



Being More with... Urmston Primary School

Volume 5! As we continue lockdown, we also continue to be inspired by our children's (and parents'!) resilience, kindness and sense of responsibility for supporting others, whether we know about it here at school, or not. There is more media speculation about schools returning and we'd like to reassure you all that when this does happen, the safety of everyone involved will be at the forefront of our thoughts and our action plan will reflect that (although it is only speculation at the moment!). We'll work together to make sure we get it right. In the meantime, call us if you need to, but please keep us up to date with what's going on with you all and how you're 'being more'. You continue to amaze us...so thank you.

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?

We hope you've all had the chance to see Mr Doherty's Bee Award assembly (<https://youtu.be/ivkN3TVO2nY>), where teachers have nominated one person in their classes who they thought was worthy of a particular mention. Well done to all of our winners. All of the teachers said that it was almost impossible to pick one, which isn't surprising! Great stuff everyone and keep up the fantastic work. It's important for us to remember that we all have our different challenges in these times and although we do want to celebrate those home learners, we must also acknowledge that for various reasons, some may find this a little more challenging than others. So, whether it's through your home learning, through helping your neighbours and communities, helping your parents and siblings at home, or just doing your best and being resilient in really difficult circumstances...it all makes a difference when it's needed most! Well done everyone.



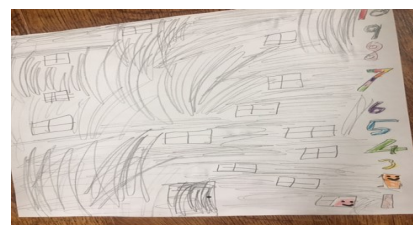
There are many ways to 'be more' and we thank Rowen here for showing so many of our school values. He's been doing his best to keep everyone happy, has taken responsibility and showing great patience for helping a younger neighbour (3 years old...we all know how tricky that can be!) who is finding things tough at the moment; and here he is above, taking samples of the tomatoes that he's grown to his neighbours. Well done buddy—we're really proud of you...great being more!

Reverend Smith is always being more and he sent us all a lovely message to help us realise that we are in this together, and also realise that however we feel about all this is okay. Thank you again Stephen. Here's the link in case you haven't seen the message: <https://youtu.be/w2hozalXdYs>

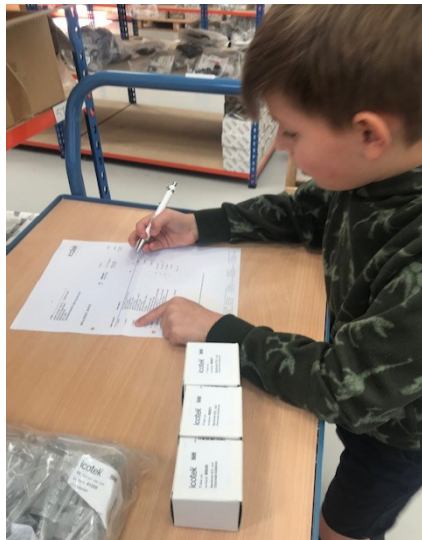
We've heard about how brilliant Eva has been too...helping out her younger brother (who is really missing his friends!) with his phonics and numbers and guiding him through, even making resources to help. That's lovely to hear Eva. Well done.



A massive thanks too, to Lacie. Mrs Billingsley has heard how brilliantly kind and responsible you've been at home, especially in helping to look after those you love the most. Your folks are so proud of you Lacie, and we are too. Well done you.



A huge thank you and well done to Maja and Henry. You've shown tremendous resilience in completing your home learning and what is even more impressive is how you've helped mum with her work— picking orders from shelves, counting, weighing ...brilliant job. Mum is so proud of how you are coping and so are we. Excellent being more you two.



LIP SYNCING. Just wow people! We've had some super sports who've entered our competition and it is great to see children and parents taking part. Keep those entries coming in but do let us know if you'd rather we didn't share them. We'd like to put together a file so we can celebrate in all your glory!

Keep them coming in...closing date is Tuesday. Wonderful effort!

We've heard that Jasper and Tamsin have been visiting Urmston Manor and waving to the residents and singing them songs to cheer them up during their shielding. No doubt it really brightens their mood guys, as has the VE day word search you've made for them. Well done both of you!

Another massive well done to some Lexia superstars who are using their time wisely to improve their literacy skills. Dharamraj and Keko have certificates again this week; Luke, Millie, Keko and Erica have racked up over 100 minutes; and Joshua has managed a tremendous 208 minutes since Monday! Such amazing commitment. That's brilliant to hear. Well done everyone!

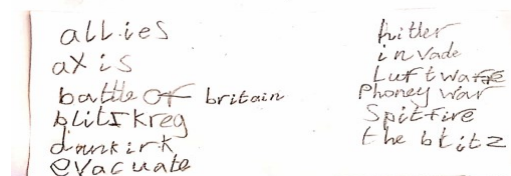
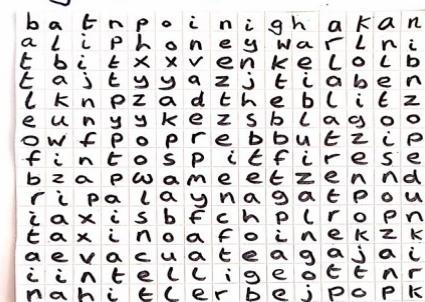
Mrs Byrom wanted us to mention how fabulous Leo is being at home. Being a nurse, mum is very busy and must be so grateful for how great you're being around the house and keeping your little brother entertained. Mrs Byrom also said she loved the virtual slide down the stairs you took her on! Well done Leo.

Well done to Isla, who, along with her little sister, has been making rice krispie cakes for the Neurology Dept at Salford Royal. Great stuff!

All the little things certainly make a difference at the moment and we need to take responsibility when we can, which is what Theo did when he decided to clean all the garden tools so they are ready for the next bout of gardening! Well done Theo...so thoughtful.



Ve Day Wordsearch



Just a quick mention for James, who helped Mrs Haslam with her sewing scrubs exploits when he donated ribbons and buttons...thank you James!

We're still a hub here at school for Stretford food bank so if you do have a spare packet or tin, then do drop them off if you can. A reminder also that if you are interested in being a hub for your road, then visit Stretford Food Bank's facebook page for information on how to do it.