

EXCALIBUR PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another half term has flown by. We'd like to share some of our highlights.

Sports Week

This week, all children across the school have experienced a wide range of sporting activities. They have enjoyed parachute games, team building activities, hockey, football, basketball, netball, tennis, Ultimate Frisbee and an inflatable assault course.



Friends of Excalibur

The following events are being organised by F.O.E.

We hope you can join us to support these events. Please let the office know if you are able to help in any way.

Friday 22nd May – Sports Day - Selling refreshments throughout the day

Friday 12th June – Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 24th June – Non-Uniform Day

Friday 3rd July – Summer Fair

Wednesday 15th July – School Disco
Reception 3.30-4.00pm, KS1 4.15-5.15pm and KS2 5.30 - 6.30pm

Look out for more details from F.O.E. in your inbox.

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Year 5 Trip

As part of their Geography fieldwork, Year 5 enjoyed a day in New Brighton. They completed a litter survey to highlight the problem of pollution in our oceans. The staff were very proud of how the children behaved and equally relieved that the rain stayed away!

Bikeability

Year 5 enjoyed Bikeability sessions, where they were taught general road safety including how to use the different types of road and how to signal.



SATs Week

Well done to all the Year 6 pupils for their positive approach to sitting their SATs last week. We are incredibly proud of them and the resilience they have shown.



Killer Mile

It was brilliant to be able to celebrate all the children who completed The Killer Mile last week. They took on Mow Cop's legendary 25% incline and lived to tell the tale!

Park Run

Sunday 10th May was really a day to remember. It was the day Excalibur turned the park blue. Thank you to everyone who turned up at Clough Hall Junior Park Run and helped them reach record numbers!

Thank you too to Sarah from ParkRun for this lovely message.

'Sunday 10th May – The morning your school came and took over our park, turned it blue and white, and helped our parkrun hit record numbers of juniors. For us, it was a huge success and we'd like to thank you for rallying your end so well — getting your pupils on board and showing such enthusiasm. You set an admirable example throughout the whole process, especially by running with the children, which we feel made a real difference. Great job!'

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A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Jewellery

As stated in our uniform policy, children should not be wearing jewellery, other than one small stud in each ear. Of late, children across the school have been wearing larger hoop earrings, multiple bracelets and chunky neck chains. These all pose a risk and if worn, could cause some rather nasty accidents. In order to keep your child safe, please make sure they are adhering to these safety rules.

Make-up

Children should not be wearing any make up or nail varnish in school.

Fidget Toys

There has been a massive increase in the number of toys children are bringing into school. These have been causing a number of disruptions in class, arguments at playtimes and upset, when they get broken or lost.

We realise that some sensory fidget toys can be an effective way to help children calm down and focus on tasks and learning. However, anyone bringing in a fidget toy, should have previously agreed to do so with Miss McArdle, our Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator.

As always, should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jones Head Teacher

Mrs Griffin Deputy Headteacher

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Reminder – Parent Workshop on online safety

With children's online presence increasing all the time, it is really important for you to keep yourself informed, in order to be able to keep your child safe. DC Andrew Kevan is running a parent workshop on Thursday 2nd July at 5pm. All parent and grandparents welcome.

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Jones
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Griffin
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - Miss McArdle
Safeguarding Ambassador – Mrs Hilditch

Our new Safeguarding Ambassadors are:

Symphony
Mikey
Gracie
Henry
Sophia
George



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Spotlight on DT

Preschool children have been reading *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. They then went on to build their own bridges out of various materials



Reception have shown that they can:

- Safely use and explore a wide variety of materials, tools, and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
- Share their creations and explain the process they used to make them.



This creation is a model of a church, inspired by some recent learning about churches. They have increasingly explored height, symmetry, and the use of shape in his building through the year. This is a recent model.

Year 1 pupils showed fantastic creativity and resilience during their latest DT project. Inspired by the story of Dogger, the children were challenged to design and make a brand-new toy for Dave after he had lost his beloved dog. The class carefully planned their ideas, selected materials and practised joining techniques before creating their own puppets. There was lots of resilience at play as some of us got ourselves into a bit of a tangle!



Year 2 have designed a chair for Baby Bear to sit on. They explored structural stability of the materials they were using and ways to strengthen these materials. Using this knowledge, they created a suitable structure.



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Year 3 pupils designed and created their own felt cushions using simple sewing techniques. Using their design that they had hand drawn, they carefully cut and stitched felt pieces together, added stuffing to create shape, and used appliqué to decorate their cushions with creative designs and patterns.



Year 4 planned, designed and made their own biscuits. The children began by exploring different types of biscuits, discussing taste, texture and appearance before creating their own designs. They carefully selected ingredients, thinking about flavour combinations and how their biscuits would look.



Working collaboratively, the class followed recipes, measured ingredients and developed key skills such as mixing, shaping and baking. They showed fantastic teamwork, resilience and creativity throughout the process, adapting their designs as needed.



Year 5 have been designing truss bridges. They made a prototype from craft straws, testing it's strength to see how many kilograms it could hold. Then they went on to make the real thing with wooden dowel.



In Year 6 the children designed their own window display structures on a particular theme. They designed the background and foreground for their designs, before creating their own individual characters. The children then learnt how to saw effectively to create the wooden structure parts needed.

