

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 and drama/dance club performances after school.

Staff have been making the most of the good weather with outdoor learning in many subjects. Let's hope we get some bright days over Easter. Wishing you all an enjoyable Easter break!

Remember the clocks go forward on 31st March.



DEBATING CLUB FOR YEARS 5 AND 6



We are excited that a group of sixth formers from QPHS will be running a debating club for Year 5 and 6 children after school on Tuesdays next half term.

The pupils will be planning out ideas for/against a given topic and developing their debating skills in the remaining sessions. An exciting opportunity – there are a limited number of places available so please respond promptly if your child would like to be involved in the project.

FANTASTIC MUSICAL CELEBRATION

We were delighted to showcase our musical talents across school with Year 4 Wider Opps, the choir, Belgrave band and piano and guitar pupils all performing pieces. We were so impressed with the quality of music shared and the progress that pupils have made learning their instruments. Our school choir was also fabulous.

A huge thank you to Mrs Hancock for organising this event and preparing the choir so well to perform some challenging and magnificent songs!



Thank you also to parents and grandparents for attending – a fantastic turn out for all of our pupils who performed.

Snippet videos are on School Dojo if you would like to watch again or couldn't attend the event.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Aoife in Year 2 Aoife ran her first Park Run in Chester in March. She finished 1st place in her age group which is a fantastic achievement! Well done Aoife! ☆



Olivia in Reception received star of the week at her Razzamataz theatre school this weekend for superb listening and acting. ☆



William in Year 5 got Man of the Match for scoring a try and doing his first tackle in a rugby match. He plays for Wrexham Rugby Club and he was playing against Rhyl.

This is a big achievement for William as he has been working really hard for the past few months to obtain the confidence to attempt a tackle.



Alba in Reception recently took her Squirrels promise and promised to be kind and love the planet.

We love her new Squirrel uniform! ☆



Aurelia in Year 1, Daniel in Reception and Thomas in Year 2 showed off their newly learnt Taekwon-do skills in their recent Kubz grading, gaining their white stripes.

Jess, Mair, Abigail and Ananya, all in Year 4 went over to Manchester for their grading and gained their next belts after a very rigorous testing.

If you are interested in trying Taekwon-do, there are some spaces available in the Kubz class as we've had some children graduate to the junior class. The Kubz class runs 6.10-7pm, and Juniors 7 - 7.50pm Monday at King's School. For more information www.tkd-chester.co.uk or catch Abigail's mum who is one of the instructors.



NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME DAY



On 21st March, we marked National Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly coloured socks (that look like chromosomes) and raised £213 from the purchases of gingerbread sock biscuits.



Sarah from Down Syndrome Cheshire came into school to deliver an assembly with lots of information about Down Syndrome.

We impressed her with our Makaton when singing 'Eye of The Tiger' – one of our favourite songs to sign to.

RAMADAN CELEBRATIONS



Salah in Year 2 kindly shared gifts at the start of the special celebration of Ramadan.

He explained how he would be celebrating at home and what Ramadan means to him and his family.



TESS'S SONNET

Tess has been learning about sonnets and has written a beautiful poem which I was delighted that she shared. Tess was so articulate at explaining how a sonnet is structured and its features. A very impressive and emotional poem Tess – well done! ☆

I LOOK upon a lovely summer's day,
Though it's not what the world will offer me.
There is a price that everyone must pay.
There are so many things I've yet to see.
I want to live a simply perfect life,
Where sadness, fear and doubt can't penetrate.
But every person suffers grief and strife.
But most of all we mortals suffer hate.
But happiness is what we treasure most.
Dreams slip like butter through my fingers.
Haunting me as I look on memory's ghost.
Belief and hope have fallen from my grasp,
And yet a beam of light shines bright but dim.
A tiny spark of hope flickers within.

PTA



Break The Rules day was as successful as ever with £348 raised - the children loved it and we had many superheroes and princesses in school that day!

Favourite broken rules were: bringing a cuddly toy (some bigger than others!), chocolate for snack and a change in hair colour!

The Bunny Hop has already got off to a springy start with some children choosing to dress up! Thank you for all your donations to help raise some much needed funds towards our school library.



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

The governing board met for the second time this term to review our progress against this year school annual development plan, as well as discuss our curriculum and how we can improve it even further.

We wish everyone a happy and restful Easter break, and look forward to next term.

If you have any questions then please contact the school office.

Many thanks,
Belgrave Governing Board

AND FINALLY....

Save the date: Saturday 20th April for the 2024 Duck Race at 12pm at the band stand, River Dee. This year Redrow have asked us to decorate their duck which Year 5 decided to choose a Mandarin dragon theme!

- Please ensure that all snacks at breaktime and lunchtime packed lunches are nut free due to children in school with nut allergies.
- Please report all pupil absences to the school office absence line **by**

phone by 9.15am. Please do NOT use School Spider or ClassDojo to send messages as they are not accessed.

- 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
- Please ensure you continue to book ahead for Happy Hive before and after school clubs.

Thank you for your continued support.

Juliette Benton
Headteacher



DIARY DATES

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| April | |
| Mon 15 th | Pupils return to school |
| Wed 17 th | Year 3 trip to Ness Gardens |
| Fri 19 th | PTA Ice cream Fridays begin |
| Mon 22 nd | Year 3 residential meeting for parents at 4.30pm |
| Tues 23 rd | Year 5 residential meeting for parents at 4.30pm |
| Wed 24 th | Year 4 residential visit to Tattenhall (1 night) |
| May | |
| Mon 6 th | Bank Holiday – no school |
| Tues 7 th | Postponed Year 4 trip to Liverpool Museum |
| Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th | Year 6 SATs |
| Mon 20 th | Year 3 residential visit to Delamere (1 night) |
| Wed 22 nd | Year 5 residential visit to Conway Centre (2 nights) |
| Fri 24 th | Last Day of Half Term |
| June | |
| Mon 3 rd | Inset Day |
| Tue 4 th | Pupils return to school |
| Wed 12 th | Year 6 residential to London (2 nights) |
| Thurs 20 th | PTA Summer Social |
| Fri 28 th | Year 1 trip to West Kirby beach |
| July | |
| Wed 10 th | KS2 Performance at 1.30pm (More information to follow) |
| Thurs 11 th | KS2 Performance at 5.30pm |
| Thurs 18 th | Year 6 Leavers Disco 5.00 – 6.30pm |
| Mon 22 nd | Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents 2.30pm |
| Tues 23 rd | Last Day of Term – School Closes at 2pm (No Happy Hive after school club) |