Dear Parents and Carers. Have a lovely weekend! From us all at UPS

SCIENCE QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

Who is Mae C Jemison?

Next week is British Science Week. UPS will be celebrating this later in the year as next week is a tricky one! Here is a link to some fun science experiments that you may want to try at home...

Activities and resources | Royal Institution (rigb.org)

RED NOSE DAY!

Next Friday is RND and we will be doing what we can to raise what we can. Children can come to school wearing all red, have a whacky hairdo, and make sure they have their dancing shoes on...as we're having a danceathon!

We know things are tight at the moment so we won't be doing sponsorship forms or such like, but we will have buckets at the gate and how you might find a few pennies to throw in!

Thanks as always for your support for those who need it most.

Greenfield's Easter Bazaar!

Just a heads up—keep an eye out for details of Greenfield Church's Easter Bazaar on Friday 31 March. It's from 5:30p-7:30pm, and it's all completely free. There'll be all kinds of craft activities related (perhaps rather loosely!) to Easter, which people will be able to take home with them. More details to follow closer to the time!

Getting to know our Governing Body...Karen Smyth

'My name's Karen Smyth. I have been a Co-Opted Governor here at Urmston Primary School since the amalgamation of the Infant & Junior School in 2017, and prior to that was a Governor at the Infant School since 2007.

I am a qualified School Business Manager and support several Trafford Primary Schools on a self-employed basis, including Urmston Primary School. My strengths are school finance and HR, and as such I chair the Governor Finance Committee, who meet on a termly basis. I am also Early Years Link Governor, which involves visiting our Early Years setting on a termly basis and observing our children early on in their learning journey. I understand the crucial role that our school plays in our local community and I strive to support and contribute to our pupils 'Being More'. Whilst the role of Governor is voluntary, it requires a significant investment of time and relevant training etc, but I hope that my involvement benefits the wider school community of pupils, parents and staff, and I am passionate about making a positive impact on our children's education.'

Strike Action

You'll be aware that UPS is closed to the vast majority of pupils next Wednesday and Thursday - the 15th and 16th of March. If you desperately need your child to be in school, contact us at keyworkers@urmstonprimaryschool.com

Expensive water bottles!

There seems to be a bit of a trend at the moment where children are brining in water bottles that are pretty expensive—especially those with special pods that give off a scent so that the children are more likely to drink their water. We have no issue with this but please do bear in mind that if these get broken for any reason whatsoever, then there's not a great deal we can do about it. Thanks! ;-)
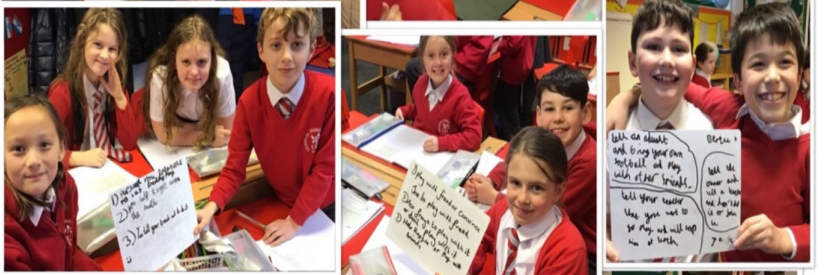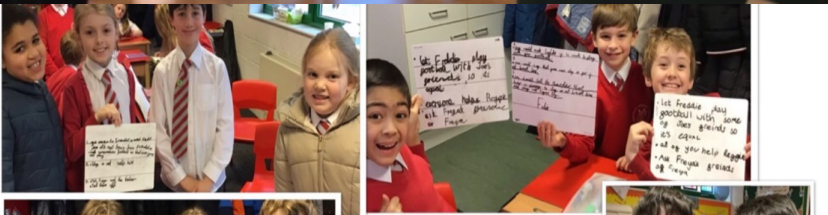
NEURODIVERSITY WEEK...

...is next week! Now, it is a really busy one (especially as we are missing two days and have RND) However, we'll certainly be marking Neurodiversity Week and will be talking to the children about celebrating our uniqueness and the importance of seeing our own individual attributes as strengths to be utilised, rather than as being different and feeling alienated because of it. We'll be sharing some positive role models who may be autistic or have ADHD, or other sensory needs and we hope you might find the time to talk to your children about this too!

Classroom action..

As always, there's been a lot going on this week...everything from...having a visit from some rainforest creatures; creating drumming rhythms; understanding what a human baby needs to stay alive; hunting for transparent and opaque objects; discussing solutions to solve moral dilemmas; looking at maps of China, locating where the Shang Empire was, as well as marking on the rivers, Great Wall and seas; engineering mayan pyramids; to so much more!

We learned that Scorpions glow up when the moon shines on them.

Discussing solutions to school moral dilemmas.

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We were construction engineers in History today!