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26th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the end of this half term already upon us, we wanted to take the opportunity to share with you the latest activities that have been taking place in school and wish you a lovely half term break.

Passport to the World

During the week beginning 16th May, the whole school took part in our annual "Passport to the World" week. Throughout the week, the children spent time learning about a host of different countries from all over the world.

In Morocco, inspired by the distinctive architecture, the children created their own symmetrical designs using tiles; in Japan, they practised calligraphy by writing essential Japanese phrases; In New Zealand, they honed their Haka and played a traditional Māori game; In Italy, they looked at some maps and found out some iconic places in the country; In Australia, they designed their own aboriginal art and created a flag; in Kenya, they created flags and masks. What a fabulous and busy week it was, learning about the culture and customs of other countries.

Year 3 & 4 Tennis Tournament

On Thursday 19th May, a group of six Year 3 & 4 children competed in the annual Year 3 & 4 tennis tournament as part of the Alsager Community Trust. During the event, they competed in doubles matches against pairs from other schools.

They performed well throughout the event, improving with each match and showing exemplary sportsmanship throughout.

Well done to Alex, Willow, Ella, Joel, Pippa and Ethan. Also, many thanks to Mr. Bundy and all of the team at Alsager Tennis Club for hosting the event.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Computing Session with Raj Barard

On Friday 20th May, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had the opportunity to try out new computing skills led by Raj Barard. Years 1 and 2 used a program called Book Creator to design their own book to include a variety of additional features, such as photographs. In Reception,

the children made use of Raj's green screen to act out a variety of roles, including being superheroes in our playground!

Art of Brilliance at Wychwood Park

Last week, ten of our Year 5 children attended the inaugural Brill Kids Fest, a conference at Wychwood Park Hotel which was focused on wellbeing and encouraging the children to be their best selves.

During the event, our children ran their own stall which reflected the 2% attitude that we promote at Excalibur and gave a superb presentation to the 150 attendees. Throughout the day, our children represented Excalibur fantastically and made us incredibly proud.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

This week, children across the school have been celebrating the 70-year reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II with a plethora of Platinum Jubilee activities. During the week, our children have: created portraits of the Queen in a variety of styles; made their own British bunting and designed their own crowns.

Today, the children have participated in a Jubilee lunch on the playground, complete with commemorative cupcake. During the lunch, classes stepped up to perform a series of songs from the Queen's decades-spanning reign.

Dance and Choir Performance

On Wednesday 25th May, the whole school was treated to two special Jubilee performances from Miss Forrester's dance group and Mrs. Griffin's KS1 and KS2 choir. The dance was performed to a medley of some of the most iconic songs of the past 70 years, including *Gangnam Style*, *(I've Had) the Time of My Life*, and *Watch Me*.

The choir then accompanied the dancers with renditions of a range of songs, including the always-popular *Celebration Time*.

FOE School Disco

On Friday 20th May, it was a pleasure to reintroduce the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 school disco after a few years without them. We hope your children enjoyed the event and many thanks to all the staff, as well as the parents who volunteered to support during the evening. All money raised from the discos will be used to further enrich the opportunities of children at Excalibur.

If you would like to get involved further with the work of Friends of Excalibur, then please get in touch with the school office on contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk

Excalibur Library – Update and Thank You

We have recently received some Platinum Jubilee books into our school library, which continues to grow every week. As always, many thanks to anyone who has donated books.

Excalibur Summer Fair

We will be holding our summer fair on Friday 8th July. If you are able to offer your support in any capacity for this event, please contact the school office. We are looking for volunteers to: help on stalls (a timetable will be sent out on parent mail for you to sign up for); donate raffle prizes or help with the organisation.

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

It is great to see that so many of our parents have already logged in to National Online Safety. We hope that you have found it as a useful resource. We would welcome any feedback.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/excaliburprimary-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/supportservices/6049>

We hope you have a lovely week next week. Hopefully, the weather will be kind.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher

Mr Hancock
Assistant Headteacher

Diary Dates

07.06.22 School opens
13.06.22 – Reception parents' lunch
13.06.22 – Y4 trip to Blists Hill
14.06.22 – Y5 Activity day at the high school
15.06.22 – New starter parents' evening 6.15pm
18.06.22 – Alsager carnival (details to follow)
20.06.22 – Y5 and Y6 Bikeability
21.06.22 – Y5 and Y6 Bikeability
21.06.22 – Parents' open evening 3.30pm – 5.00pm (details to follow)
27.06.22 – Governors' meeting
28.06.22 – Y6 trip to Astbury (details to follow)
30.06.22 – Y1 trip to Blue Planet (details to follow)
04.07.22 – Non-uniform day for summer fair (details to follow)
05.07.22 – Y3 trip to Chester DEVA Roman Experience
05.07.22 – Y6 Tea party (details to follow)
06.07.22 – Reception trip to Manchester airport
06.07.22 – Y1 parents' lunch
06.07.22 – Y6 Tea party (details to follow)
08.07.22 – Reports out
12.07.22 – Y6 production – matinee (details to follow)
14.07.22 – Y6 production – evening (details to follow)
14.07.22 – New starters' teddy bear picnic
19.07.22 – Y6 local hike (details to follow)
12.07.22 – Y6 Leavers' assembly (details to follow)
20.07.22 School closes