



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

4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weeks really do seem to be racing by!  
Our children at Excalibur have been working extremely hard in their lessons and have produced some excellent work.

### **Soap Sculptures**

Our Year 4 children have enjoyed carving sculptures out of soap. They have created some intricate designs in the shape of ice cream cones, fish and even rocket ships. Starting off with a bar of soap, the children have used a range of tools such as toothpicks and pencils to carefully carve out their artwork. The results have been absolutely amazing?

### **Heart Dissections**

As part of their learning on the cardiovascular system, Year 6 took part in heart dissections using lamb hearts. The session was led by Mrs. Jackson-Moss, a teacher at Congleton High School and enabled the children to gain a deeper understanding of the anatomy of the heart, including the four chambers and the major blood vessels.

Many thanks to Mrs. Jackson-Moss for volunteering her time for the session – the children's learning was greatly enhanced through the activity.

### **Victory at the Year 5 & 6 Netball Competition**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February, a squad of Year 5 & 6 children competed in the annual Year 5 & 6 competition as part of the Alsager Community Trust inter-school events.

They played four games against the other Alsager primary schools, winning every match and scoring an exceptional 42 points throughout. They have now secured a place in the next round of the competition. Details to be confirmed soon.

Well done to Bea, Ellie S, Ellie J, Grace, Jess W, Leah, Maisie, Maddie. You all showed superb teamwork, resilience and unity to play with such consistency and skill throughout the competition.

### **Michael Rosen Competition**

During last week, classes across the school took part in activities linked with a poetry competition in conjunction with Michael Rosen. Children are invited to submit entries to this competition on the following link:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/twinkl-partnerships/walker-books/michael-rosen-poetry-competition>.

Deadline for entries is 5:00pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### **Healthy Snacks**

Could we give a polite reminder to parents and carers that, as a healthy school, we ask that children bring in healthy snacks to school for their break time snacks and packed lunches.

### **Excalibur Library – Donations and Recommendations**

As always, our Excalibur Library continues to grow, with new releases, recommendations and donations appearing on the shelves almost daily. Many thanks to everyone who has already contributed to our library's expanding collection. Check out the following webpage for details of our exciting new additions:  
<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/whats-new-in-our-excalibur-library/112100>.

As always, 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.

### **Recyclable Resources**

If you have any of the following recyclable resources that we could use in classrooms and in our Treetops provision, we would be extremely grateful if you could send them in to school:

- Cereal boxes
- Kitchen roll – or longer - tubes
- Jars
- Craft items no longer required
- Children's games no longer required

### **Wesley Place Pancake Event**

Wesley Place Methodist Church are hosting a free event to celebrate Pancake Day on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 4:00pm until 6:00pm at the church. This event will be full of family fun for all ages and, of course, lots and lots of pancakes.

For more information, and to book a place, contact Jonny (07598580545) or Val (01270760755).

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

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