

17.3.23

Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 17.3.23**

We began our day today with a great, fun event – the A(rbury) Factor finals assembly. Thank you to the children who auditioned and those who got through to the finals; to the judges (staff and children), and to the children for being a great audience! We had a lip sync performance by some of the teachers to a Spice Girls song (one teacher moon-walked and another did the ‘worm’ – as you can imagine, the children went wild when they saw those kind of skills!). What a lovely way to celebrate the work of Comic Relief. We had been learning in assembly yesterday about how Autism angels (a charity which receives funding from Comic Relief) helped to support a 9 year-old boy through a particularly tricky time in his life. I talked to the children also today about the importance of the day-to-day support we give each other in school. Congratulations to our A Factor winner, who is in Year 6 and who played the James Bond Theme on the piano, leading Mr Taylor (our Head Judge) to comment that we were ‘shaken and stirred’ by his playing!

**Next week:**

With just two more weeks of school until the end of term, we still have a lot going on each day! Our Y3/4 children are working hard on their production, which will be performed in the last week of term. On Thursday, children who attend our Y6 football club are involved in a tournament at Chesterton Community College – we wish them well!

**Year 6 SATs:** On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, at 2.45pm, there is a meeting for parents/carers of children in Year 6 about the SATs tests, which will be coming up in May.

**Ramadan:** The month of fasting for Muslims begins on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We know that some of our older children may be fasting on some days. We would appreciate it if you could let us know if your child is expecting to be fasting during Ramadan.

**Stories at Milton Road library:** Tomorrow, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, there is a storytelling session at Milton Road library. Marion Leeper, one of the storytellers, has sent the following information:

*Saturday 18th March, 10-30-11.30, Time for a Story, at Milton Road Library, Ascham Road, Cambridge. Stories told and read in Milton Road Library for all the family, with Marion Leeper and friends. Expect naughty buses, the captivating art of kamishibai puppet theatre, and out-of-control kangaroos. Drop in for all or part of the hour. You can book a free ticket here ([Time for a Story Tickets, Sat 18 Mar 2023 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)) or just drop in on the day.*

In the A Factor finals today, one of the children was telling jokes, and we all agreed that this one was very good. I thought I would share it with you...

*What is Mr Tull's favourite cheese?*

*Ah...brie! (Arbury...)*

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](mailto:smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk) and for anything particularly involving KS2, please contact Kate Dowdall at [kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk).

Kind regards

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