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Urmston Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers…have a lovely weekend, from us all at UPS

Photo Day—FYI is next Thursday!!

ECO SCHOOLS!

We're pleased to announce that we've been awarded our Green Flag Award! A massive well done to our eco-committee and to Mrs McNutt (and Mrs Marsland). We realise that looking after our environment is so important and we'll be looking at more ways to do so in the future. Great stuff! PTO for pics...

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

With the kind support of everyone who donated to Mila's Rainbow Race fundraiser for baby loss charity, Tommy's, we managed to achieve our £2,000 fundraising target in just a week! We've raised an incredible £2,052 so far...the most funds of all the people and groups fundraising for the event, which we're really proud of— we're blown away by everyone's kind support. In total the rainbow race has raised almost £10,000 now for the Tommy's Manchester Research Centre and Rainbow Clinic which is just incredible! Donations can still be made here: https://www.justgiving.com/page/rainbowbabyrun. Thank you so, so much to everyone who donated and has helped us raise funds for such vital research, support, and treatments to help prevent baby loss. We really appreciate your kind and generous support! Love Jess, Jim, Mila and Lola x

YOU TUBE, TIKTOK AND THINGS ON SCREENS

We've had a number of conversations amongst staff in school recently about the perils of life online. It is fair to say that there are so many positives to take from the internet and being part of online communities, and so many learning opportunities. However, we are becoming increasingly mindful of the issues that are arising from our children spending too much time on screens. The instant stimulus and dopamine hit that we all get (yes, including we grown-ups) from little videos on platforms such as Tiktok and Youtube is meaning that our attention spans are dwindling. Furthermore, our capacity to be bored and be in a headspace to be happy doing not a great deal is lessening. For our children, we fear that this is leading to fewer opportunities, and a weakened will to want, to be creative and imaginative, which can often grow from those periods when the mind is quieter and less stimulated. In short, we feel that we might all need to take a step back and look at whether we feel as things stand, screen time is having too much of a negative impact on our children's mental health and wellbeing and stifling their attention and creativity. We have a PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING ON THE 11TH OCTOBER where we'd like to discuss this, whether we think that this is becoming a concern, and whether we want to do something about it. As always, your views are integral to the messaging we give to our children and so please feel free to get in touch and come along to the meeting too!

BLACK LEGACY MONTH

October is Black History Month. But this October, we've decided to celebrate our own 'Black Legacy Month' to ensure that rather than dwelling solely on the challenges of the past, we celebrate the figures from black history that still inspire and motivate us today. Each year group has a different figure from black history so please talk to your children about the reasons why they leave such a legacy and how they might inspire us to 'be more' today and in the future.

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MUSIC @ UPS!

Not only do we work with the Trafford Music Service for support in delivering our music curriculum, but we also work with their super teachers to deliver specific instrument tuition for our children. Take a look at urmstonprimary.com/curriculum/music for what we have to offer!

NUT FREE! Can we please remind parents that we are a nut-free school to ensure that all our children are safe. Please check ingredients in packed lunches so that our children who have allergies don't have this worry. Many thanks.

PTA Coffee Morning

We needed to postpone today's event and will keep you posted on the new date. All money taken will be going to St Ann's Hospice, so do please join us when it comes around!

St Ann's Hospice

every day makes a difference

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Trafford's Send Local Offer Advisor would like to invite you to the Chatty Cafe on the 28th September. Someone from Commissioning will be joining us to meet parents to discuss the short break offer and hear your views
https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/service.page?id=oPZSPE2RLlc

Action for Happiness

The organisation, Action for Happiness, often put on some great events to help us reflect on how wecan be happy and fulfilled in life. Their next one is all about 'Fearless Living', if you're interested…

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fearless-living-with-gelong-thubten-tickets-687827609897?aff=oddtdtcreator

Little Green Socks Project

Things can be a little tough at the moment and we're here to help (or signpost help) if we can. We mentioned in our last letter, Early Help and the Pupil Premium for families , so get in touch if you feel we can help you with that. Furthermore, the 'Little Green Socks Project' may be able to help. Please go to https://littlegreensock.org/ and let us know if you feel you fit the criteria and we can refer.

Earrings and hair bobbles

Just a reminder guys—for safety, especially on P.E. days...no (non-stud) earrings and hair will need to be tied back! Many thanks!

CLASSROOM ACTION…

Another busy week...we've been interviewing, hot seating and role-playing; learning about boney things(!); learning riffs on the glockenspiels; learning Roman formations; working out 1,10,100,1000 more and less than a number; making comparisons between ourselves and our friends; drawing around our bodies and talking about our organs; learning the symbols for greater than and less than; using iterations and colour selection to create patterns; learning about Christian symbols of belonging....and much more!