

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Belgrave,



It was so lovely to see pupils settled back after the Easter break. The summer term is always a busy one and started with a Challenge week themed around the topic 'Population'. Year 2 ended last week with their celebration assembly sharing a wide range of History, Art, Writing and Geography.

On Friday 5th May we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III with children coming to school dressed in red, white and blue; a special Coronation lunch and assembly at the end of the day. I am sure you have your own plans to mark this momentous occasion in our British history.

The PTA work tirelessly to organise events to raise money for school. We are currently working on the installation of new playground equipment for the Willow playground which is costing in excess of £18K. We can only do this with your help. Please can you offer some help with ice-cream Fridays or Rainbow Raffle this term? Without more help, these events will not be able to go ahead. (See PTA section below for more information).

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO TATTENHALL



We had this year's first residential visit last week when Year 4 visited The Tattenhall Centre. They had an action packed time orienteering, pond dipping, camp fire and team building activities. The children were very tired on return but had lots of highlights to share including the river games and the bunk beds! Thank you to staff for attending.



CHALLENGE WEEK

The whole school participated in the Challenge week when returning to school after Easter. We have been thinking about the world's increasing population and how we can support the earth for the future. Belgrave pupils are going to be incredible advocates for our planet.

Reception told us about the importance of recycling.

Year 1 used recycled paper to make new paper.

Year 2 talked about food miles and the importance of eating seasonally.

Year 3 designed eco-friendly schools for the future.

Year 4 housing for the future with roof gardens, water harvesting and turf roofs.

Year 5 shared information



about how we as humans are putting animal species in danger and how we

can prevent it.

Year 6 shared how they could help young children understand big numbers such as 90,000 - the population of Chester. Each group devised and planned a way to do this. The ideas included using cubes, showing dots on a page, blades of grass, drips of water, grains of rice, a piece of string and letters in a book. Belgrave you are inspirational our planet is safe hands!

BELGRAVE NETBALL TEAM COUNTY FINALS



We are very proud of our netball team who made it through to the county finals in Macclesfield after winning the Chester netball tournament.

They represented Chester in the Cheshire schools netball tournament finishing 2nd in the plate competition and 6th overall.

It was tough competition and our team played extremely well. Well done everyone!

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Freddie in Year 5 is continuing to make excellent progress in his trampolining at a high level. Freddie has been competing in Cardiff and Kent in April. In Cardiff, at a league qualifier, he competed in League 1 (the top league along with mostly other national level gymnasts) and was in age group 9-12 so still young in his group. He achieved a gold medal for DMT doing a double back on and a half out off the DMT which he's the youngest in the country ever to do in a competition! He will be competing in the final in the autumn in Sheffield.

In Gillingham in Kent, Freddie competed for an English championship qualifier. In the age group 9-10 he got a gold medal in trampoline and



also on double mini trampoline against 14 also competed in DMT at a higher age with 13 competitors and came first, getting a joint gold. For trampoline age 9-12 he came 10th out of 22, which is still a good result as he looked by far the youngest! Congratulations Freddie! 😊 Freddie was delighted to get a photo with Byrony Paige who was in Kent - a famous gold medal winning Olympic trampolinist!



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Well done to Logan in Year 1 who passed his first grading at Taekwondo to achieve his yellow stripe belt. A brilliant achievement! 😊

Ahead of his team's tour to Derbyshire, Hamish in Year 4 took part in 2 days of rugby. Saturday at Chester he was a Mascot for the main team, and then

on Sunday at Wilmslow played in a tournament of 6 games! His team played really well.





Heather in Year 4 was challenged by 1st Saltney Cubs to increase £3 that they gave her, for Children In Need. Heather spent the money on car shampoo and gloves and on Saturday 22nd April she offered car washes to neighbours in our cul-de-sac for a small payment. After several hours, 8 clean cars, and some generous support. Heather raised £63 for Children In Need! Well done Heather! 😊



Hugo in Year 4 passed his grade 1 acoustic guitar exam last week, he's proud of his achievement and so are his

mum, dad and Andrew Millar (guitar teacher). We were impressed to hear Hugo's talented guitar playing during the musical concert before Easter – brilliant news Hugo! 😊

THE HAPPY HIVE CHARGES

Our morning and after school club 'The Happy Hive' is run by our fantastic Teaching Assistants who are familiar to all of our pupils. Our club runs in the morning from 8.00am or 8.30am.

Our after school club runs until 4.15pm or 5.30pm (Monday – Thursday) and until 4.15pm on Friday. Bookings need to be made by 12 noon so that our cook can make the appropriate number of snacks for the children. We have a limited number of pupils that we can take each day. We cannot guarantee your child will be allocated a place at The Happy Hive unless you book in advance.

In addition, if your SchoolMoney account is not in credit, we can refuse bookings. Please pay in advance and keep your account in credit.

Despite numerous Class Dojo messages and polite requests, we still have parents picking up late from club. If you are late picking up from club a charge will be made. This is to cover staffing costs.

Charges are as follows:

Bookings up until 4.15pm: **A £5 charge is made at 4.20pm** and a further £5 subsequent 15 minute intervals.

Bookings up until 5.30pm: **A £5 charge is made at 5.35pm** and a further £5 subsequent 15 minute intervals.

A reminder that if you need to contact the Happy Hive after 4.30pm (when the school office closes) please use this number: **07586 539417**



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

This month, the governing board joined other schools in The Learning Trust to meet and question candidates to replace Nigel Follos, who's retired, as CEO. We welcome the appointment of Darran Jones, previously Headteacher of Christleton high school and look forward working with him. We extend our warmest thanks to Nigel and wish him the best in his retirement.

Also of note was our visit to school joining the staff and students last Friday for the Challenge Day and getting a first-hand look at everyone's hard work - very impressive!

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.

Belgrave Governing Board

PTA



Ice cream Fridays are one of the most popular PTA events of the year with children able to purchase an ice-cream / lolly each Friday after school. This usually happens during the summer term when the weather is warmer. In order for this to continue, PTA need help with running this. It is approximately 20-30 minutes after school every Friday. If you think you can help on any Friday in the summer term, please contact Liz Lucas or let us know at school. Without help, this cannot continue. Many children are already asking when it is starting!

If anyone can offer an hour to help wrap the hampers for Rainbow Raffle then please let us know.

AND FINALLY.....

- School lunch prices will increase from £2.45 to £2.70 from June. This increase is from our suppliers.
- 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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May	
Mon 1 st	Bank Holiday – no 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
Mon 26 th	KS2 Sports Day
Wed 28 th	Reserve KS2 Sports Day
July	
Mon 3 rd	Rec and KS1 Sports Day
Tue 4 th	Year 5 day at Catholic High School
Wed 5 th	Year 4 at Bridgewater Hall with the Halle Orchestra
Thurs 6 th	Reserve Rec and KS1 Sports Day
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)

