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7th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy two weeks with lots of exciting things happening in school.

Friends of Excalibur Update

On Wednesday 6th October, members of Friends of Excalibur met to discuss events for the autumn term. These events will be advertised in due course so keep an eye on our newsletters and other communication platforms to find out what exciting things are being planned by FOE.

All parents are invited to be part of FOE. This can be on an ad-hoc basis, volunteering as much or as little time as you wish to support their fundraising. If you would like to be added to FOE's WhatsApp group, please ring the school office, or email contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk and we will forward your name and mobile number to the group's admin team.

Year 6 Laches Wood Trip

Last week, year 6 visited Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre for an exciting two-night stay. During the residential, they took part in a variety of adventurous activities, including BMXing, orienteering, high ropes, climbing, bouldering and canoeing. They also took part in a camp fire on the first night. Many thanks to Mrs. Bundy, Mr. Reid and Mr. Hancock for taking the children on the trip – they were especially impressed with the resilience and enthusiasm shown by our Year 6 children throughout their time away..

October is International Walk to School Month

International Walk to School Month is a month-long event where children and their families across the world are encouraged to walk to school.

Visit the Living Street charity on the web address below for tips on how to get involved with this initiative:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/international-walk-to-school-month>. There is also a social media competition on the website which parents can enter for their children.

Alsager Community Trust Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament

We are truly excited that our inter-school competitions have returned and have kicked off in style with the Year 5 & 6 football tournament. Held at Alsager School astro-turf, our squad of children from upper KS2 competed in four matches over two weeks to battle it out for the coveted trophy.

On Thursday 7th October, they played their final two matches. They lost their first match 4-1 but drew their second 1-1. With their previous results included, they came a commendable third place – bronze medal position!

The team impressed throughout with their sportsmanship and resilience. Many thanks to Miss Hilditch who managed the team and Mr. Cross for his training sessions and match day support.

Year 6 Intra-School Hockey Tournament

Following four weeks of hockey lessons, Year 6 spent Thursday afternoon competing in an intra-school competition against their peers. They were organised into six teams, working through the group stages to battle for a place in the semi-finals. In the end, it came down to a nail-biting final that ended up at 1-1. A rematch will be played next week.

Mr. Hancock was impressed with the sporting skills on display, with the teams working together to decide on positions as well as strategy during the game. Excellent effort, Year 6!

If any child in school is interested in playing hockey outside of school, Triton Hockey Club is a thriving club based at Alsager Sports Hub (ST72TJ). Training for under 8s is on a Saturday 9:30 to 10:30 and over 8s train on a Thursday at 18:30 to 19:45. Cost for all sessions are £3 and more details can be found on the following website: <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/tritonhockeyclub3/a/welcome-to-triton-hockey-club-62691.html?page=2>

Year 2's David Hockney Artwork

Year 2 have been looking at the work of David Hockney. They have studied the patterns he uses in his landscapes and experimented with contrasting colours that he used in order to create their own colourful landscapes. Their superb art pieces can be found on our website's dedicated art page:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/what-its-like-to-be-an-artist-at-excalibur/58383>.

Fit Friday Returns

Since the start of September, during Friday lunchtimes, children across the school have had the opportunity to go and compete in the field run as part of the weekly "Fit Friday" activities. The children are timed to run around the football pitch as quickly as they can. Their scores are recorded and the children can work towards

beating their own personal bests and getting on the top 10 lists which are displayed on our PE & School Sports noticeboard.

Well done to all the children who have competed so far and particularly congratulations to those who sit on our current top 10 and class record lists. School Records can be found on the following link:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/school-records/41782>

Art Competition for PTA+ Magazine

The PTA+ Magazine, a dedicated magazine for school fundraising, is hosting a competition for all children to design the cover artwork for their next issue. Full details can be found on the following link

(<https://www.pta.co.uk/magazine/previous-issues/spring-2022-competition/>), including the download of the drawing template for you to print at home.

If you would like a printed copy, please speak to your child's class teacher – they will be more than happy to print one for you.

Pumpkin Prize for Year 5's Lucy

Congratulations to Lucy in Year 5, who came 2nd in the pumpkin-growing competition organised by the One World Week organisers.

Wychwood Park Hotel Christmas Card Competition

One prize not being enough, Lucy has also secured first place in our Wychwood Park Christmas card competition! Lucy's design will now be printed on the official Wychwood Hotel cards. Very well done, Lucy.

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

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher