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11th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Every week at Excalibur is packed full of a host of exciting activities and learning opportunities for our children to become immersed in and these last two weeks have been no exception.

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March, Excalibur Primary School celebrated World Book Day in style. Our children were given the option to come into school dressed as a book character. The effort made was fantastic! Throughout the day, the children took part in a variety of activities in their classes, including artwork linked with *Rhythm of the Rain* and *Harry Potter*. Children across the school also brought in a rock or pebble which they had decorated with an image linked with a book of their choice. These rocks then adorned the corridors for the rest of the week. They look truly wonderful!

Many thanks to everyone for making World Book Day so enjoyable - it was a delight to see the children enjoying reading and all the fun that goes with it.

Piano Workshops

On Tuesday 8th March, we were treated to free piano workshops by Hannah Donkin, founder of Music Squad. During the sessions, the children worked collaboratively to perform on the piano and sing along to Adele's *Rolling in the Deep*. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and certainly felt the excitement of the music.

Year 5 & 6 Sandbach Netball Tournament

Following our victory at the Alsager Community Trust netball competition, we earned a spot in the next round: the Sandbach Sports Partnership tournament which was held at Sandbach High School on Wednesday 9th March and involved six teams, all of which had been successful in their own town tournaments.

Despite losing the first game in our group, the team showed their true grit and resilience, not to mention their netball know-how, to defeat Quinta quite comfortably in their second game. This was enough to come runners up in the group and secure a place in the semi-final against St. Gabriel's!



Following a display of sporting resolve and teamwork, our squad secured a 7-5 victory and a place in the final.

Playing in the final against the Dingle, the game was neck-and-neck for the most part. However, as the final whistle approached, the opposition just pulled ahead. In the end, we came runners up in a competition which originally involved around 30 schools. A fantastic achievement! Well done to Maisie, Maddie, Grace, Ellie S, Ellie J, Jess W and Bea. And an additional thank you to Leah who was a great support for the team during the Alsager tournament and throughout their practice.

Year 6 Basketball Tournament

On Thursday 10th March, we competed in the Alsager Community Trust basketball tournament. We started the tournament strongly, securing comfortable victories against Alsager Highfields and Pikemere. We just missed out on victory on the third game but won the fourth against St. Gabriel's.

As we gathered in to hear the results, we knew it would be close. In the end, we drew on points against St. Gabriel's, resulting in a final showdown. The game was neck-and-neck throughout, ending at 0-0. The only way to decide was a shootout, which involved five members of each team stepping up to take a shot. In the end, we just missed out on victory 3-2, taking the silver medal. Well done to Jacob, Tom, Ethan, Will, Jake, Jenson, Oscar and Harry – you showed determination throughout and applied those well-practiced skills in the tournament.

Year 5 & 6 Netball Friendly

On Monday 7th March, we played a netball friendly against St. Gabriel's Catholic Primary School. The teams both played with sportsmanship and a great amount of humour throughout. We won the match and we plan to make a journey to St. Gabriel's for a rematch soon. Many thanks to Miss Birchenough from St. Gabriel's and all of their team.

Easter Artwork Competition

Many thanks to all children who completed artwork for the Easter competition in collaboration with St. Mary's Church. The art pieces were displayed last weekend in the church and over seventy votes were given.

Congratulations to our winners:

- Year 1 – Willow
- Year 2 – Inaaya
- Year 3 – Max
- Year 4 – Fenna
- Year 5 – Imogen
- Year 6 – Beth

The winners' artwork will be printed on Easter cards, which will be available for purchase – more details for this to follow in due course.

Safeguarding

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our parents safeguarding survey. Your views are incredibly important to us and help us to continually improve the provision we offer. Findings from the surveys will be sent out through parent mail next week.

Parent's Evening

As you will be aware, we will be running our upcoming parent consultations through telephone conversations. Please be assured that this decision has been carefully considered and has been made in collaboration with other Chancery schools. We understand that parents will be keen to come into school to see their children's work. We are looking to host an open evening in the summer term. Further details will be sent out in due course.. Thank you for all your support and understanding.

Excalibur Library – Update and Thank You

May we take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated books to the school library so far this year. Our collection is looking truly wonderful!

As always, if you do wish to donate books to the school, please bring items to the school office or hand to your child's class teacher.

Don't forget to checkout the following link to see some of our recent arrivals at the Excalibur Library:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/whats-new-in-our-excalibur-library/112100>.

OPAL Update

As the weather starts to improve, our outdoor provision at lunchtimes will continue to improve. This week, the children have been playing in a variety of ways, including racing toy cars down tunnels and building dens out of sticks and mud piles.

We are still in need of more donations to enrich our provision. In particular, we are looking for the following:

- Small world toys, such as cars, dinosaurs, figures, etc. These could be donated loose or in a box,
- Old or unwanted pots and pans,
- Milk crates / stacking crates (lightweight),
- Lightweight pallets,
- Car tyres,
- Anything else you think the children may be able to safely play with.

If you do think you have something which would enrich our outdoor environment, please send a photograph of the items to contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk and we will get back to you at the earliest opportunity.

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