



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

21st October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

With all the exciting learning opportunities that have taken place in such a short space of time, it is difficult to believe we have already reached the end of our first half term. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming you and your children back in November.

Harvest Assembly

It was wonderful to welcome parents to our KS1 Harvest Assembly on Thursday. As the first Harvest celebration for three years, it was a pleasure to watch our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes perform in front of an audience. From poetry, to dance and a plethora of singing performances, the children impressed us all. Well done to all of the children and many thanks to all the members of staff at Excalibur who made it possible. At the end of the assembly, Pete Howard, the minister from Alsager Community Church, spoke about the importance of sharing; he then accepted the food donations which will be taken to the Alsager & District Food Bank. Many thanks to all parents and members of our school community who donated items for this.

City 7s Assembly

On Wednesday 12th October, Griff from Stoke City Football Club visited our school to lead an assembly about the City 7s programme. He engaged the children through a quiz about the club before explaining that all children and staff at Excalibur would be able to get discounted tickets to the Stoke City vs Birmingham City match on Saturday 5th November 2022.

We hope everyone who has purchased these tickets has a fantastic time. If you are able to, please send some photographs of you enjoying the match-day experience into school as we are keen to update our City 7s display. Photographs can be sent to office@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk.

Pyjama Appeal

On Friday 14th October, we held a non-uniform day to raise funds for the Children's Hospital Pyjamas Appeal. In total, we raised a superb £196.12 through donations. This week, members of the school council selected 28

pairs of pyjamas which have been sent directly to the organisers of the appeal. From here, the pyjamas will be sent to those who need them in the hospitals. Many thanks to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

Alsager Train Station Visits Begin Again

On Monday 17th October, Mrs. Bundy, Miss Cliff and Miss Dugmore took a group of children to visit Alsager Train Station to continue the partnership developed during the last academic year. We look forward to finding out about the great work they get up to as this year progresses.

Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament

On Thursday 13th October, a team of Year 3 & 4 children competed in the annual tournament as part of the Alsager Community Trust. During the tournament, the team played against four other teams. The team played well throughout, including a 5-0 victory – Elliot was our hat-trick hero.

Mrs. Thompson's player of the match was Finn for playing in a position that he wasn't used to and covering every inch of the pitch. Well done to the whole team for their great sporting attitude and resilience throughout – Mrs. Thompson said that they were a pleasure to take to the high school.

KS2 ROAR Project

This week, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been taking part in a national challenge: The Lions ROAR 2022. This project tasks children to work in groups to devise a solution to a problem they feel needs solving. Problems ranged from littering to climate change and plastic pollution in the oceans. We have been thoroughly impressed with the way the children across KS2 have approached this challenge.

The project was separated into three sections: problem, product and presentation – the children have worked well together to bring their ideas to fruition with the creation of prototypes using recycled material. Now, the groups will present their work to their class and two groups will be selected to go to our school grand final on Wednesday 9th November. On that date, representatives from the Alsager Lions charity will visit school to judge which team from across KS2 will be chosen as the overall winners. The overall winner will then create a video of their presentation to be submitted to the national competition.

Check back on future newsletters for updates on the ROAR Project 2022.

Year 2 Trip to Nantwich Museum

On Tuesday 11th October, Year 2 visited Nantwich Museum to find out all about the Great Fire of Nantwich. During their visit, they found out who had caused the fire (Nicholas Brown) and how long it lasted (10 days),

amongst other interesting facts and historical information.

Year 2 were a credit to the school during their visit, impressing both Mrs. Griffin and others throughout the day. Well done, Year 2!

Children's Clothing

Please can we ask that all children's clothing be labelled clearly with their name so any misplaced items can be returned quickly to the owner.

Outdoor Shoes

As the weather gets wetter and the field muddier, please can we ask that all children have a pair of outdoor shoes in school. These should be stored in the blue welly stores on the playground.

Safeguarding

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>

Mrs Jones - Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Rogers - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Miss McArdle - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Hilditch - Safeguarding Ambassador
Noah - Safeguarding Ambassador
Imogen - Safeguarding Ambassador
Ewan - Safeguarding Ambassador
Ava - Safeguarding Ambassador

Diary Dates

Date	Event
02.11.22	Year 5 – road safety session with Cheshire Fire Service
02.11.22	RWI Information Evening for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents (6:00pm)
04.11.22	FOE Bake Sale (3:20pm)
07.11.22	Academy Photography in school
10.11.22	Author visit from Damian Harvey
11.11.22	Nasal spray flu vaccine
14.11.22	Year 4 class assembly (9:00am)
15.11.22	Year 3 Silk Museum visit
16.11.22 – 18.11.22	Year 6 Robinwood residential
16.11.22	Reception parent lunch
17.11.22	Gripping Yarns anti-bullying workshop
22.11.22	Reception and Year 1 theatre visit
24.11.22	Year 2 class assembly (9:00am)
09.12.22	Year 6 pantomime theatre trip
14.12.22	KS1 Christmas performance – times TBC
16.12.22	KS2 Christmas Concert at St. Mary's Church (AM – exact times TBC)
21.12.22	Christmas Lunch

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher

Mr Hancock
Assistant Headteacher