



# Being More with... Urmston Primary School

Hello everyone! Welcome to the second edition of our 'Being More' Newsletter. We are really overwhelmed with the feedback from our parents and school community in telling us how amazing our children have been during the 'lockdown.' So many of you are really making a difference. Hopefully soon, this strange situation will be over, but the actions that we are hearing about will have a long lasting impact on our community and our sense of what is important. Our children are demonstrating kindness and responsibility that will be embedded in their character that will help make our world a better place. You are all amazing and inspiring, whether you've written in to us or not!

**Let's ask ourselves...in the years and decades to come, when we're talking about when the coronavirus hit the world in 2020, what will you say you did? How did you cope? What did you do to help those closest to you or even those in your community? What did you do to be more?**

## An update on Stretford Food Bank

We told you last week about how Stretford Food Bank are looking for community hubs for people to leave items for collection at central spots in the local community. The idea would be that they could then collect the items from these central hubs. Urmston Primary School will be a collection point for Stretford Food Bank, so if you or any of your neighbours have any thing they wish to donate, then please drop these off at school whilst on your daily exercise!



Well done to Aubree who we have been told has made lots of Easter treats, including cards, Easter baskets, flowers and Easter Eggs and delivered them to neighbours and friends. What a lovely thing to do Aubree!

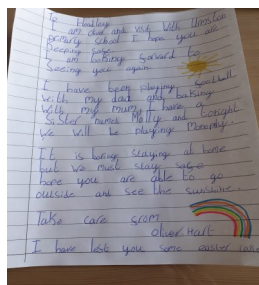
Well Done to Daisy Jones in Year 1, who was selected by Manchester Family Facebook page to read her favourite bedtime story—Guess How Much I Love You. You made us all very proud.

A shout out too, to Arizona who has been taking her Great-Grandad's dog Ruby for a walk every evening whilst he is in isolation. Great work Arizona!

Great stuff Joshua and Elaina! Instead of fasting like other members of their church, they've been relinquishing screen time (and even delayed Easter egg eating!), which under these circumstances shows great empathy in sacrifice and resilience too. Joshua has also made some wonderful suggestions about donating to the food bank, food that would have otherwise been eaten during fasting, quoting our school values in making a positive difference to people's lives when they need it most. Lovely to hear guys!

Mrs Coupe wanted a mention for Leo and Franklin who've certainly been 'being more' with their online learning that she has set. Excellent boys!

Excellent Oliver—it's great to see you've been doing what you can to cheer up the UM residents too, like many of our children. Well done! (Below and right)



Thanks to Ewan McDonald who has been doing his best to support the residents of Urmston Manor, dropping off his card and chocolates to show his thoughtfulness towards the residents and gratitude for the wonderful carers! Great stuff Ewan!



Well done to Jack and Georgia, who have been cheering up their elderly neighbours during lockdown by taking the time to make them Easter cards. Lovely thoughtfulness.



A big cheer for our very own superhero, ladies and gents! Mr Keen—AKA Captain America—has been running round Trafford to put a smile on the residents' faces during a lockdown that can be pretty boring at times! Please go to 'Cap's' facebook page (Captain America Running) and request a fly by! Great 'being more' Mr K.



These two stars have been at it again too, this time showing gratitude for the great work key workers are doing whilst also creating various other window dressings for their neighbours. Great stuff girls!



We have another hero too, in little Charlie, who has been cleaning up our environment, litter-picking around the neighbourhood and at Urmston Meadows too. Well done for making such a difference Charlie...great stuff buddy!

*A special mention for Maisie this week. At a very sad time for the family, where Grandad sadly died, Maisie has shown thoughtfulness, kindness and resilience beyond her years, messaging family members to keep their spirits up, baking cakes, and even speaking at the funeral. This really is 'being more' Maisie and we're all very proud of you.*



A special well done to Reuben and India who have not only been working resiliently on all of their home learning tasks and doing Joe Wicks' workout every single day, but have been helping each other too...and they've been hugely helpful and responsible in looking after their new baby sister! Super!

A huge well done to Kayden who, we've been told is trying so hard with his home learning and although, like many of us, is finding lockdown difficult, he is talking about how he feels and being so resilient. We all need to follow your lead Kayden.



Well done and thank you to Archie who has also been doing his bit...he wrote a lovely letter to the residents of Urmston Manor with this picture (see below right) and mentioned...

Isaac has been doing his best to keep everyone happy...brightening up the walls with his super artwork!

If it is very important at the moment that we stay inside. If we all do this, it could stop the spread of Covid-19. If the world as a whole follows Urmston Primary's School values of kind, happy, proud, responsible, respectful and resilient, life might be back to normal quicker than we think.



Mr Derek Brown, our Chair of Governors, on behalf of the governing body, wanted to ensure that the staff of UPS got a mention in today's 'Being More' newsletter. You all continue to model our school values and we look forward to the day when we are back here together. Well done everyone. Take care and stay safe.