



# Alsager Highfields Primary School

*Mighty oaks from small acorns grow*

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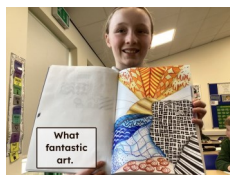
Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today marks the half way point of the academic year and it always amazes me just how quickly the weeks seem to fly by. It's been a really busy half term and it is such a privilege to watch all the exciting things going on around school. This half term I've seen: Reception pupils make lanterns and taste oriental food to celebrate Chinese New Year, Year 1 pupils programme Beebots, Year 2 pupils hold a variety of reptiles, Y3 make their own sandwich, Y4 take part in a Saxon workshop, Y5 using VR goggles to explore space and Y6 create some amazing totem pole designs. We've also managed to squeeze in a school disco that included a valentine tombola, face painting and 'sweet pong'. No wonder we are all ready for a break!

Have a great half term,

*Rachel Woollam*



## M.A.D Reptiles

Year 2 and year 6 were lucky enough to be visited by M.A.D Reptiles last week. During the workshops, pupils got to hold snakes and various other reptiles as well as learn about their habitat, diet and behaviours. All children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and some really challenged themselves to hold a snake—they were braver than me!

You can learn more about M.A.D Reptiles by visiting them at Unit 2, Dunning Street, Tunstall, or by visiting their facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?>



## Community Collaboration

Our year 6 pupils have recently been working with students from Manchester School of Architecture on a totem pole design for Milton Park. Our visitors were really impressed with the ideas presented by our children, and with how eloquently they articulated 'what Alsager means to them.' The design ideas are fabulous and we hope this collaboration has 'piqued the interest' of some of our students as to the various careers in design. We are hoping that the plans on paper make it into reality. Watch this space!



## Round Table Support Needed

Many of you will know that the Round Table support many local causes, and we received a significant amount of funding from them to re-model our early years outdoor area. This year on April 5th members intend to cycle from Alsager to Llandudno (+80 miles) in a single day. They are hoping to raise money to support causes that benefit the local community. If you can support in any way, please follow the link below, I know they'd be extremely grateful.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alsager-roundtable?utm\\_term=m7Y7KPk8Z](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/alsager-roundtable?utm_term=m7Y7KPk8Z)

## NSPCC workshops

As part of our 'robust safeguarding policy, we recently invited the NSPCC in to deliver their programme 'Speak out. Stay safe'. This programme has been specifically written for children aged 5-11 and helps them understand abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.



## Alsager Library

Alsager library have a variety of events and workshops running over the half term. As we know library hours are being reduced, so please do go along and support if possible.

**SPRING half term activities**

**Monday 17th February**

Rhyme time 11 - 11.30 am  
LEGO club 2 - 3 pm \*

**Wednesday 19th February 11 am**

"Quack, Quack, Take two steps back"

Come along for a special story time session all about water safety with our friends from Canal & River Trust. Suitable for ages 2 - 6.

**Friday 21st February**

Stories and Songs 11 - 11.30 am  
Bobby Bounce 2 - 2.30 pm  
Games club 3 - 4 pm \*

All children must be accompanied by an adult  
\*This regular event is a change from our usual time

**ASM SPORTS CRICKET MASTERCLASS**

**Cricket Cave (Unit B)**  
The Cricket Cave  
Fraylings Business Park, Longport, ST6 4HS  
**February 18-20 | 09:00-15:30**

Come and join us to experience the feeling of training like a professional Cricketer! John Hancock, will lead an array of high quality sessions to improve your technique, decision making and match play in all areas. This camp is suitable for club players aged 7-14 years old.

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ASM sports are also running some cricket workshops for those looking for something a little more energetic!

## Holiday Reading

Please ensure your child continues with their good reading habits over the half term break. Books completed over the holidays can be quizzed on from home between the hours of 08.30 and 8.30pm.

All pupils who read and quiz over the holidays will be rewarded with a star on their bookmark.

My holiday reading list looks like this:



## Holidays in term time

I am getting a lot of requests for holidays in term time at the moment. I know financially, avoiding school holidays to go away with your children is considerably cheaper, but please be aware that holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Nationally, there is a huge drive to improve attendance and the Local Authority are issuing more and more fixed penalty notices for both holidays in term time as well as for persistent absentees. Please help us to get the best out of your child/ren by ensuring their attendance during term time. Thank you.



## Bronze Awards



Well done to the following pupils for achieving 10 stars on their bookmark in order to receive their bronze certificate:



Y3— Lily D, Samuel N, Rafe G, Nicole V, Wil-low D, Freya B, Bonnie W

## Silver Award

Some pupils are clearly working their socks off and have already earned 20 stars in order to receive their silver award. Well done to:

Y1—Claudia O, Rowan F, Bella T, Arthur H

Y6—Noah L



## Word Millionaire

Huge congratulations to Grace B in year 5 for becoming our sixth pupil millionaire. Grace will receive her £10 book token and award in assembly after half term.

We have many children who are already close to this milestone –keep going!

## School Disco



Thank you to all who supported our Valentine's discos. From those who attended to our valued parents helpers and staff who all give up their own time to ensure these events are a success. I've heard the playlist was the best yet! The events raised £650 which is amazing.

## Emotional Health

If you are worried about your child's emotional health and would like help to try and understand their anxieties, then please check out the poster below.

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