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Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

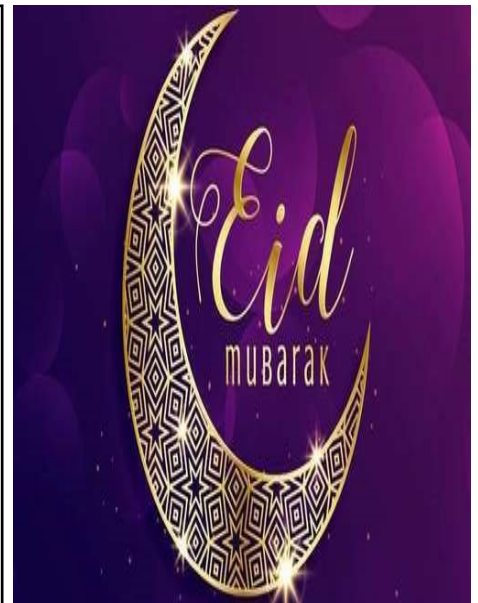
In what has been Stress Awareness Week, it is essential to realise how important it is for us to look out for our children's and our own mental wellbeing. It is fair to say that the stresses placed on everyone in today's society means striking a balance between supporting each other and urging one another to 'be more' is more important than ever. We'll need your help in getting this balance right and as we mentioned in an update to you earlier in the week, we always appreciate your views on wellbeing and how we can make our school community one where children (and staff and parents!) feel safe, happy and supported enough to thrive. This is why we always urge you to come and talk to us if you ever have any queries, concerns, or even recommendations(!) on how we might do this better and, indeed, we'd be disappointed in ourselves if you didn't feel you could approach us in this light. We are extremely proud of our close school community and, from our perspective anyway, your support and understanding in what has been a challenging time really has given us a platform to ensure that your children are getting what they need, and more. A continued big well done to all then...you guys, the children and our brilliant staff. Onwards and upwards!

Have a great weekend everyone!

From us all at UPS

EID MUBARAK!

As Eid celebrations continue, we'll take this opportunity again to say Eid Mubarak to all of our friends, families and the Muslim community. It is such a special time and we realise how important it is for us all, whether of the Islamic faith or not, to mark such a wonderful time of the year. We're also aware that, being a country of traditionally Christian faith, our children of different religions in the UK are not afforded the same holidays for their faith and the capacity for widespread celebration is not as great. Because of this, it is so important that we enable this to happen— empowering our Muslim children to share their pleasure, knowledge and experience of their faith and to enable our non-Muslim children to enhance their awareness of what is one of the most followed religions in the world, and a religion that adheres to the same values as we all do at UPS! So that those children who are not in school can participate, we'll be celebrating Eid on Monday, as per the letter we sent out last week.



It's fantastic news that we continue moving back to a more 'normal' way of life and we hope that everyone gets a chance to enjoy the easing of restrictions. We do ask, however, that as restrictions ease, please do try and stick to the regulations in place, so that we can continue to limit the possibility of 'bubbles' bursting.

BELONGING FORUM-LAST CHANCE!!

We will be sending out information to those who have already signed up to our forum next week, so if you do feel like you would like to get involved, this is your last chance!

belonging@urmstonprimaryschool.com or alternatively come and chat with Ms Ahle or Mr Doherty.

Sharing our diverse backgrounds...

We asked you some time ago if you'd like to share some images of your heritage and backgrounds to show the diversity of our school community. Today we can share some wonderful photos of Ibuki, in Yokohama, Japan, in her traditional Japanese clothing enjoying national cuisine too. Thank you so much for sharing! If you would like to share some of your pictures that show off your own background and heritage, do send them into d.strickland@urmstonprimarieschool.com



'Being More'...

For the second year, Isla & Florence will be walking 10km next weekend to raise money for St Ann's Hospice. They have even been involved in making a video to promote the Manchester Virtual Walk, which is available on the St Ann's website and has been shared on all their social media platforms...you can see it at the bottom of the link below:

<https://www.sah.org.uk/events/manchester-midnight-walk-2021/>

It is so wonderful to see the girls supporting such a worthwhile charity. Very well done to you both! If anyone would like to sponsor Isla and Florence, the just giving page is below...

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carrie-burke?newPage=True>

