

Dear Parents and Carers, Have a lovely weekend. *Mr P.* @UPSHandF Mr Smith, our resident Mr Motivator, has kicked off our new Twitter page. We'll be populating it with health, fitness and nutrition bits and pieces so please follow us and get involved! #UPSHandF

NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK...

Is next week. We sent you a letter earlier this week to discuss what we hoped to achieve - the plan is not to make a huge deal, but to make sure we all have a clearer understanding of what neurodiversity is and how we all have unique strengths, challenges and differences, and that we should recognise and respect these. Please do talk to your child about their (and your) unique strengths and differences and ask them if they'd be willing to share them next week.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing communication about your children and their needs and differences. We have come a long way in listening and understanding about how what you might experience at home with your children is different to what we might see in school. It is imperative that we continue to work together in keeping our children happy at home and at school and realise that 'Home Jonny' and 'School Jonny' are not two separate people, but the same young person who deserves to feel happy and safe at any time and any place. Please do keep talking to us.

Our next SEN forum will be on Tuesday 29th March at 12.30. It will be via Zoom this time but we'll hope to arrange something in person in the summer if we can!

The forum is a chance for us to talk in general about SEN matters and support each other, as well as some Q&A about what is going on in school. Here's the link and we hope to see you there...

> https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84372509379? pwd=SIRCZjd1N0x1My94S28wUXo3YnVWZz09

PARENTS EVENING

Slots are still available for next week so please click on the class link that we gave you in last week's letter! Teachers are looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday and Thursday (unless otherwise stated!).

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It has been such a lovely day. The children have celebrated their talents at the UPS Got Talent Shows and we have been so impressed with the bravery and confidence we've seen in getting on that stage in front of an audience (and the talent, of course!). Thanks so much for your donations.



VISITING OUR SHABTI!

You should be aware that UPS is currently housing a 20,000 year old artefact from the Manchester History Museum—a Shabti from Ancient Egypt! Do speak to your child and feel free to visit...infants after school on Tuesday 29th and the juniors on Wednesday 30th. You'll find it in the junior library! We hope to see you there!



Sponsored Bounce...

Don't forget those permission forms by Thursday or no bouncing! Thanks everyone!

RUN ROISIN RUN!

We've mentioned before about Roisin's amazing running exploits and it is great to hear she is still showing such super commitment...and the achievements that come with it! Roisin has been running 2k junior park runs and also 5k parkruns and recently ran her 100th junior parkrun. But even more of an achievement was that she ran her 50th 5k parkrun on Saturday! Brilliant stuff, Roisin...being more that's enjoyable too by the looks of things!

24-Hour History-a-thon!

This looks like a fantastic event should you be interested...

PRESS RELEASE Historians to raise funds for Ukraine

Historians from around the world are banding together in solidarity to raise funds for Ukraine with a unique 24-hour livestream event – **History For Ukraine**.

A host of famous faces will be speaking during the event, including Prof. Suzannah Lipscomb, Dr Fern Riddell, Prof. Kate Williams, Dr Janina Ramirez, and Earl Charles Spencer. They will be joined by professional historians and genealogists from around the world to stage a programme of informative talks and discussions on a huge variety of topics. The event is supported by the National Archives, the Royal Historical Society, the Family History Federation, and the Society of Genealogists, along with over 200 volunteers and local history groups.

History For Ukraine was the idea of genealogist Natalie Pithers, who describes the event as "a combination of Live Aid and Red Nose Day, but for history". Natalie added: "The people of Ukraine can't afford for us to wait! They need this help right now, and this unique event provides the history community with an opportunity to come together and help in the best way they can".

Attendees will be asked to make donations to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal via a special JustGiving page.

The event will take place on Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th March 2022.

The livestream will be broadcast online via social media platforms. More information about the event is available at <u>https://historyforukraine.co/</u> and on Twitter @History4Ukraine.











