



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

24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## **Newsletter 13**



### **Sports Week**

It has been a fabulous week with a range of sports on offer! We have had such fantastic support from various sports clubs and volunteers and we would like to thank all of them for their expertise and time this week.

If your child is interested in finding out more about any of the activities, club links can be found on our website.

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/sports-week/44981>

### **Triton Hockey Club**

Chris Calam, Triton Hockey Club coach, visited school on Monday to teach hockey skills to Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4. During the sessions, the children practised the fundamental skills of the sport before getting into some small-sided games.

### **Peak Pursuits Climbing Wall**

Two climbing instructors from Peak Pursuits brought their mobile climbing wall to give Year 1, 2, 3 and 6 the experience of rock climbing. After a practice go, the children then scaled the wall with increasing skill and confidence, with many of them getting to the very top. Well done to everyone, particularly those who faced their fear of heights during the session.

### **Alsager Netball Club**

Pat Arnott and Emma Skinner visited school from Alsager Netball Club to teach Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 the basics of the sport. During the sessions, they practised skills such as passing and footwork before moving into conditioned games for the children to apply their skills.

### **Alsager Tennis Club**

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 visited Alsager Lawn Tennis Club. Located just a short walk from school, it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience the sport using top-class facilities and to receive tuition from a professional coach. At the beginning of the sessions, the children developed their hand-to-eye coordination through throwing and catching skills before moving into short rallies. Some of the older year groups then progressed to small sided four v four games.

### **Ninja Warrior with Sports Coaching North West**

Chris Regan from Sports Coaching North West visited Excalibur to run Ninja Warrior challenges with Year 4, 5 and 6. The children were tasked with completing three agility skills in the fastest time possible. Houses were then pitted against each other in a competitive time trial.

### **Tri Golf**

Mr. Johnson visited Excalibur to run tri-golf sessions with the whole school. During the sessions, the children learnt the skills of putting and chipping before trying their hand at hitting targets spread across the field.

### **Archery**

Don and Teresa from Alsager Scouts and Guides returned to school to run full archery sessions with Year 5 and Year 6. The children were taught the basic techniques of the sport, before trying their hand at aiming for the bullseye.

### **Excalibur Shotokan Karate Club**

Visitors from Excalibur Karate Club worked with Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 to teach them the basics of the martial art. For many of the children, it was the first martial art they had tried and it was wonderful to see them practising a variety of skills, including blocks, kicks, punches and self-defence techniques.

Our sports week finished in fine style with our sports day. What a busy week we have had and how kind the weather has been to us!

Thanks go to all of the staff for their contributions to this fantastic week; for going over and above what is required of them and for joining in with activities. A particular mention and thank you to Mr. Hancock for his excellent co-ordination of the activities.

### **ACT Year 3 & 4 Swimming Gala**

On Thursday 16th May 2019, a squad of Year 3 & 4 children competed in the Alsager Community Trust swimming gala at Alsager School. All of the children swam brilliantly, with some fantastic individual performances as well as team results, including a second place finish in the eight-person cannon event.

Well done to everyone who took part.

### **Y6 SATS**

On the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May, our Y6 children took their statutory end of key stage assessments. We were impressed by their positive attitude and resilience during the week. Whatever the results in July, each and every one of them did their best and we are incredibly proud of them all. What terrific young people they are.

### **Ofsted Update**

As you will be aware, at the beginning of this term, Excalibur participated in a pilot inspection by Ofsted.

After a three day, rigorous and robust process, Ofsted highlighted the many strengths of our school and agreed with the schools own self-evaluation. During the process, the children really shone, articulating clearly their views and experiences within school.

### **Holiday Dates 2020/2021**

Holiday dates for 2020/2021 were approved by our Board of Governors on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. They are now available on our website and a copy is attached.

### **Breaktimes**

As we are a healthy school, could you please ensure that snacks sent in with the children are healthy. Additionally, drinks in bottles should be restricted to water.

### **And Finally**

As usual, any queries or concerns, please come and see a member of the team. Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Houldsworth**  
**Head Teacher**

**Mrs Tomkinson**  
**Deputy Head Teacher**

## **Diary Dates**

A list of dates currently in the school diary New dates are in **bold**.

04-06-19 School opens
04-06-19 FOE Bake Sale 3.15pm
05-06-19 Y3 visit to West Park
06-06-19 Stoke City Problem Solving Day
11-06-19 Reception Parents' Transition Meeting 6pm
12-06-19 Y6 visit to Alton Towers
<b>12-06-19 Y5 Activity Day Alsager High School</b>
13-06-19 Y6 Rounders Tournament
<b>15-06-19 Alsager Carnival</b>
18-06-19 Y4 visit to Blists Hill
19-06-19 Academy Photographs
20-06-19 Y5/Y6 Cricket
26-06-19 Y1 Blue Planet Visit
27-06-19 Bikeability Y5/Y4
28-06-19 Bikeability Y5/Y4
<b>01-07-19 Last week for after school clubs</b>
03-07-19 KS2 Christchurch visit
04-07-19 FOE non uniform day
05-07-19 Summer Fair
<b>08-07-19 Meet The Teacher Y4/5/6</b>
<b>10-07-19 Y6 Matinee 2pm</b>
<b>10-07-19 Y6 Evening Performance 6pm</b>
<b>10-07-19 Meet The Teacher Y1/2/3</b>
12-07-19 Reports out
<b>15-07-19 Governors meeting 5.30pm</b>
<b>17-07-19 Y6 Garden Party</b>
23-07-19 Y6 Leavers' Assembly
23-07-19 School closes