



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



8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a lovely half term break we have returned and enjoyed a busy few weeks at Excalibur. The school has been filled with art, foreign languages, world music, poetry and laughter.

### Internet Safety Talks

A big thank you to those parents who attended this and heard some really important messages.

PC Andrew Cornall also visited Year 5 and 6 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. During the session, he spoke to the children about the importance of age restrictions on social media, with a particular focus on the age limit being 13 for Facebook, 16 for WhatsApp and 18 for YouTube. He also shared how videos or photographs uploaded to the internet can never be permanently deleted. PC Cornall ended the talk by reiterating the importance of speaking out if they aren't happy about something online.

If you're worried about the way someone has been communicating online, let CEOP know.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

### Celebrating Marie's 107<sup>th</sup> Birthday

It was an absolute joy and privilege to be able to take the Key Stage 2 choir to Twyford House Care Home last week, to celebrate a resident's special birthday. The children and residents alike enjoyed the singing and there were plenty of toes tapping!



### Book Fair

The book fair will be in school from 21.03.24 – 25.03.24 in the Nurture Room (previously Year 2 classroom). As we are a cash free school, only card payments will be accepted.

### School Uniform

We have had a number of children coming into school without suitable footwear for the school day. Whilst we understand that there are sometimes extenuating circumstances that mean they need different footwear for a short period, this cannot be a permanent arrangement.

As stated in the uniform policy: ***'Children need black shoes that are suitable for the rigours of a school day. Fashion shoes, boots and shoes with high heels are a safety risk and trainers, besides making feet sweat, do not give growing feet the necessary support.'***

### Passport to the World

Passport to the world week was a resounding success with students learning to speak Polish, weaving blankets for Peruvian llamas and tasting Tanzanian banana curry amongst many other activities! There was a real buzz around the school and it was a pleasure to see children from all year groups mixing, socialising and supporting each other.

### World Book Day

It was a fantastic to see such an array of stories represented through costumes and props on World Book Day. We had a great week celebrating all things literary; performance poetry with Kenny Belcher, Anna Smithers reading mindful stories and illustration workshops with Mark Wilcox.



### FOE Easter Celebrations

FOE are organising a number of activities for the children to take part in as we lead up to Easter.

#### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Hat Competition

All children are invited to make a decorated Easter hat. They will get chance to take part in an Easter Parade around the playground. Prizes are available for the lucky winners.

#### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Cake Competition and Bake Sale

All keen bakers out there are invited to bring their Easter cake creations into school on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March\*. These will be judged in the morning and then sold to raise funds in a bake sale after school.

\*As Year 2 are away on a residential trip on that day, Year 2 parents are welcome to bring their cakes into school on Tuesday or Wednesday in an airtight container.

### Guitar Workshop

On Monday 26th February, Year 6 were treated to a guitar workshop courtesy of Matt from Kids That Rock. During the session, the children played a variety of popular tunes and learnt how to read tablature. Many thanks to Matt for providing such an engaging session.

### Science Workshops

Professor Amy from Spark2Education joined us on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. The children took part in different experiments and learned lots of new facts about space, time and chemical reactions.



### Fire Safety Talk

On Friday 1st March, Key Stage 2 received a visit from Crewe Fire Service to talk about fire safety. They looked at different fire scenarios and had to decide what was the safest cause of action in response to the different situations. Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to take a closer at a fire engine and learnt about all the equipment that it carries.

### The Sleeping Beauty

In April, Symphony, from Year 4, will be performing in Sleeping Beauty the ballet at The Regent Theatre, Stoke on Trent with The English Youth Ballet. EYB brings together the finest professional principal dancers from London and around the world with 90 ballet students from around Staffordshire - selected for their talent and potential. We are very proud of Symphony and excited that she has been given this wonderful opportunity. Tickets are available either by calling 0207 206 1174, visiting [www.atgtickets.com/groups](http://www.atgtickets.com/groups) or emailing [groupsales@atgtickets.com](mailto:groupsales@atgtickets.com). Please see flyer attached.

### 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>

### Safeguarding Policy

Our safeguarding policy has been reviewed and updated. Please click on the following link for access  
[http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/2029168\\_0](http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/2029168_0)

As always, should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Jones**  
Head Teacher

**Mrs Griffin**  
Deputy Head Teacher

### Our Safeguarding Ambassadors

Mrs Jones - Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Griffin - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Miss McArdle - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Hilditch - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Tilly - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Evie - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Emma - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Harry - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Joey - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Oscar - Safeguarding Ambassador

### Diary Dates

| Date                      | Event   |
|---------------------------|---|
| 11.03.24<br>–<br>15.03.24 | British Science Week  |
| 13.03.24                  | Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm   |
| 14.03.24–<br>15.03.24     | Year 4 Residential – Standon Bowers   |
| 15.03.24                  | Comic Relief Day  |
| 18.03.24                  | Year 1 Barnaby Bear Concert<br>Congleton Town Hall<br>- more details to follow                                      |
| 19.03.24                  | Parents Evening 3:30pm – 5:30pm   |
| 21.03.24                  | Odd Socks Day – to raise awareness<br>of Down Syndrome  |
| 21.03.24<br>–<br>25.03.24 | Book Fair in Nurture Room<br>(former Year 2 Classroom)  |
| 25.03.24                  | Easter Headdress Competition  |
| 26.03.24 -<br>27.03.24    | Year 2 Residential - Delamere   |
| 27.03.24                  | Key Stage 2 Easter Assembly at<br>9.00am<br>Reception Ball in the School Hall<br>at 2.00 pm<br>FOE Bake Sale 3.20pm |
| 29.03.24–<br>15.04.24     | Easter Break  |
| 16.04.24                  | Year 5 Bikeability  |
| 23.04.24                  | Academy Photography – Class   |
| 25.04.24                  | Year 1 Class Assembly at 9:15am   |
| 02.05.24                  | Polling Day   |
| 13.05.24<br>–<br>16.05.24 | KS2 SATs Week   |
| 20.05.24<br>–<br>23.05.24 | Sports Week   |
| 24.05.24                  | Sports Day (Timings TBC)  |
| 25.05.24<br>–<br>03.06.24 | May half term break   |
| 05.07.24                  | FOE Summer Fair   |