



**Urmston**  
Primary School

22.10.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

So...that was quite the half term! We'd like to begin by thanking everyone: first of all, our staff, who continue to do some brilliant stuff with our children and inspiring them with our new curriculum; secondly, to all of you for supporting us in supporting your children in what has been such a challenging time; and last but by no means least, our wonderful children - the enthusiasm that they have shown for their learning is so exciting and, whilst we (really!) need a break, we are certainly looking forward to delving into our new topics after next week. Covid, of course, is still rumbling on and we don't know what the winter will bring, so we'll be sure to keep you posted on developments as and when necessary, and trust that you'll continue to talk to us about anything that you need too. We hope you have a lovely week and we'll see you on Monday 1st November!

*Mr Parker, Mr Doherty and all of us here at UPS*

#### Reception to Year 6 Nasal Flu Vaccine Reminder

The nasal flu vaccination team will be visiting our school on Tuesday 23rd November. Please follow this link to consent or decline the nasal flu vaccination for your child <https://www.nhs.uk/FLU/information?Id=106315&Type=FLU> The link will close on 14/11/2021.



#### Belonging Lunch

Thank you so much to those who attended our lunch meeting on Wednesday. It really was great to be able to share ideas and work already done in our mission to make this a school where everyone truly belongs. We will be sending some follow up materials next week on using inclusive language next week so please do keep an eye out for that. We looked a wide range of issues from race, different abilities and neurodiversity and have lots of ideas on how we can engage and pursue the feeling of belonging. We will let you know as soon as we can on the date for the next meeting.

#### MEETINGS!

Thank you so much to those of you in Y1 and in KS2 who attended our phonics and reading meetings. It is so important that you support us in supporting your children! You can find all of the resources and slides at <https://urmstonprimary.com/parents/resources-for-parents>. Recordings of the meetings are also there.



#### TOPIC HOMEWORK...just WOW!

We have done a great deal of work on our curriculum and we feel that a big part of enhancing our children's engagement and enthusiasm for learning is by their homework projects, which are intended to not only supplement the learning that they do here at school, but to help nurture a passion for learning, regardless of the content. Some of the outcomes from this have been truly inspiring, from models and videos to presentations and songs, we couldn't be prouder of our children's eagerness to learn and to share with us that learning. Thanks to all of you too as we are quite aware that you have a heavy part to play here as well...we appreciate the support to date and hope that this will continue! The pics show some of Y2's and 3's projects on The Great Fire of London and The Stone Age...



### 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@urmstonprimaryschool.com](mailto:s.parker@urmstonprimaryschool.com) and [m.doherty@urmstonprimaryschool.com](mailto:m.doherty@urmstonprimaryschool.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.

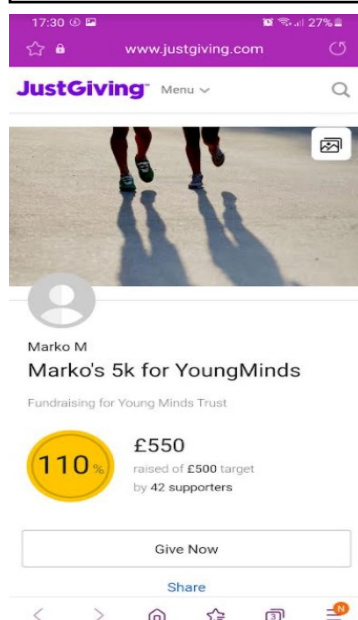


Well done Eve and Hazel who both decided that they wanted to donate some of their toys to Afghan children who have recently arrived in the UK. As you can see by the photo, they have decided to send a huge pile to them, including some of their beloved soft toys, dolls, lego and books! You should be so proud of yourselves girls for being selfless and thinking of others. Lovely kindness.

Also, a big well done to Holly, who managed to raise a total of £75.53 with her charity card sale and donated it to Gauntlet Birds of Prey, Eagle and Vulture Park in Knutsford. She was very pleased and plans to carry on with her cause helping animals any way she can. Another reason to be proud...super Holly!



Lastly (and superbly!), congratulations to Marko. You'll remember that we dressed up in yellow a couple of weeks ago for Young Minds. Well, Marko, wanted to 'be more' and he's certainly done that by raising £550 for the charity (see left). Brilliant stuff Marko and super 'being more' to you all!



DIWALI...is the first week back and on Friday 5th November we'll be joining millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across Britain and the world to celebrate the 'festival of light'. We invite our children to wear their brightest colours on this day!

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTA...

We're so sad that we've not been able to put on our usual events. We know how much the children love a disco and the sponsored bounce. We are trying to find other ways to fundraise as the staff at UPS still want to buy lots of lovely extras to make learning for your children even more fun and engaging. If you could please consider going through these links every time you shop online it will help us raise a little more at no extra cost to you.

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If you'd like more information about how we raise funds and what they are spent on then have a look at our Facebook page Friends of Urmston Primary School, you can message us from there as well.