



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

16th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy term we have had!

The weather certainly hasn't felt like spring yet, but it is just around the corner. Read on to find out what exciting learning experiences have been taking place at Excalibur.

Standon Bowers

On Thursday 2nd March, Year 4 embarked on their exciting residential to Standon Bowers. Staying overnight, the children got the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, including caving and camp fire building. Miss Hilditch, Mrs. Hilditch, Miss Dugmore, Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Bundy were thoroughly impressed with the behaviour and attitude of all of the children. They were a true credit to the school.

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, we celebrated World Book Day at Excalibur with a variety of engaging activities and sharing our favourite books. Mrs. Rogers and Mr. Hancock led an assembly in the morning, introducing the day's focus author: Joseph Coelho. Look out for the work produced by the children during World Book Day at our parents' evenings

Year 6 Basketball Competition

On Thursday 9th March, a squad of Year 6 children competed in the Alsager Community Trust basketball tournament, held at Alsager School. The team performed brilliantly throughout, winning the first two matches. They narrowly lost out in the final two games. The team demonstrated excellent basketball play throughout the tournament, with superb use of space and a grit and determination at all times. Well done to the whole team for representing the school so well.

Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball Competition

On Thursday 2nd March, a squad of Year 5 & 6 children participated in the Alsager Community Trust dodgeball tournament. During the event, the team played against five teams, showcasing a range of dodgeball skills throughout. Well done to everyone who took part.

OPAL

As you may have seen, we have had a fantastic new addition to our outdoor play and learning provision. Our tyre pyramid has been a huge success, with the children developing important skills, such as core stability, collaboration and resilience. Mr. Pickin and others spent time during half term constructing the pyramid, so many thanks to him. Also, many thanks to Lodge Tyre: Commercial Fleet Services, who donated all of the tyres. Their donations are very much appreciated.

To see the range of great activities that have been happening at lunchtime, visit the following page on our school website:

<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 or speaking to a member of staff.

In particular over the next couple of weeks, we are looking for hats, such as fireman hats, tiaras, etc.

Parent Surveys

This week, we have sent out our annual parents' survey. Your views and ideas are incredibly important to us and help us to define our school priorities for the next academic year. If you haven't done so already, we would be grateful if you could find the time to complete the survey.

Cheshire East Holiday Activity Programme

Cheshire East Council have teamed up with a number of local schools, childcare and holiday club providers, community and voluntary organisations, to provide free fun activities during the Easter holidays. The activities are available across Cheshire East for children and young people who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. The free places are funded by the Department for Education. You can view a list of providers on the following link:

<https://livewellservices.cheshireeast.gov.uk/Services/6640>.

To then book a place, please click on this link:

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/care-and-support-for-children/how-do-i-get-early-help-for-my-child/family-information-service/fis-events/events-calendar.aspx>.

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 Ambassadors

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

As always, should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher

Mr Hancock
Assistant Headteacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event
21.03.23	World Down Syndrome Day (gingerbread socks available to purchase)
21.03.23 – 24.03.23	Book Fair
27.03.23 & 28.03.23	Life Education Workshops
28.03.23 & 29.03.23	Year 2 Delamere Activity Centre
29.03.23	Reception “Once Upon a Time” Ball
29.03.23	Year 1 Brampton Park Museum
30.03.23	KS2 Easter Assembly
30.03.23	F.O.E Bake Sale
31.03.23	Easter Headdress Competition