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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 6.10.23

A busy week in school, as usual, following on from a very busy end to last week with our Ofsted inspection! Today, our Year 3 children are visiting Flag Fen archaeological site as part of their History learning for this term.

In our whole-school assembly about Black History Month this morning, we learned about a piece of artwork made by Shawanda Corbett, a young black female artist who uses her artwork to represent the lives of people whose stories may never be told or who may be overlooked due to stereotyping in the media. I will add some information later to the 'News and Events' page of the website if you are interested in finding out more.

Also in assembly today, I read out the names of children who have earned their Star award for behaviour and attendance. I read out nearly 250 names, which is an amazingly high number of children behaving beautifully in class and being in school every day!

Yesterday was National Poetry Day and lots of lovely poems were shared in school. You might be interested in this link, with poetry ideas for families to explore: [Poetry tips, books and games for children and families](#)

Next week in school:

Monday 9.10.23 – Education Inclusion Family Adviser (EIFA): I sent an email earlier this week about this meeting at 9am in the Expressive Arts hall, with Amanda Gilbert, our EIFA. I have attached a poster with some additional information, but all parents and carers are very welcome to come along.

Tuesday 10.10.23, session for EYFS parents/carers: Mrs Morris sent an email home earlier this week about this session, which is being offered to EYFS parents and carers by the Local Authority Mental Health Support Team. The focus of the session will be to support parents in understanding children's behavioural difficulties and emotional regulation, anxieties, fears and worries. It is aimed to support parents/carers who are settling their children into EYFS. Please join us if you feel the session would support you and your child/ren. The session begins straight after drop off, just make your way to the Main Reception area, where Ms Din will walk you round.

Year 6 Residential Visit to Kingswood: Our Year 6 children are very excited to be heading off to Norfolk from Wednesday to Friday on their Residential Visit to Kingswood. They will have the opportunity to do lots of different adventurous activities – it is going to be fantastic!

Class 9 assembly – Friday 13.10.23: Next Friday will be Class 9's assembly. Parents and carers of children in Class 9 are warmly invited to come along to the Expressive Arts hall side door from 8.55am and we will let you in to enjoy the assembly!

We have a lovely group of parents and carers who form our 'Friends of Arbury' group. We are in the process of updating their page on the school website, so please do have a look here to find out a bit more about Friends of Arbury: [Friends of Arbury - About us](#). They would be happy to hear from you if you are interested in supporting FOA events in school!

Wishing you a good weekend! As always, please do contact us if we can be of help. If you have any specifically KS1 questions, please contact Sophie Morris at smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk and for anything particularly involving KS2, please contact Kate Dowdall at kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards
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