



*Delivering an outstanding learning experience for all children so they flourish and thrive; enabling them to achieve their own individual excellence.*

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

And just like that January becomes February. What an exciting first month back at Excalibur it has been! We hope your children have enjoyed their learning experiences so far in 2023.

### **Young Voices**

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, a group of children attended the Young Voices concert held at the AO Arena in Manchester. Along with 8,000 other children, our choir sang, danced and performed brilliantly. Although it was an incredibly long day, the children represented Excalibur impeccably. Many thanks to the dedicated staff who gave up their time to allow the children to have this amazing experience.

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. At school, your children will be taking part in a variety of activities on this year's theme: Let's Connect. In addition, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, children are invited to come into school wearing scarves (and wear them during the day) to raise the profile of the importance of mental health. Also next week, the children will be recognising Internet Safety Day with activities reminding the children how to keep safe online.

### **Year 3 & 4 Hockey Tournament**

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January, Miss Hilditch took a group of Year 3 & 4 children to participate in a hockey event at Alsager School as part of the Alsager Community Trust sporting events. During the session, they took part in a variety of skill-based activities where they got the opportunity to develop their dribbling, passing and shooting skills. Well done to everyone who took part.

### **Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tournament**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, a team of Year 5 & 6 children competed in the Alsager Community Trust tag rugby tournament. Led by Mrs. Thompson, the children showed superb sportsmanship and grit throughout, listening carefully to the tactical instructions in order to do brilliantly.

The team played against the four local schools, winning two games and drawing two more. Throughout the matches, every player worked together confidently, both in defence and offence. In the end, Excalibur were equal on points with another school and it went down to number of tries scores. We came runner up, with one less try scored than the opposition. A fantastic achievement!

Well done to Angel, Ella, Fin, Grace, Harry, Joel, Josh and Noah.

### **Twig Twisting with Sarah Hayes**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, children from across the school took part in a twig twisting activity with Sarah Hayes. During the days, the children worked at weaving branches together in order to produce sculptures. Sarah was impressed with the children's focus and concentration throughout the sessions. Keep an eye out at the front of school to see the finished creations.

### **OPAL**

As you will be aware, we have been working in recent months to develop the outdoor play and learning provision for our children's lunchtimes. Visit the following page on our school website to take find out what our lunchtimes currently look like, including some wonderful snow-themed photographs:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/opal/113550>.

We are always striving to further improve our offer, so if you have any toys or other items which you think would be suitable please let us know by emailing [contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk) or speaking to a member of staff.

In particular over the next couple of weeks, we are looking for dressing up items to add to our box on the playground.

### **Donation**

Many thanks to Fine Décor Wallcoverings for their generous donation of £487 which will be well spent on improving provision for our children.

### **Online Safety**

Next week, we will be observing safer internet day as part of our mental health week. In order to support parents to promote online safety, London Grid for Learning has published some useful materials that you may wish to access.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

<https://static.lgfl.net/LgflNet/downloads/digisafe/Parent-Top-Tips-Safe-Online-Corona.pdf>

### **Safeguarding**

If you have any safeguarding concerns or need safeguarding advice, please contact the school or, alternatively, our website has links to useful phone numbers:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/supportservices/6049>

### Our Safeguarding Team

Mrs Jones - Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Rogers - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Miss McArdle - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Hilditch - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Noah - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Imogen - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Ewan - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Ava - Safeguarding Ambassador

### Diary Dates

Date	Event
08.02.23	Year 5 Class Assembly
06.02.23	Children's Mental Health Week Wear a Scarf Day
07.02.23	Internet Safety Day
10.02.23	FOE Valentine's Disco
02.03.23 – 03.03.23	Year 4 Standon Bowers Residential
27.03.23 & 28.03.23	Life Education Workshops
28.03.23 & 29.03.23	Year 2 Delamere Activity Centre

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Jones**  
**Head Teacher**

**Mr Hancock**  
**Assistant Headteacher**