



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

30th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the festive period just around the corner, we hope you are looking forward to our upcoming Christmas celebrations. As usual, the last two weeks have been packed with an array of exciting learning opportunities for all the children at Excalibur.

Year 6 Residential - Robinwood

From Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th November, Year 6 embarked on their residential to a Robinwood activity centre in Maes-Y-Nant in Wales. During the trip, the children took part in a huge number of activities, including giant swing, zip wire, a high ropes challenge course, a dungeon-themed escape room and even the infamous Piranha Pool.

We were thoroughly impressed with the attitude of the children, with each of them displaying our core values throughout, overcoming difficulties, supporting each other and aspiring to succeed on each of the activities.

ROAR Project Winners

Earlier in the term, our KS2 classes took part in the ROAR Project, organised and led by British Lions and 8billionideas. In teams, the children had to work together to design a product to solve a problem. On Wednesday 9th November, the grand final was held in our school hall, with Ian and Dave from Alsager Lions visiting to support the judging process. During that afternoon, eight groups from across KS2 presented their ideas and a winner was selected to be submitted to the national competition.

The standard of presentation was superb and it was a difficult decision to select an overall winner. After much deliberation, Year 4 group BBDs was nominated the overall winner. Our runners up were Super Litter Picker and FULP. In addition, the Best Model Award went to team Robo and the Best Jingle award went to team FULP. Many thanks to Dave and Ian from Alsager Lions for making this project possible.

Thank You

Over the half term break, our A-Frame underwent a much needed repair. Many thanks to Matt for carrying out this work – the children absolutely love it!

Earlier this week, we also received support from Mick, who braved the rain and cold to lay slabs for our new storage garage. It is very kind of these parents to help keep the school the best it can be.

Gripping Yarns Anti-Bullying Workshop

On Thursday 17th November, Gripping Yarns visited Excalibur to run anti-bullying workshops with our children. During the session, the storyteller, Simon, used giant puppets to tell the story of Tom and the Trolls and teach the importance of anti-bullying. Many thanks to Simon for such engaging and informative sessions.

Fire Brigade Visit Reception

Earlier this week, the fire brigade paid a visit to our Reception class to help them learn about the important job that fire fighters do. During the session, the children learnt about what a fire fighter does and what sort of equipment they use. Many thanks to the staff from the fire brigade for the visit – the children thoroughly enjoyed it!

Crewe Fire Station Visit – Safeguarding Ambassadors

Charlie and Alyx from Crewe Fire Station's Green Watch spoke to our Year 6 Safeguarding Ambassadors. They talked about the importance of being safe and seen when out and about and how to be a good passenger in a vehicle. The children will be sharing this information with the rest of the school at an upcoming assembly.



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Charity Film Awards

One of our Year 2 children, Florence, was asked to narrate a short film that was written in support of children and adults facing the everyday battle against hereditary paraganglioma-pheochromocytoma syndrome (PGL/PCC). This film raises awareness which may in turn lead to greater funding, research and ultimately save lives.

The short animation has been nominated for the Charity Film Awards! These awards are all decided by public vote, so please watch the video and vote by clicking on the link below:

<https://smileycharityfilmawards.com/videos/me-my-mum-and-dave>

Excalibur – Football Squad 1979

In 1979, a team of Excalibur children played a football game against Alsager County Primary (now Alsager Highfields). Both sides remembered the game to have finished with very different scores, but all the players remembered playing.

As a result, forty-three years later, the same teams took to the field once again to battle it out, this time with a lot less hair and quite a few extra pounds. Excalibur opened the scoring and soon after netted their second. In the end, Alsager County Primary, with one less player, dug in deep and battled hard, their resilience paying off to make them worthy winners. The score ended 6-2. After the game, they enjoyed a well-earned catch-up. One player even said that the bond you gain with friends through primary school is a strong one that cannot be broken; they said it was just like being back in school talking to everyone again.



Congratulations to Mrs. Bailey

We are delighted to announce the birth of Mrs Bailey's daughter, Alba Bailey, I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Bailey and her family all the very best.

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>

Support with the Cost of Living

With the current financial situation effecting families across the country, Cheshire East Council offer a variety of support, including a Cost of Living Crisis Team. For more information, please click on the following link:
<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/education-employment-and-money/money-matters/cost-of-living.aspx>.

Safe Parking

Can we please remind parents that cars should not be parked on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school during school hours.

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Safeguarding Team

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
28.11.22	Year 4 Class Assembly
29.11.22	Year 6 – Lamb Heart Dissections
01.12.22	Year 1 Superhero Day
02.12.22	FOE School Disco
02.12.22	FOE Non-Uniform Day
07.12.22	Y2 Visit to Wesley Place
08.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day
09.12.22	Year 6 pantomime theatre trip
12.12.22	KS2 Christmas Concert rehearsal at St. Mary's Church (AM)
13.12.22	Rock Steady Music Performance
14.12.22	KS1 Performance Morning performance 10am Afternoon performance 2pm
15.12.22	Elf Run
16.12.22	KS2 Christmas Concert at St. Mary's Church – letter to be sent
19.12.22	Reception Christmas Party
20.12.22	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
21.12.22	Christmas Lunch
21.12.22	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
22.12.12	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher

Mr Hancock
Assistant Headteacher