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Urmston
Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it has been...long may this beautiful weather continue!

Can we just offer a polite reminder regarding testing. The LFTs (Lateral Flow Tests) are only for use when there are no symptoms of Covid-19. If you or your children present with symptoms, you are required to book yourselves in for a PCR test and isolate whilst awaiting the result. It is a bit of a pain, we know, but those are the rules. Infection rates remain on the positive side, things are looking up, and we're very much hoping this continues into the summer and beyond. As always, thanks for your support and have a super weekend.

From us all at UPS.

'Being More'...Dylan this time!

'Being More' still remains an integral part of our school ethos and is all about being pro-active in making a difference through applying our school values. Please do let us know how your children have been more outside of school as it is always great to hear. This week it's Dylan who has every reason to be proud. Dylan and his mum have been spending their time delivering food parcels for the charity, 'The Bread and Butter Thing', redistributing edible surplus in Greater Manchester that would otherwise be heading for landfill—a super cause! Indeed, Dylan's mum pointed out how sad it was that over 2 million tonnes of food that goes to waste in the UK is still edible - that's 1.3 billion meals! Five hours of their time last weekend was spent on this worthy cause so well done Dylan...and well done Emma! Inspirations to us all, indeed!



And The PRIDE OF MANCHESTER Award For Outstanding Bravery Goes To...

Yesterday was quite a day for our very own Mr Holcroft. Not only was it his birthday, but he was presented with the above award for his heroic efforts in saving a young girl's life as he selflessly swam out to sea in rough waters. A richly deserved award for a fine human being...and not a bad teacher too!

Earth Day

Yesterday, our children all wore green and blue in recognition of Earth Day—a day where we reflect on what a beautiful place our world is and that the human race needs to do a better job in looking after it. We've told our children that the planet belongs to all living creatures and that it is our responsibility to show respect for it and look after it. We showed the video below to the children today...no words, just a trailer for Planet Earth II and a reminder to us all what it is that we need to save.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8aFCHFu8QM>



BELONGING FORUM

We still require some volunteers to help us with our Belonging Forum. We welcome all contributors, but make a particular appeal to any of our Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic parents to come forward to help us. If you feel you can contribute in any way in helping us with this, please email:

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



Social Media...to Tik or to Tok or to not?

May we take this opportunity to ask you all to be vigilant and mindful of the perils of social media platforms. These are often fantastic platforms to express and communicate with friends but there are age 'restrictions' for a reason so please check what these are and consider the conditions that you place on your children accessing certain apps. We say this not to sound like big brother but because we've heard of a number of unsavoury incidents recently and wouldn't want your children to be exposed to these. Thanks for your understanding.

PARENTS EVENINGS NEXT WEEK

Don't forget that you can still make an appointment for parent's evening if you haven't already done so. Please see the previous letter and click on the link for your child's class.

Although teachers will do their utmost to stay on time with their appointments, please do be understanding that there is always the possibility of time running over and your appointment being slightly later. We thank you in advance for your patience.

URMSTON SPORTS and CRICKET CLUB- Just a quick mention for Urmston Cricket Club and some opportunities for children over the coming weeks. Junior training has already begun and the All Stars Cricket programme for 5-8 year olds will be commencing soon. Please see their website for more details.

<https://www.urmstonsportsclub.com/>



Happy St George's Day and we hope you all have an opportunity to enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Hello
Sunshine!



SCHOOL CLOSED for children on Monday 3rd May (Bank Holiday) and Thursday 6th May (Staff Inset). We break up on Friday 28th May for two weeks and return on Monday 14th June 2021.