



Our vision is to nurture and develop resilient, life-long learners who are caring and responsible, enabling them to achieve their own individual excellence.

6th March 2020

Newsletter 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems that we are racing through the year. The weather is finally showing signs of improvement and, hopefully, we have seen the last of the storms. Many exciting opportunities have continued at Excalibur which the children have engaged enthusiastically in.



Standon Bowers

This week, our Year 4 children spent two days at Standon Bowers accompanied by Miss Bass, Mrs Bundy, Miss Bell and Mr Hancock. They tried lots of exciting activities including caving, climbing, low ropes and campfires. On their return, they were full of tales about their adventures. What a great opportunity for them. Thank you to the staff who agreed to accompany the children.



Kids that Rock

Last month, Matt Tidswell came into school for two days so that every child could take part in a guitar workshop. Each of the children were able to strum the strings of their own guitar along to rock music whilst learning about beat and pitch.



World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, the children were invited to come into school dressed as a character with an Excalibur theme. In school, we had: kings, queens, knights and dragons! What a fabulous effort everybody made. The children looked amazing! During the day, the children were read the story "King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table" which then inspired learning.



Y6 Performance

On Wednesday 26th February, Year 6 took part in Alsager School's musical production of Annie. After a rehearsal before half term, and several practices at Excalibur, Year 6 performed in front of other schools, including our own Year 5 class. In the evening, the children returned to the High School to perform to parents. Our year 6 dancers and singers were truly fantastic on both occasions, complementing the superb performances from the High School students. Well done to all of Year 6. A particular thanks to all the children who returned in the evening and to Mrs. Bundy, Mrs. Hilditch and Mrs. Westcott-Brown for their support. As usual, Mr. Galley and the High School staff were a great support throughout; it was wonderful to see many former Excalibur pupils performing as well!



ACT Netball Tournament

On Thursday 6th February 2020, our year 5 & 6 netball team took part in the second week of the Netball Tournament at Alsager School. After a fantastic start last week, we played our first match very well. Our teamwork, rotation of positions, defence and shooting was brilliant! However, by the end of the game we narrowly missed out on a win. During our next game, we very quickly secured our first goal. Then another, and another and another! Working very well as a team we ended the game victorious 8-0! All our efforts meant that we were awarded third place overall. Well done to all those who played and particularly those who stepped in at the last minute!

Y1 and Y2 Class Assemblies

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children have shared their learning from the autumn term with their parents/carers and the rest of the school. Our Year 2 children clearly enjoyed learning all about our local area and shared some really fantastic circus skills. Our Year 1 children showed a great knowledge of nocturnal animals and sang a lovely welcome song. Both classes spoke confidently and clearly about their learning. Well done Y1 and Y2 and thank you Mrs Cheadle and Mrs Weatherby.

Shrove Tuesday

On February 25th, Mrs Newbould and Mrs Thompson made pancakes for the whole of KS1 and EYFS to mark the beginning of lent and start their Easter learning.

FOE School Disco

It was fabulous to see so many children showing off their best moves at our school disco. Many thanks to our Friends of Excalibur team who work so hard to pull together these exciting events for our children. We managed to raise an impressive £369.45.



Outdoor shoes

With the weather being unpredictable at the moment, the children will need their outdoor shoes on to play on our field at break times. We would ask you to check that your child has their outdoor shoes in school and that the shoes still fit.

Coronavirus

We would like to reassure you that school is monitoring and following advice issued by Public Health England regarding the Coronavirus outbreak. For latest information and advice, please refer to: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Holiday Provision

We understand that there are some concerns regarding our holiday club provision. Please be assured that we are exploring different solutions at the moment and will update parents and carers after the Easter holidays. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Treetops Update

There are lots of exciting Spring activities taking place at Treetops this half term. The children will be painting sun catchers, making cupcake daffodil flowers and creating shamrock rainbow necklaces. Don't forget to book into the Easter holiday club from 6th to 9th April on office@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk.

Many thanks for your continued support. As always, if you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

A list of dates currently in the school diary. New dates are in **bold**.

12-03-20 KS2 trip to The Big Bang
13-03-20 Mid-term report cards out
16/17/18-03-20 Life Education Van in school
18-03-20 Year 4 Class assembly 9.15am
19-03-20 Dance workshop Y5/Y6 @ AHS 12.30 – 3pm (details to follow)
19-03-20 Dance Workshop 10 children Y5/Y6 (letter to follow)
19-03-20 Parent's evening 3.30pm – 7pm
20-03-20 World Downs Syndrome Day
23-03-20 Y6 National Media Museum trip
24-03-20 Parent's evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
25-03-20 Reception Class assembly 9.15am
25-03-20 Y5 Wesley Place (letter to follow)
26-03-20 Y5 Class assembly 9.15am
02-04-20 Easter Assembly
03-04-20 School closes
20-04-20 School opens
21-04-20 Y2 Yellow Brick Road workshop
27-04-20 FOE meeting 5pm @ Excalibur
11-05-20 Y6 SATS week
22-05-20 School closes