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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 18.11.22

Today, we should have been having our wonderful 'Do Your Thing' assembly for Children in Need, but as you will be aware from Mrs Schwarz's email first thing this morning, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to postpone it until next Friday, the 25th November. I have lists of many, many children who are keen to take part, so we will be even more excited to share in that event next week! To soften the blow a little, it was great to have Jeremy Sallis from BBC Radio Cambridgeshire (accompanied by Pudsey, of course) to visit school on Thursday morning. The children were fantastic and enjoyed dancing along with Pudsey to 'Baby Shark' and our school favourite, the 'Macarena'! Thank you also to the 3 children who spoke briefly on the radio! This link to the school website has a little more information (photos to be added), and also a link to the BBC Sounds website where the first 25 minutes or so of the show is broadcast from school: [Arbury Primary School - Pudsey visits our school!](#)

This week in school:

Anti-bullying week 1: We began our whole-school focus on Anti-bullying on Monday, and we will continue this next week too. As a school, we are all using a lovely picturebook called 'My Footprints', which is a great resource to help us think through story about the impact of bullying. The national theme for Anti-bullying week this year is 'Reach Out', and we want our children to know who they can reach out to if they need support. Mrs Armitage has made a beautiful video of the book, which you may want to share with your child. Link here: <https://safeshare.tv/x/6t8O2hqBX9w>

School Council meeting: On Monday afternoon, our School Council met for the second time this term. We had invited Councillor Hilary Cox-Condron to come along, and the children shared their ideas and feedback from their classes in relation to our local area. They were able to talk to Hilary about the places they like to go, as well as those places which they don't like because of vandalism or because of groups of older young people hanging around, sometimes making them feel unsafe. Hilary is keen to continue to work with us and to represent our children to those who make decisions around provision and funding. I was very proud indeed of the way the children presented their views and opinions so clearly to Hilary.

Next week in school:

English Touring Opera: On Monday afternoon, KS2 classes will watch a performance of 'Tutankhamun's Shoes' by English Touring Opera. The opera company have kindly offered this performance to us free of charge, so we didn't want to turn down that opportunity!

Visits: On Tuesday, Year 2 are visiting Cambridge Fire Station as part of their History work learning about the Great Fire of London. On Wednesday morning, Classes 1 and 2 are visiting Arbury Court library. We know that children always gain a great amount from trips and visits as part of our wider curriculum.

'Do Your 'Thing' assembly – Friday: Keeping my fingers crossed, we will have our long-awaited talent assembly!

Finally, a couple of nice things to share with you:

Fantastical Forest exhibition event: Last year in the Autumn Term, our then-Year 5 classes (our present Year 6s) took part in a project with Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination, which involved collecting plant samples from the school site, then using the highly-magnified images (created by scientists) of fungi found on the samples as inspiration to create artwork outside on the school field. The artwork was taken to an artist, and along with artwork from the other schools involved, beautiful muslin banners were created. The banners will be on show next Saturday, the 26th November, at Wandlebury Country Park between 10.30am and 3pm, and it is free to attend. The link here has more information: [Fantastical Forest Exhibition 2022 | Cambridge Past, Present and Future \(cambridgeppf.org\)](#). I have also attached a pdf with a bit more information.

'Art to Go' video: Earlier this term, 5 of our Year 4 children went to Kettle's Yard to work with artist and poet John Lyons to make carnival masks. They were filmed for Kettle's Yard's 'Art to Go' series, and you can see the short video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auS5MShHla4>. The children did so well, and it is just a joyful video!

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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