



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

17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are in the penultimate week of this half term already. What a busy half term it has been with such a lot of exciting learning happening.

### **Ceramics in Year 2**

Year 2 have been looking at the work of ceramic artist Clarice Cliff. They have investigated which colours and shapes were used in her designs. Then they practised mixing the required colours and designed a plate to reflect her style.

### **Year 3 Swimming**

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been taking part in swimming sessions at Alsager Leisure Centre. All of the swimming instructors and members of staff have been thoroughly impressed with the children's determination to improve. Their enthusiasm week in week out has been exceptional. Well done to you all.

### **Year 5 Fire Service Visit**

Representatives from the Fire Service have paid a visit to Year 5 to teach them about the importance of road safety. During the session, they discussed the importance of wearing reflective material, amongst other safety messages.

### **Hokusai Artwork in Year 5**

Year 5 have been creating some artwork using the front cover of our class text *Kensuke's Kingdom* and the work of Japanese artist Hokusai as inspiration. They sketched a wave shape and then used water colours to paint the sea and sky. The last element was to add a boat like Michael's from the book.

### **Year 6 - KS2 SATs**

As many of you will be aware, this week Year 6 have been sitting their end of key stage assessments. Throughout the week, the children have worked incredibly hard, coming into each day with a superb attitude and focus. Well done to each and every one of them for their commitment and diligence both this week and throughout the year.

### **Year 5 & 6 Athletics Workshop**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, a group of Year 5 & 6 children participated in an athletics workshop at Alsager School. During the event, they took part in a variety of athletics events, including shot put, javelin and long jump. Well done to everyone who took part.

### **Year 5 & 6 Badminton Session**

A group of Year 5 & 6 children attended a badminton workshop at Alsager School as part of the sports events organised through the Alsager Community Trust. During the activities, the children honed some of their badminton skills, before competing in games against each other. Well done to Jess A, Lily, Ewan, Reuben and Jack. You represented Excalibur brilliantly through your resilience and respectful attitude to all.

### **Year 6 Computing Session with Raj Barard**

Year 6 have been privileged to receive their second computing session with computing specialist, Raj Barard. During the session, the children learnt about CoSpaces, an app that enables the user to create AR and VR in the classroom. Many thanks to Raj for joining us once again.

### **Safeguarding Safeguarding Team**

Mrs Jones - Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Rogers - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Miss McArdle - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Hilditch - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Ellie - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Oscar - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Will - Safeguarding Ambassador  
Jess - Safeguarding Ambassador

As you may remember, in order to keep our community safe online, we subscribed to a membership to National Online Safety. On the website, there are a plethora of useful resources to help keep our children safe.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/excalibur-primary-school>

If you have any safeguarding concerns or need safeguarding advice, please contact the school or, alternatively, our website has links to useful phone numbers:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/support-services/6049>

The mental well-being of our children and our parents is incredibly important to us. Should you need any support at any time, please contact us at any time. In addition, our website has links to many useful phone numbers and resources:

<http://www.excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk/page/emotional-health-and-wellbeing/67105>

**Parking**

Please be mindful of children's safety when parking outside the school at drop off or collection times. There have been incidents of cars parking on the pavements, not allowing sufficient space for children to walk past.

**Uniform**

As the weather is becoming warmer, jumpers and cardigans are often removed. In order to ensure no items of clothing are lost, please can you ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled.

On occasion, children inadvertently pick up someone else's clothing. If your child does return home with a cardigan and jumper that is not their own, could you please return it to school as soon as possible?

Many thanks for your continued support. Please do not hesitate in contacting us if you have any queries or concerns.

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

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