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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 3.2. 23

Today, the 18 chicks which have hatched out in our Year 2 classes will be collected. The chicks came to assembly today and could be heard cheeping throughout! The Year 2 children have learned so much by having the eggs and then the chicks in class. Also this week, around 50 of our Year 5 and 6 children have been taking part in Bikeability training, which helps them to be able to cycle safely when they are out and about on the roads.

'Be The Rainbow': Do join us at 3.30pm today if you can, in the Expressive Arts hall and be a part of our 'Be The Rainbow' photo. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Message from our Eco-Committee reps and Mrs Griffin: Last Friday, members of the Eco-Committee in Years 2-6 had a visit from Anglian Water to learn about water efficiency and how our water is managed locally. They had a brilliant workshop and would like to offer you three top tips about how to value and preserve our most important natural resource at home:

1. Visit Anglian Water's website to order a free water saving kit: [Water saving bathroom kit \(anglianwater.co.uk\)](http://anglianwater.co.uk).
2. Check your taps and toilets for leaks and drips.
3. Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth – this could save around 12 litres of water every time you brush your teeth!

Our Eco-Committee are in the process of choosing class litter monitors, to help us identify litter in and around the building which can be removed to keep the school site clean. Mrs Griffin has asked any children who would like to do so, to design and draw a poster about litter to go up around school. Posters can be made at home and brought into school to be passed on to Mrs Griffin.

World Book Day 2023: Nationally, World Book Day this year is on Thursday 2nd March, but we will be celebrating it on **Friday 3rd March** in our school. Mrs Dowdall will be emailing out information today to let you know what is planned for that day.

Next week in school:

Children's Mental Health Week: We will be having a focus on this in our Monday assembly next week. The theme this year is 'Let's connect', looking at the importance that connections with others have on our mental health. Healthy relationships with family, friends and school staff are vital for children's wellbeing, offering a strong protective factor against poor mental health. There are some helpful resources for families here: [Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](http://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk). If you are a Taskmaster fan, you may be interested to see their daily challenges for children throughout Children's Mental Health Week. You can sign up here: Welcome | Taskmaster Education. Cambridgeshire Libraries also have a list of books which can support children's wellbeing. The list is here: Cambridgeshire Libraries: Reading well for children

Safer Internet Day: On Tuesday, nationally it is Safer Internet Day. In school, we will be having an assembly on Thursday to talk about this. The theme for this year is 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. It is important to have conversations at home and at school about how we connect online and how we stay safe when doing so. This link has some helpful resources for parents and carers: [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#). Next week, Mrs Morris and Mrs Dowdall will also email out some specific hints and tips to support parents and carers in relation to online safety for children and young people.

We have again been asked to send you the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter, which I have attached. The newsletter is aimed at primary and secondary aged pupils, so do be aware of that. Cambs Constabulary says:

The subjects that we have covered in the newsletter are as follows:

- **Safer Internet Day:** encourage your child to share their online experiences
- **Play the Cyber Choices Challenge:** let your child show off their gaming skills
- **Online Banter vs Online Bullying:** help your child understand the difference
- **What is love?:** help your child to recognise safe relationships
- **County Line Awareness** – free training course for parents and carers

School trips: On Tuesday, Year 1 will be visiting Duxford as part of their topic work on flight. Then, on Wednesday, Year 4 classes will be visiting the Fitzwilliam Museum as part of their learning about Ancient Egypt.

Class 1 assembly: On Friday, Class 1 will be presenting their assembly to the school, and parents/carers are warmly invited to attend too. It starts at 9am, so do come round to the Expressive Arts hall door (near the front door of the school) and we will let you in!

Wishing you a lovely 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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