

Newsletter Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

The last couple of weeks have been particularly busy with trips out, visitors in and Parents' Evenings. Thank you for your support with all events and for attending appointments with your child's class teacher/s. We know we can truly get the best out of your children when we work together and parental support is always valued and encouraged.

On Saturday, I visited the Animals in War Exhibition at Chester Military Museum and was incredibly proud to see our pupils' work alongside that of other organisations. We were one of few schools that contributed to the exhibition and I overheard so many positive comments about the standard of work on our display. Special mention must go to the year 6 pupils and those who attend art club for producing work for this.

On the 11th of November, we held our annual Remembrance at school and as usual the children were impeccably behaved. Y6 pupils and Benjamin B Y3 read familiar war poetry and together we sang our Remembrance song 'We Will Remember the Soldiers Once More.' We were joined this year by a parent in the military who came and read some books about Remembrance to our youngest children.



And finally, Alsager Christmas Tree Festival opens this weekend at Wesley Place Methodist Church. The Church does support many of our families and I know they would welcome all visitors. Please look out for our musical, eco-friendly tree.

Rachel Woollam

Club Money

As you know, the decision was made to charge a nominal fee to attend after-school clubs over a year ago. The rationale behind this was to ensure attendance was regular, but also to be able to buy equipment that otherwise we would have to wait for. I have recently bought a screen printing kit to try and use with art club but I have also spent club money from last year's clubs on cooking equipment including induction hobs and pans. We now have enough cooking equipment for 6 workstations, allowing groups of 6 pupils to be able to plan and cook cost effective, healthy meals. Our year 6 have been the first to try out the workstations and produced a very tasty pasta dish on Friday. We hope that by the end of their time at Highfields, pupils will be able to cook at least 4 nutritious dishes for themselves.



It's Good to Talk

I recently saw this post on the London Underground and it really resonated;

'Learning a language is two-way back and forth. It's crucial for children to have that interaction. That doesn't happen with screens.'

- Sandy Chappell (Children's Speech & Language Therapist)



Xplore Visit



Years 1,3

and 4 went on a visit to 'Xplore' in Wrexham last week. This 'hands on' science museum allows children to explore a number of scientific concepts such as light, magnetism, sound and electricity and is well worth a visit. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and Mrs Lindblad as Science lead, was very impressed by the level of scientific conversations taking place.

Curriculum & Assessment Review

Today is the last day for giving your views on the curriculum to the DfE. If you wish to contribute to this survey, please scan the QR code below.

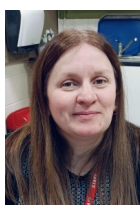


New Family Liaison Officer

This week we have welcomed our new family liaison officer, Mrs. Helen Potts.

Mrs Potts comes with a wealth of experience and is really looking forward to getting to know our families better. Mrs Potts will be completing the usual referrals for support as well as working with pupils. Her hours at Highfields will be: Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and her contact email is:

hpotts@alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk



Bronze Awards

Well done to the following pupils:

Y1—Charles K-A, Ivy B

Y2—Jessica S, Indiana G, Luna D, Finn M, Emilia C and Ellie-May S,

Y3—Thea B

Y6—Noah L, Freddie C, Owen M, Henry C, Sophia E-B, Tom G

Word Millionaire

We have another word millionaire in Y6 and Thomas has consistently achieved millionaire status over the past 3 years. Huge congratulations to:

Thomas W in Y6



We have recently introduced termly awards for our values of;

Determination, Aspiration, Respect and Kindness and are delighted that the teachers and pupils had no problem in nominating 4 pupils who they believe have shown these qualities in abundance this term. The awards were as follows:

Determination:

Armanilee P-J Y1, Arthur B Y2, Max G Y3, Clara L Y4, Iyla G Y5 and Isla B Y6

Aspiration:

Ava R Y1, Skyler B Y2, Amelia H Y3, Jacob S Y4, Jago J Y5 and Noah L Y6

Respect:

Joshua O Y1, Oliver H Y2, Riley H Y3, Amber T Y4, Oliver G Y5 and Tom G Y6

Kindness:

Rowan F Y1, Indiana G Y2, Thea B Y3, Alfie H Y4, Emily T Y5 and Willow D Y6

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS

ST GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from January 10-13. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure program.

MULTI-SPORTS - ASSAULT COURSE - WELLBEING PARALYMPICS - ARTS & CRAFTS - ALTERNATIVE SPORTS TEAM-BUILDING - COMBAT SPORTS • MUCH MORE!

FULL DAY 08:30-16:30

Half Day options available:
08:30-12:30 or 12:30-16:30

EARLY BIRD Full Day £20.00 (Expires December 16)

We are inclusive!
We value the importance of accommodating children who have come to us from different backgrounds. We aim to provide an environment where everyone is challenged and given an enjoyable experience.

Prize Pool: INFLATABLES • DRINK & DINE • CIRCUS SKILLS • FINGER GOLF • MINI GOLF

Book now at asmports.co.uk
Call: 01782 366332 Email: info@asmports.co.uk

Christmas Tree Festival @ Wesley Place

22nd-25th November
Friday 2-7:30pm
carols round the trees @6:30

Saturday 10am-4pm
children's crafts available

Sunday 2-8pm
Morning service at 10:30am

Monday 10am-1pm
Mini market with refreshments, crafts, gifts, cakes and more
Children's crafts Saturday and Sunday

www.wesley-place.org.uk

Alsager Christmas Toy Appeal 2024

Can you donate a toy or gift this Christmas?

Help bring joy to a local child (ages 0-16) whose family is going through a difficult time.

Drop off your unwrapped gift at one of the following locations:

- Alsager Community Support
19-21 Crewe Road Alsager ST7 2EW
Drop off times: Weekdays 9:30am - 12:30pm
Monday 18th November to Thursday 5th December
- Cedar Medical Centre - Sandbach Rd South ST7 2LU
Monday 18th November to Thursday 5th December
- Alsager Guide Hall - (Cedar Avenue, ST7 2PQ)
Friday 5th December 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Or scan the QR code below to donate via our Amazon Wish List.

Phone 01270 884461 or email alsagerchristmastoyappeal@gmail.com to make alternative arrangements

Donations of wrapping paper, tape, and cash (or online donations) also appreciated

Alsager Community Support 08-92-99 A/C 67267446 Ref: Toy Appeal 24

QR Code

If you wish to gift someone, please contact
Alsager Community Support 01270 876605

FREE IT SESSIONS

DO YOU LACK CONFIDENCE IN FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND YOUR SMARTPHONE OR LAPTOP?

If so, please come along to
Alsager Library
Sandbach Road North, Alsager, ST7 2QH

Tuesday 3rd December
10.15—11.15am

Library members please bring along your library card. If you are not a library member, it is free to join. Please just bring along a form of ID with your name and address to become a member.

For more information, please contact Lucie Fernyhough on 07929 717909 or lucie.fernyhough@cheshireeast.gov.uk