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22nd October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that half term is upon us already. What a fabulous start the children have made to this academic year. It has been great to see so much fabulous learning taking place at Excalibur Primary School.

Year 3 & 4 Football Competition

On Thursday 14th October, a squad of Year 3 & 4 footballers attended the Alsager Community Trust tournament held at Alsager School. During the event, the team played well, winning their game against St. Gabriel's 2-0 and only narrowly missing out on victory in the others.

In the end, they finished with a highly respectable third place. Well done to Josh, Finn, Freddie H, Jack S, Jack W, Jacob, Cooper, Joe and Harry.

Girls' Football Competition

On Thursday 21st October, a team of Year 5 & 6 footballers competed in the Alsager Community Trust girls' football competition. Held at the astro turf at Alsager School, we played four matches against four different schools.

With 16 goals scored across four matches, and without conceding a single goal, our team were, quite simply, sublime. Well done to Angel, Bethany, Ellie, Grace, Isla, Leah and Maisie. You showed great sportsmanship, resilience and unity throughout. Outstanding!

Year 6 Intra-School Hockey Competition

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!

Year 2 Computing and Library Time

Our Year 2 children have been enjoying their time in the computing suite, where they have been learning the basics of coding. In addition, they have been embracing the opportunity to read books in the Excalibur Library.

City 7s with Stoke City

Year 2 and 3 received a special visitor on Wednesday when a representative from Stoke City came into school to present them with free membership of the City 7s scheme. This opportunity gives each child in Years 2 and 3 a free ticket to watch a Stoke City match.

Discounted tickets are also available for everyone else in school, including friends and family members. Envelopes have gone home with all children this week. In order to capitalise on this fantastic opportunity, envelopes with payment must be returned to the school office on **Tuesday 2nd November 2021.**

For those of you who do attend, please send some photographs of the day to us at contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk as we will be updating our City 7s display in school.

Harvest

Many thanks to everyone across our school community who donated items to Alsager and Community Food Bank as part of this year's Harvest celebrations. These donations will be put to good use to help feed those who need it over the festive period.

Well done to our fantastic Reception and KS1 children who performed a series of songs superbly. And many thanks to Pete Howard, from Alsager Community Church, for his inspiration and words of wisdom – and of course his magic tricks!

Excalibur Library – New Arrivals

As many of you will have seen on Facebook and on our website

(<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/whats-new-in-our-excalibur-library/112100>), we have recently made some new purchases for the Excalibur Library. Following recommendations from children in school, we have stocked up with the following:

- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* series by Trenton Lee Stewart (recommended by Ethan)
- *Dork Diaries* series by Rachel Renée Russell (recommended by Jess)
- *Alex Rider* series by Anthony Horowitz (recommended by Oscar)
- *Paddington* series by Michael Bond (recommended by Maisie)
- *Guinness Book of Records 2022* (recommended by Isaac)
- *Awesome Friendly Kid* series by Jeff Kinney (recommended by Bethany)
- *Llama Drama* by Anna McNuff (recommended by Fenna)

If you or your children have any recommendations, please let your child's class teacher know. Similarly, if you have any books at home which you no longer use or want please consider donating them to our library. We also have our Amazon Wish List where books can be purchased as a donation.

Alsager Railway Station Partnership

Over the next few months, as a school, we will be getting involved with our local community through supporting Alsager Railway Station. As the first step in this process, we were visited by Claire and Alexa from the local rail network, who led two sessions with Years 5 and 6. During the sessions, Alexa discussed safety around railways, with a particular focus on the overhead wires. Claire discussed how the children can get involved with the local station, including creating artwork which will be displayed in the waiting room. During UK Parliament Week on week beginning 1st November, children across the school will be contributing to this so keep an eye out next time you use the station for your children's masterpieces.

Many thanks to Claire and Alexa for joining us on Wednesday.

FOE Update

Many thanks to you all for donating to FOE's non-uniform day. Funds raised from this will be used to purchase prizes for a stall at Alsager Christmas Light Switch-On to be held on Sunday 28th November. The stall is open from 3:30pm until 8:00pm. Any help would be greatly appreciated, even if this is just for an hour. If you would like to support the stall, please ring school or email contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk.

Outdoor Shoes

Just a reminder that, as the weather becomes increasingly unpredictable, please ensure that your child has a pair of outdoor shoes in school. These are kept in the welly stores on the playground and enable the children to make use of our field and muddier areas throughout the year. These shoes can be a pair of wellies or old shoes or trainers.

I hope you all have a super half term break and we look forward to seeing you on 2nd November.

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher

Foster Caring in Cheshire East

Please see below for a message from Cheshire East regarding foster caring:

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