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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 2.2.24

We have had a great start to our Friday today, with **Class 8 presenting their assembly** to the whole school and lots of parents and carers. The shared work about Albert Einstein, Take One Picture and their Geography work on 'Megacities'. It was interesting to find out that they had been comparing Megacities such as Tokyo with Milton Keynes, the fastest-growing city in the UK! Thank you to everyone who came along to support.

Today – 3.30pm – 'Be The Rainbow' photograph: All are welcome to come along to the Expressive Arts hall at the end of school today for our annual 'Be The Rainbow' photograph, as it is LGBTQ+ month in February. The photo will go on the school website. You may like to wear something in a colour from the rainbow if you wish!

Kettle's Yard visit last Saturday: Thank you to all the adults and children who came along to Kettle's Yard last Saturday morning to see 'Red Stone Dancer'. I was delighted to see so many of you there – we think at least 117 adults and children came, which is just brilliant. The Kettle's Yard staff were also so pleased to welcome lots of people to the gallery for the first time. However, I took a school camera with me and completely forgot to take any photos! If you were there and have a photo of your child with the statue or looking at other artworks and would be happy for it to go on the school website (photo only, no names), then please do email it through to me at drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk. I am setting up a page on the school website with photos of children's work (there is a lot to add, so it is an ongoing task!), but in the meantime, here is the link to an initial selection of work in the 'News and Events' part of the website: [Take One Picture week - 22nd - 26th January 2024](#).

Last Thursday (25th January), two pairs of Year 4 children took part in a **Year 4 Maths Challenge** at St Faith's school. There were almost 60 pairs taking part. Both of our teams did very well, and one team actually won the challenge, which is a wonderful achievement! Congratulations! Our website link is here: [Arbury Primary School - Year 4 maths challenge](#).

This week, we have also enjoyed our daily Drop Everything and Read time, which could be at any time during the school day. Also in school this week, Year 2 have been able to see the changes in their chicks as their proper feathers come in and the chicks grow quickly in size.

Next week in school:

Ongoing all week: Children's Mental Health week – the theme this year is 'My Voice Matters', and is about equipping children with tools to express themselves and look after their mental health and wellbeing. In our assemblies, we will be sharing ways we can help and support each other as well as how we can look after our own mental health and wellbeing. This link has some interesting information and resources for parents and carers: [Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk). I have also attached a pdf document with top tips for families.

Year 5/6 Bikeability: Those children in Year 5/6 who have booked on for the Level 2 Bikeability training will be having sessions daily from Monday to Thursday. You will have received a reminder this week about what children need to have with them each day.

Monday – School Council meeting: I will be meeting with our School Council on Monday afternoon when we will be discussing our school's Golden Rules – this has been postponed from last week.

Tuesday – Year 1 trip: Our Year 1 classes will be visiting Duxford on Tuesday as part of their History work about flight.

Wednesday – EYFS trip: On Wednesday, Classes 1 and 2 will be visiting Johnson's Zoo as part of their learning about animals.

Friday – Class 5 assembly: We look forward to Class 5 sharing their assembly with us on Friday 9th. The assembly will start at 9am and parents and carers are warmly invited to come along. Please come to the Expressive Arts hall door near the main entrance after morning drop-off and we will let you in.

Friday – Half-termly tea and Take One Picture exhibition: Straight after school on Friday 9th February, all are invited to the Friends of Arbury half-termly tea. Do come along for a drink and a biscuit! We will also have an exhibition of the work created in response to 'Red Stone Dancer' for you to see in person. Two of the museum educators from Kettle's Yard are coming to the tea so that they can also see the fantastic work created by the children!

Preloved coats and shoes: If you have any children's coats or shoes which have been outgrown and still have lots of wear left in them, we would be grateful if you could drop them off at school. We would like to be able to pass them on at our half-termly teas, in the same way as we have done with books and school uniform items. Good for the environment too!

Education Inclusion Family Adviser newsletter: I have attached the January newsletter from Amanda Gilbert, which you may find useful.

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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