the next term.

Belgrave Governing Board

PTA SPRINGO BINGO SUCCESS



It was great to see so many families at the PTA Springo Bingo last night. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Bowle back to be our official Bingo caller! Thank you to all the families who came along and enjoyed in the fun as well as the donations of cakes to sell at the event.

Look out for more information about the PTA annual Rainbow

Raffle in the first half of summer term.



AND FINALLY.....

- All SchoolMoney accounts need to be in credit in order to book clubs and lunches. Please keep your account in credit and prepay any bookings.
- 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

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April	
Mon 17 th	Pupils return to school
Fri 21 st	Challenge Day – Population theme
Mon 24 th	Year 3 Residential Meeting 4.30pm in Year 3 classroom
Tues 25 th	Year 5 Residential Meeting 4.30pm in Year 5 classroom
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
Tue 6 th – Thurs 8 th	Year 5 pupils – Let's Walk
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	
Tue 4 th	Year 5 day at Catholic High School
Wed 12 th	KS2 Performance 1.30pm
Thurs 13 th	KS2 Performance 5.30pm
Fri 21 st	Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club)

