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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 14.5.21**

At the end of a very busy week in school, I just wanted to bring you up-to-date with some of the things which have been (or will be) happening!

**Year 5/6 Science Image competition:** Our Year 5/6 classes are using a digital microscope on loan from the University Department of Molecular Biology to take images of natural objects found on the school site. Ten of the images will be chosen as entries for a Science Image competition – we will make sure we put the images on the school website when they are completed so that you can see them.

**D.E.A.R. day – Drop Everything And Read:** Today, we have had great fun in school, by taking time to stop doing what we are doing, and just read for a while! I even managed to join in and have 10 minutes of undisturbed reading time! Mrs Whiting will be adding some photos to the school website 'News and Events' section. On eSchools, on 'The English Group' page, Mrs Dowdall has added some lovely videos of her reading some of the books shortlisted for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal. Please do use these at home with your children.

**From Mrs Whiting:** You may well have heard on the news about the impact of lockdown on young children's language skills. Particularly if you have younger children, you might like to watch this brief video (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-56889035.amp>) and have a look at this 'Top Tips' document on the school website (link here: [Top Tips for communication and language](#)).

**The smallest park in Cambridge:** We were delighted to hear that at least one of our families has been involved in creating a lovely little play space for children to use at the end of Stretten Avenue. If you haven't already heard about it, here is a link to find out more: [Stretten Avenue community pulls together to create 'smallest' park in Cambridge \(cambridgeindependent.co.uk\)](#). Sounds like a great place to visit with children!

**Science week:** Next week in school, we will be having a Science week, where we will have the chance to spend a bit of additional time focussing on Science. Miss Joomun, our Science Co-ordinator, has set up a new Science group on eSchools, which will be live from Monday. Do encourage your child to have a look!

Finally, we want to say Eid Mubarak - Happy Eid - to our Muslim families who were celebrating yesterday! We hope you had a lovely day!

Thank you for your continued support; we really value it! Please do contact Kathy Whiting if you have any EYFS/KS1 queries ([kwhiting@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kwhiting@arbury.cambs.sch.uk)) or me if you have a query relating to KS2 ([drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk)).

Kind regards

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