



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

26th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the weather finally improving, we are well and truly into the summer term! Our children have been enjoying a host of exciting learning opportunities for the past six weeks and more is on the way. We hope you all have a restful half term break and we will see you in June.

Year 5 & 6 Badminton Session

On Thursday 11th May, a group of five children from Year 5 & 6 participated in a badminton taster session at Alsager School. During the event, they learnt some basic skills of the sport before competing in friendly doubles matches against other schools. Well done to Ella, Cooper, Oscar, Joel and Isaac for representing Excalibur with such sportsmanship and effort.

Year 3 & 4 Tennis Competition

On Thursday 18th May, four children from Year 4 competed in an inter school tennis competition as part of the Alsager Community Trust. Held at Alsager Tennis Club, the event saw the team work together brilliantly to play multiple doubles matches. They won many of their matches and ended up coming 2nd overall. What a fantastic achievement! Well done to everyone who took part.

Year 1 Multi-Skills Session with the Sports Ambassadors

On Thursday 25th May, a group of Year 1 children participated in a multi-skills event led by the town's sports ambassadors at Alsager School. During the session, they took part in a variety of activities, including football, dodgeball and fitness circuits. Our very own sports ambassadors led the football-themed activity and did so with skill and maturity. Well done to Fin, Grace, Isla and Oliver - you are an absolute credit to Excalibur.

The Importance of the Arts

The arts are important to us at Excalibur and so we are keen to offer a variety of opportunities for children to get involved in across the school. We would also like to share with the children the opportunities for the arts beyond Excalibur – both in the local community and in the future. Therefore, if you lead or take part in a local group, please let us know. Also, if you, or someone you know, would like to come and play, sing, dance, etc. in an assembly for the children, we would really appreciate hearing from you too. Former pupils are also most welcome!

If you work in the visual arts and would be able to come and talk to the children about what you do, give a demonstration or run an activity for them, then that would be fantastic.

If you can think you can help with any of the above, please contact Mrs. Griffin by emailing contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk.

Year 3 Chester Trip

On Friday 19th May, Year 3 visited Dewa Roman Museum in Chester to bring their history topic to life. They went on a tour of the town with a soldier and saw the baths and amphitheatre. Inside the museum, a tour guide told us all about life in Ancient Rome. It was a great day all round!

Uniform Reminder

Please may we take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform policy. Full details surrounding uniform can be accessed by clicking on the following link: <u>http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/school-</u><u>uniform/6</u>. If you have any difficulty with uniform, please speak to us.

Dogs Trust Visitor

This week, we have been joined by Bethan from Dogs Trust. She led an assembly and delivered workshops across the whole school helping our children to understand how to be safe around dogs. Many thanks to Bethan for such inspiring and engaging sessions. We were also pleased to receive an email from her after the visit congratulating our children on their exemplary behaviour and contributions throughout the week. Well done, Excalibur!

OPAL

Our outdoor play and learning provision continues to develop. We have now increased the number of loose parts on our school site, including more tyres and plastic pipes. The children have been playing brilliantly with them.

To see what great activities 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 <u>contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk</u> or speaking to a member of staff.

In particular over the next couple of weeks, we are still looking for tarpaulins or other similar items which could be used for den building.

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/supportservic es/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

Support with the Cost of Living

With the current financial situation effecting families across the country, Cheshire East Council offer a variety of support, including a Cost of Living Crisis Team. For more information, please click on the following link: <u>https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/educationemployment-and-money/money-matters/cost-ofliving.aspx</u>.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jones Head Teacher

Mr Hancock Assistant Headteacher

Diary Dates

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Date	Event
08.06.23	Reception Trip to Runway Centre
12.06.23	Sports Week
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16.06.23	
16.06.23	Sports Day (KS2 AM; KS1 PM)
17.06.23	Year 6 at Alsager Carnival
26.06.23	Passport to the World Through Art
-	Week (details to follow)
30.06.23	
21.06.23	Year 5 Bikeability
23.06.23	Year 4 Blists Hill Trip

04.07.23	Year 6 Alton Towers Trip
05.07.23	Year 6 Day at Alsager School
05.07.23	Move-Up Afternoon
07.07.23	Summer Fair
10.07.23	Year 5 Trip to New Brighton
11.07.23	Year 2 Trip to Llandudno
11.07.23	Year 6 Production Matinee
	Performance
13.07.23	Year 6 Production Evening
	Performance
13.06.23	Year 6 Bikeability
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14.06.23	
18.06.23	Rocksteady Concert
21.07.23	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly