



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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the spring term already. What a busy term it has been with so many things happening.

### **Year 1 Multi-Skills Activity**

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, a group of Year 1 children participated in an Alsager Community Trust multi-skills session at Alsager School. During the session, the children took part in a variety of different activities where they practised the skills from different sports. Well done to our Year 1s for excellent sportsmanship. All of the activities were organised by sports ambassadors from the local primary schools, including our very own: many thanks to Maisie, Ellie J, Tom and Jenson for running the sessions with such maturity and skill.

### **Year 4 Singfest**

In March, our Year 4 children took part in a Singfest event – Out of this World at Congleton Town Hall. The children sung a selection of songs on the theme of Earth and Space. As well as ensemble pieces with other schools, we also had some superb soloists. Well done to Year 4 for representing the school so tunefully and brilliantly.

### **Science Week**

During the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> March, children across the school took part in activities for British Science Week. Amongst a host of other activities, Reception used their problem-solving skills to build a bed for Goldilocks and a bridge that would be strong enough for the three goats to cross. Year 6 explored the wonders of illusions and learnt about career options in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths). Our Year 5 children had a fabulous time exploring planet friendly burgers. The children found it incredibly interesting to learn how far food travels to get to our plate. Year 4 took part in a range of activities focusing on growth.

### **Brass Sessions for Year 5**

For the past ten weeks, Year 5 have been taking part in brass sessions courtesy of Mr. Birch from Love Music Trust. During the sessions, the children learnt about

musical notation as well as the physical skills needed to play the brass instruments. It has been delightful to hear the improvement in the children's performances throughout the sessions.

### **Life Education Sessions**

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, we were visited by staff from Coram Life Education, the providers of the Life Education van. They worked with all year groups over the two days, teaching a variety of PSHE topics, from being a good friend to the impact of peer pressure and making the right choices.

### **Standon Bowers**

Year 4 have had a fantastic time at Standon Bowers, taking part in a variety of exciting activities. They thoroughly enjoyed a low ropes activity, challenging themselves to scale a cargo net and channelled their inner Robin Hood during archery. They have also worked together to build some amazing shelters and enjoyed some delicious bread toasted over a campfire.

### **Reading Rivers**

Many thanks to the children who have completed and brought in their reading rivers this week. It has been great to see all the fantastic things that our children have been reading.

### **Excalibur Library – Update and Thank You**

With the term drawing to a close, it has been wonderful to reflect on how our Excalibur Library has grown over the past few months. Many thanks to everyone who has donated so far – it is much appreciated.

To take a look at some of our recent additions, please click on the following link:

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

### **OPAL Update**

As a reminder, we are always looking for donations to develop our provision of outdoor play and learning. 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](mailto:contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk) and we will get back to you at the earliest opportunity.

### **Exciting Chancery News**

Chancery Multi Academy Trust, which Excalibur is part of, is expected to officially welcome another new school into the Trust today. We are delighted to inform you that Elworth Hall Primary (in Sandbach) is going to be part of our family of schools. Elworth Hall leaders and staff have already started to work closely with us, and we are all excited about sharing best practice further.

**Safeguarding Conference**

On 25<sup>th</sup> March, our safeguarding team, consisting of Ellie S, Jessica A, Oscar R and Will B, attended the annual safeguarding conference at Alsager High School. During the day, the children were able to share all the great things that we were doing at Excalibur to ensure our children are safe. They also listened to what other schools were doing and took some fabulous ideas away with them. In the afternoon, they had the opportunity to engage in drama workshops focused on mental health and well-being. The children represented the school brilliantly and are keen to put into practice all the things that they have learnt.

**Safeguarding Survey**

Many thanks to parents who were able to complete our annual safeguarding survey. Your opinions are incredibly important to us and help us to improve our provision at Excalibur, ensuring the best possible experience for our children. A summary of the findings will be sent out in the first week of the new term.

**And finally**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

We wish you a super Easter break and hope it is full of family, friends and chocolate!

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Jones**  
**Head Teacher**

**Mr Hancock**  
**Assistant Headteacher**