



**Urmston**  
Primary School

01.10.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move on through this Autumn term (and it gets a little colder...and a little darker!), we'd like to thank you (we do that as often as we can) for all of your support in what has been an incredibly challenging start to this school year. We'd also like to thank our staff - we talk to our children about the importance of resilience and our staff have modelled that quite brilliantly to the point that (we hope) our children have seemingly been affected very little. In fact, they've been pretty amazing since their return and have shown boundless enthusiasm for their learning...illustrated by some super homework projects! There will undoubtedly be some challenges as we head into the winter but we are prepared...and no doubt your children are too!

Have a super weekend.

*Mr Parker and Mr Doherty*

PS—Just a little reminder that Thursday is individual photo day so please can your children come to school in full school uniform rather than PE kit if it is their PE day. Ta!

Belonging...

We intend continuing with our Belonging forum this year and will be meeting on Wednesday 20th October at 2:45pm. We know that this time may not suit everyone who would like to be involved but we will allow opportunities for contributing and will vary times throughout the year. More information on this will be provided on a separate letter next week. In the meantime, if you would like to contribute or find our more information, please

do email us at:

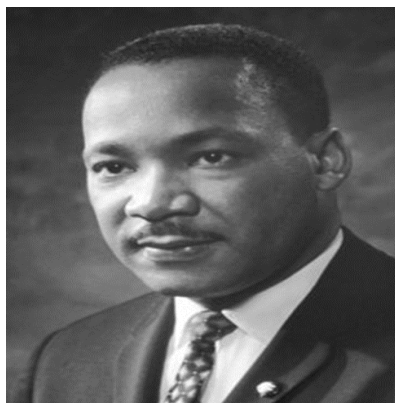
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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

Today is the beginning of Black History Month and we will continue to learn about the history of our diverse people that make up this fantastic country and world. We continue to strive to ensure that children are exposed to learning that enables them to deepen their understanding and respect for all of our people and we look forward to learning more about the how black history has influenced our modern day society. We are pleased that our curriculum celebrates people from a variety of races and ethnicities and we'll be using this month, as we intend to for the rest of the academic year, to be inspired by people who have 'been more' and stood up for what is right, regardless of their colour. In today's assembly we looked at the four people here and celebrated the efforts they made to make the world a fairer and more equitable place. If any of you parents/carers feel that you are able to contribute to BHM in any way, please do get in touch.



PE KITS IN LINE WITH POLICY...

We aren't a school which is a stickler and incredibly stringent. We understand that sometimes a bit of leeway needs to be given. However, can we please remind you that we expect PE kits to be in line with our policy—which states school colours and no branded clothing. This is starting to creep in and is very apparent as children who have PE wear those kits all day. Please bear this in mind.

### Our Year group charities

Reception: **Pencils of Promise** (global education charity) - <https://pencilsofpromise.org/>

Y1 and 2: **UNICEF** (Paddington Postcards) - <https://www.unicef.org.uk/paddingtons-postcards/>

Y3: **The British Red Cross** (linked to **Respecting nature's power: 'What Makes The Earth Angry?'**) - <https://www.redcross.org.uk/>

Y4: **Water Aid** (linked to **'Water: Nature's Driving Force'**) - <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/>

Y5: **The Woodland Trust** (Linked to **'Brazil And The Amazon: Respect, Responsibility, Rivers and Rainforests'**) - <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

Y6: **Place2Be** - Children's Mental Health charity - <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

We also support the World Wildlife Fund as a whole school by sponsoring an Amur Leopard – Happy and Larry, our resident leopards (stuffed obviously ;- ) are mascots that represent the respect and responsibility we should have for our world and environment. Your child may come home with one of them if they are our weekly key stage winner on a Friday! **KEEP THOSE 5ps COMING IN EVERY WEEK!**

### Reception Phonics Meeting

Thanks to everyone who came along to last night's phonics meeting. We hope you found it useful and enjoyed learning about how your children learn to read and spell! We'll be sending out a copy of the slides soon.

### UNICEF Rights Committed!

You'll have received a letter from Ms Ahle and the rest of us today about us being rewarded with the first stage of Unicef UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA), Bronze: Rights Committed. We'll be straight onto silver now and we'll keep you posted on how it's going. Well done everyone!



### BEING MORE

It is so important that our children are immersed in the notion of being actively positive and doing that bit more to make the world better for themselves and others. Our 'Being More' Curriculum is based on this premise and we'll be using our school values to embed this idea in school. We'd really love you to get more involved with this so please email us at [s.parker@urmstonprimarieschool.com](mailto:s.parker@urmstonprimarieschool.com) and [m.doherty@urmstonprimarieschool.com](mailto:m.doherty@urmstonprimarieschool.com) so that we can celebrate, as a school, the fantastic things that our children are doing for others in the community and be inspired to 'be more' ourselves. Thanks for your support!

### Well done guys!

In our first competitive matches in two years, our UPS football team had a brilliant start to the season with two resounding wins, 3-1 and 2-1... despite the monsoon conditions! Excellent stuff Mr G and the boys!

### HARVEST

Thanks so much for all of your donations to date. Please keep them coming in... Reverend Smith will be doing his assemblies on Monday.