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Urmston Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers…

As always, as we head into the Autumn half term break, thank you for your support and for your collaboration in being part of our school community.

Have a lovely week and we'll see you on Monday 31st!

Best wishes from us all at UPS

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

Thank you so much to everyone, children and adults, who respectfully observed the two-minute silence yesterday. As said, we wanted to stand together with all of those whose basic rights are not being met and it is important and it is right that we say that. Whilst history tells us it will be hard, we all hope that in the coming days, weeks, months and years people can work together to get things right for everyone.

WELLBEING

Looking out for one another's wellbeing is essential for us all. Below are a couple of links to how we can consider how we connect, follow routines and raise self-esteem. They are about both child wellbeing and, essentially, parent wellbeing. Do take a look!

Child Mental Health & Wellbeing- 10 Top Tips for Parents | SSS Learning Ltd (ssscpd.co.uk)
Your Mental Health & Wellbeing- 10 Top Tips for Parents | SSS Learning Ltd (ssscpd.co.uk)

ADHD AWARENESS MONTH…thank you Sarah!

This month is ADHD Awareness month and we are so grateful to Mrs Warren for coming in and talking to us about what it all means and the importance of understanding that our brains work in all sorts of wonderful and different ways. Great stuff!

MORE GIRL POWER!

This time, a massive well done to our Y3 and 4 girls. During the Let Girls Play event at Flixton Girls, they showed again brilliant examples of collaboration, respect, effort and performance. Mr Smith was so proud of the way the girls conducted themselves and how they enjoyed themselves with such enthusiasm. Brilliant stuff girls—we're very proud of you!

MIDDAY JOB

We have a job going as a midday assistant. If you're interested...do give it a look here and come and have a chat!

https://www.greater.jobs/search-and-apply/job-details/TF85183/

BEING MORE!

Big 'well dones' to some keen litter-pickers this week, showing their sense of respect and responsibility for our environment. First up, well done Georgia and Louisa for making Urmston a cleaner and tidier place by using their litter-pickers, and to Monty too, who not only climbed Skiddaw in the Lake District but decided he was going to pick up any litter that he saw and dispose of it is the proper manner...such excellent being more in taking responsibility Monty—well done you!

Well done too, to Jesse! We're really proud of how hard Jesse has been working in his martial arts class to achieve his orange belt. Commitment to his classes each week, giving 100% effort, respect for his teacher and having lots of fun! Great 'being more' Jesse!

And last, but by no means least, great stuff Elsie...she's just received the Gold Award at her final Brownie meeting. She is one of only three members of her unit to ever receive this highest award. Not only that—she has also volunteered at the Manchester Half Marathon last weekend where she gave out the medals and congratulated participants. You star, Elsie...you should be so proud of yourself!

THE LITTLE GREEN SOCK PROJECT

We will be collecting donations for the Little Green Sock Project. The following is a message from them so do please donate what you can and go to www.littlegreensock.org…

With the colder weather coming in now there is a demand for warmer clothing and we are short of clothing in the following age-groups:

-warmer items for all age 4+ age groups boys and girls… hats/gloves and scarfs for older kids also hugely appreciated (for all you keen knitters out there!).

-5-6 boys - we're completely out of trousers/bottoms!

-All girls clothing age 7+ (short of all ages, especially warm clothes and PJs)

-All boys clothing age 4+ especially age 5-6 and 8-9 that we are down to our last bundle on!

-Footwear is always in great demand and any donations of size 10 and 12 boys trainers would be greatly appreciated.

-Also in need of high chairs and baby play gym mats which we have run out of!

If you're kids have recently outgrown these age-groups and you no longer have use for them please consider donating them.

Thank you!

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.

CLASSROOM ACTION…

Another busy week...we've been…digging in stone age poo to get clues about their way of life; writing facts about Roman gladiators; sharing homework projects; learning about acids and alkalis; learning about the features of newspaper articles; learning about the artist, Richard Long; fact-finding about Maya Angelou; riding on the Naughty Bus...and much more!

TMS Express

Autumn Newsletter 2023

TRAFFORD MUSIC SERVICE
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Infants

We have been delighted To welcome new infant children to join our infant provision (choirs and instrumental group lessons) at the music centre on a Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.
The children have been working on their infant superpowers in the instrumental sessions – learning their instrument pitches, playing with positive posture, and having fun with their workbooks & colouring in! Visit out website for more information about our infant provision.

Ensembles

INCREASED MEMBERS FROM 236 TO 411 SINCE JULY

We've had a positive start to the Academic year, with many children progressing and new members joining the music service after attending trial sessions. Some ensembles are now full with waiting lists, especially Sinfonia. However, string players can join Intermediate Strings on Fridays, and there are openings in Wind & Brass Bands on Tuesdays, and Junior Strings on Mondays. Contact Karen for a free trial session in an ensemble.

Sign up to explore our full range of ensembles, suitable for all levels.

Early Years

Jenny Davies, our EYFS lead, invites Trafford EYFS practitioners to our inaugural Early Years music network meeting on Thursday, November 9th, from 4pm to 5:15pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School. This event is free; be sure to secure your spot.

Additionally, Jenny offers complimentary CPD music visits to EYFS settings in Trafford. These visits encompass a carpet session with your students and an opportunity to discuss your achievements and receive support for your music programme. For further details, contact the music service.

OVER 1000 CHILDREN AT MUSIC CENTRE EACH WEEK

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Our next set of concerts will be held at The Stoller Hall on Sunday 3rd December 2023.

Concert programmes are currently being put together and there will be an exciting & eclectic mix of music ranging from Classical, Pop & Rock, Musicals, Jazz, Film Music, and Folk to showcase our Incredible ensembles.

Looked After Children Funding

180 MORE STUDENTS LEARNING INSTRUMENTS IN SCHOOLS COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 2022

We are able to offer all Trafford Looked After Children financial support to access our instrumental and vocal provision and to hire an instrument either at the Music Centre or in school (depending on school provision in place). For more information and to apply, please see our fee remissions policy or contact our office.

To prepare for the loss of our annex space, we now have a portable cabin installed in the car park.
This will house two extra spaces for lessons fitted with room heaters
And digital pianos.

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ABRSM Results

Congratulations to more than 110 of our pupils who passed their ABRSM exams with some excellent results in July 2023!

We are looking forward to hosting our next private exam visit on Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st December.We are anticipating that around 50-60 pupils will take ABRSM exams this December. Good luck to all pupils who are taking an exam this term!

ASSISTED PURCHASE SCHEME

Did you know that if your child attends a Trafford school, or comes to our centre for lessons or ensembles, you can buy an instrument for them via the HMRC Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme? This allows us to purchase musical instruments and accessories VAT free, passing savings onto you as a customer.

Get your orders in before 4th December 2023 for the best chance to have it delivered for Christmas!

Purchases are subject to terms and conditions; we apply the greater of a £5 or 5% admin fee to all orders.

Visit this form for more information and to place a request.

Trauma Informed Creative Nurture Groups

Musical nurture groups use music as a means to help young people to connect and feel confident with their peers and other adults; express their ideas, and make choices. They try things out, take risks in a nurturing environment and so build their resilience and agency. Through all of this, they develop a sense of belonging and self-esteem. The focus is on personal and social outcomes as well as musical ones.

Our nurture group at Moss Park Primary has continued this academic year and is already showing positive behaviours and outcomes in the children. The children have grown in confidence since the starting their lessons in April, and they are now keen to hopefully perform to their class at the end of term.

To find out more about musical nurture groups for children in your school, please contact Kate.

FIND OUT WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO THIS TERM

Room Hire

Are you looking for a space to host meetings or sessions during the day? Room hire is available at The Claremont Centre from 8.30am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday from £15 per hour and we are now able to offer a full catering service including lunches. For holiday or evening hire availability please contact our admin team.

47 SCHOOL CLASSES IN TRAFFORD ARE LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT TOGETHER THIS TERM

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