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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 18.3.22

We have really enjoyed the lovely weather today for a fun Friday celebrating Red Nose Day!

Covid update: Mr Tull has asked me to pass on the following information to you, following a Local Authority email update we received this morning.

'There is currently an increasing rate of Covid-19 in the UK with the easily spread sub-variant of Omicron BA.2 now causing most cases. We are starting to see cases rising again in school and are continuing to do what we can to limit spread by good ventilation, frequent hand-hygiene, enhanced cleaning and a continued pause of whole-school indoor events.'

Please stay vigilant for Covid-19 symptoms. If your child develops any of the following symptoms, we would ask that you arrange a test by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

- A high temperature – this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste

Thank you once again for all you are doing to keep our school safe and limit the disruption to learning.'

Red Nose Day: We have had some great fun today in school. In my video assembly, we were learning about Teddy, a remarkable 9 year-old who we could all learn a lot from, I think. At lunchtime, KS1 children were doing some excellent dancing in the playground to songs from 'Sing 2' and 'Encanto'. In KS2, we had a lip sync extravaganza for the first time, with a range of songs available to try out (from 'Never gonna give you up' to 'Space Oddity' and 'We Don't Talk about Bruno'! We will add photos to the 'News and Events' section of the website as soon as we can!

Wildflower meadow: Mrs Griffin reports that we have been delighted to welcome volunteers from 'On the Verge' who have been helping us to develop a wildflower meadow on our school field. They came into school last half term to remove the turf using a unimog which children in EYFS and KS1 came out to see and this half term they have been in to sow the seeds with EYFS children and put up bird boxes with the KS2 eco reps. We are looking forward to seeing this area of our grounds develop and grow over the next few months.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel: The Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel project aims to raise the profile of and encourage active journeys to school. Over the next 2 weeks in school, each day classes will count in the morning how many children walked, cycled or scooted to school. The data is collated at the end of the 2 weeks and Mrs Oram will submit our daily numbers to the organisers, but it also feeds into our PSHE Healthy Lifestyles monitoring. We know that many of our children do use very active ways of coming to school!

Next week: Lots of things will be going on in school next week, with trips for Year 2 and Year 5, Year 3 children having some virtual History learning about Ancient Greece, and Year 3 and 4 children working on their performance. There's never a dull moment! If you do have a chance on Tuesday, a reminder that there is a free Science event on Tuesday after school at the Church of the Good Shepherd. I've attached the flyer again for information.

Wishing you a good weekend. As usual, 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 specifically involving KS2, please contact me at drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards
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