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Urmston Primary School

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

GIRL POWER

A massive well done to our Y5 and 6 girls. During the Let Girls Play event at Flixton Girls, they showed what it means to play sport—collaboration, respect, effort and performance. Mr Smith was incredibly proud of the way the girls conducted themselves and how they enjoyed themselves with such enthusiasm. He said that one thing that struck him was how fair, respectful and responsible they were—a real example of how to play sport. Brilliant stuff girls—we're very proud of you!

SENSITIVITIES

Society today is complex and we have to be tremendously sensitive when responding to our children about what is going on in the world. The current so very sad situation in Palestine and Israel is one that is incredibly sensitive and it has rightly been pointed out that thorough planning and consideration must be given when thinking about how to approach this. There will be situations where this may come up and we'll be approaching this from a perspective of people's rights and the need for love and peace, regardless of people's religious and political stance. We ask for your support with this and welcome respectful dialogue.

SEND FORUM

Please join us here at 2.30pm on Thursday 16th November to discuss all things SEND. We realise that this time may not suit all but there really is never a good time, is there! If you can't make it but would like some thoughts discussed or questions answered, please do let us know! We hope to see you then.

HARVEST

It was lovely to mark the time of the year with both the performance by our Y2s and Reverand Smith leading on the junior assembly. As always, he left us reflecting on the importance of togetherness and love and the need for us to look out for one another. So timely.

PE KITS

Please can we remind you that PE kits are part of school uniform. They should be black (or dark grey) shorts or tracksuit/jogging bottoms, with a red or white polo-neck or t-shirt. They should not be branded. We want our children to take pride in being part of our school and so uniform is an important part of this. Thank you. Also, no hanging earrings please!

PTA Coffee Morning

Please join us next Friday 20th October at 8.15. All money taken will be going to St Ann's Hospice, so do please join us when it comes around!

TTRS!!!!!

Mrs B, our Maths Lead, keeps getting notifications that children are playing on out-of-date version of Times Tables Rockstars. Please do keep urging your children to play at home but if using the website at home, go to play.ttrockstars.com/reset to load the latest version in their device's browser. Otherwise, you'll need to update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store. Getting children engaged in this will really help their rapid recall of times tables! Thanks for your support!

CLASSROOM ACTION…

Another busy week...we've been…learning about the Jewish day of rest, the Shabbat. We also decorated a kiddish cup with symbols of belonging for Jewish people; coming up with our own pattern seeking investigation questions about the skeleton, recording predictions, results and conclusions about our investigations; using pictures and clues to infer why the anglo-saxons invaded Britain; using different methods to separate materials; testing nappy absorbency; becoming Roman soldiers; learning about the artist, Andy Goldworthy; learning storytelling techniques from an author (...and much more!)

E-Safety

The minefield of the internet is one which we all have to try and navigate, especially when it comes to monitoring what our children are accessing. Please go to https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ for advice or do come and talk to us about the challenges that you face, as we're quite sure you're not alone! We are looking at getting together a working party of sorts so please do listen out for our next steps!