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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 19.5.23

This morning, we had a super time with Class 2 as they shared some of their learning with us, including 'metamorphosis' and 'photosynthesis'! They were so confident! Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to support the children for their first class assembly.

Half-termly tea today after school: Please do drop into the Expressive Arts hall at the end of school today for a drink and a chat! Parents, carers and children - all welcome!

This week in school:

Mental Health Awareness week: We have spent a bit of time this week learning about different ways we can look after our mental health, with an emphasis on exercise and movement. You might find this link to the BBC Moodboosters page useful: [Family Moodboosters | Wellbeing Activities for Primary School Age Children - BBC Teach](#). There are lots of movement-based things designed for families to try out together.

Also this week: Our Year 1 children had a great time at Chesterton for their tennis festival. They showed excellent enjoyment and participation throughout the morning, and our staff were very proud of them.

It was **National Numeracy Day** on Wednesday, and I came across the document for parents and carers which I have attached, called 'Top 4 tips to help children love Maths'. You might find this helpful to use to talk with your child about Maths.

Microscope in Y5/6: This week and next week, our Year 5 /6 classes will have the chance to use a digital microscope loaned to us by the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge. They will be able to take all sorts of images of natural samples and materials and have the chance to look in microscopic detail at things they see in everyday life!

Next week is our last week before half-term, and it is lined up to be a very busy week indeed! Key things to share with you are:

Healthy Lifestyles week: Following on from this week, where we have been raising awareness about how to look after our mental health, we will be broadening this to look at Healthy Lifestyles. There are lots of things planned for assemblies, playtimes, lunchtimes and in class. We will look at physical health and exercise, emotional and mental wellbeing and healthy eating. Children will have the chance to learn skipping moves again – we did this last year and it was extremely popular; I have attached a pdf of the challenges for bronze, silver and gold in case your child is interested in trying new skills at home!

Tuesday – Classes 1 and 2 trip: On Tuesday, Classes 1 and 2 will visit the Botanic Gardens. I am sure they will have a fantastic time!

Wednesday – Year 4 trip: Year 4 will visit Wicken Fen on Wednesday, which is an excellent place to learn about habitats and living things.

Wednesday - Arbury Carnival workshop after school: Between 3.25pm – 4.30pm in the room attached to our Expressive Arts hall, an artist from Kettle's Yard will be coming to run a drop-in art workshop to create large pieces to be carried in the procession at Arbury Carnival (on Saturday 10th June). Parents and carers are welcome to drop in with their children to this workshop and contribute to these creations! The theme is 'Mythical creatures'. If you want to let me know that you are planning to come, please email me at drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Thursday - The 'Big Battery Hunt': Thursday will be the last day for used batteries to be brought into school as part of the Duracell 'Big Battery Hunt'. Batteries sent in will be recycled, and the class who collects the most used batteries to be recycled will win 15 minutes extra golden time on Friday! Also on Thursday afternoon, our Eco-Committee reps will have their half-termly meeting with Mr Sapsford.

Friday – Year 3 assembly: On Friday morning, our Year 3 classes will present a joint assembly at 9.00am in the Expressive Arts hall. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along as the children share some of their learning with us. Please come to the side door of the Expressive Arts hall and we will let you in.

A few other things to share with you:

Storytelling session tomorrow at Milton Road library: *Saturday 20th May, 10.30-11.30: Time for a Story!* Come for a FREE Saturday morning of fun and interactive storytelling for children under 10 and their families, at Milton Road library. Stories are told, read and sung, with maybe a bit of craft and a snack added into the mix. This month's theme is 'stories from around the world' and includes more puppetry from the wonderful Laura Ungvary, with storyteller Marion Leeper and friends. Check out the stories any time between 10.30-11.30, or stay for the whole hour – you can just drop in on the day.

Parent/carer questionnaire: Thank you to those of you who have sent in your completed questionnaire. We appreciate your feedback. I have attached a pdf of the questionnaire in case you need it. Next Friday is the last day for sending them into school – thank you!

Year 6 children transferring to Chesterton Community College in September: We have been asked to share a flyer with you which has information about a second hand uniform sale being held during June – I have attached this for your information.

Have 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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