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# Urmston

## Primary School

**Dear Parents and Carers.**  
**Have a lovely half term 'break'!**  
**From us all at UPS**

### Place2Be Children's Mental Health Week- Let's Connect

It has never been more important to connect to one-another. This week, on Children's Mental Health Week, we discussed how we can do this with small acts of kindness, kind words and even a smile to help each other through the day. Every child made a link and we created a whole school human chain this afternoon, illustrating our togetherness and support for one-another as fellow humans!



### Strike Action

We've sent a letter out earlier today about how strikes might affect us on the dates of 28th February, 15th March and 16th March. We were able to stay open on the 1st but circumstances may be different in the future and so it may be the case that we take guidance and open only to 'vulnerable' pupils and children of key workers. So that we give plenty of notice, please let us know if you are a key worker and you need a place on those days via the email address—[keyworkers@urmstonprimaryschool.com](mailto:keyworkers@urmstonprimaryschool.com). We ask that, as you did during the pandemic, you show understanding of the challenges that we may face here and only take a place if you absolutely need it. It may be the case that if we are open, like last time, we are largely off timetable. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



### SEND meeting

We held our termly SEND parents meeting yesterday and discussed numerous topics from tone of voice, to ensuring our children are aware of upcoming changes to the school day, to subtitles on videos. All of these things and more will be fed back to teachers and discussed to ensure we are supporting our children in the best and most appropriate ways possible. A summary of the meeting can be found at <http://urmstonprimary.com/information/send>. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed.

### 'Being More'



It is always wonderful to hear how our children have been more outside of school. Juliet and her mum found an unconscious lady lying face down in the street and they stopped to help. Juliet remained calm, she remembered the guide to check the ABC's and she talked to the lady whilst she was unconscious and when she regained consciousness. A passer-by stopped to help, who had a young child and Juliet kept the child occupied whilst they stayed with the lady until the ambulance arrived. Juliet remained calm the whole time and she was a great help to everyone and we can't be

more proud of how responsible and mature you've been, Juliet. What a fantastic citizen and a fine young human! We also heard about Florence who has shown some wonderful resilience this week and, in fact, a little bravery! She joined mum for a Zumba class and wanted to go on stage with the teacher. There was a lot of people there and Florence was shy but (in her own words) she overcame her fear and went on stage in front of everyone. Great stuff Florence...isn't it great when we overcome our fears! ;-)

Last Monday Eloise, her sister Gabriella, mum and aunty volunteered at Young Voices at the AO Arena. After watching the concert they collected donations at the end...Eloise helped to collect an amazing £1951.41 for Place 2 Be. Great stuff and great being more! Last but certainly not least, Edith has again been doing what she can in caring for the environment she loves! Here she is at Urmston Meadows, understandably miffed by the lack of responsibility and respect of some people—you do a brilliant job showing how it's done, Edith...don't give up! ;-)



### UPS Music

It has been wonderful to see our children perform their half term music achievements this week! We had everything from playing cups to singing about the Maya and the Ancient Egyptians. We can't wait to see what comes next half term!



### Classroom action..

As always, there's been a lot going on this last week of term! We've been...visiting a museum to learn more about Ancient Egypt; putting on a museum of our own; doing some fieldwork on geographical human features; triggering motion blocks to create an algorithm (in Y2!); researching, designing and starting to create our own electrical matching game, thinking about their designs, product function and target audience; working as scientists with MMU to survey pollution in our local area...and lots more...





# Baby Club Stay & Play Sessions

New Parent? Then we welcome you to come and enjoy one of our Baby Club Stay & Play sessions at one of the following locations.

Free Admission

## For parents and children aged 0-12 Months

Stretford's Stay and Play Session at  
Stretford Early Help Hub, 9 Poplar Road, Stretford, M32 9AN  
Please call to book a place  
Telephone 0161 912 5020  
Wednesday 10am - 11:30am

Partington's Stay and Play Session at  
Partington Children's Centre & Early Help Hub, 106 Central Road Partington, Manchester,  
M31 4FL

Please call to book a place  
Telephone 0161 912 2122  
Friday 10am - 11:30am

## Young parents under 20

Talkshop, 2 Tatton Rd, Waterside, Sale, M33 7ZF  
Telephone 0161 912 2453

Butterflies group  
Wednesday 11am - 3pm  
Lunch provided, life skills for parents and social skills for babies

## Expectant parents under 20

Young Bumps antenatal project at Talkshop  
Friday – please call Talkshop to arrange a time  
Everything you need to know to be a parent and much more!



Talk  
Listen  
Change