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JAY CHAMBERS...at UPS for BHM!
A huge thanks to poet, Jay Chambers for coming by to educate our KS2 children during Black History Month. He helped us see the importance of being inspired by black role models during this important time. We hope to invite Jay back soon so that he can inspire us and help us with our poetry skills next time!



URMSTON MANOR

We were thrilled to speak to our friends at Urmston Manor this week. They are all well and have been dealing with the challenging circumstances with the resilience and kindness that we love so much about them. We will be looking to find ways of some remote visits before Christmas and we have one or two ideas on how we can cheer up the residents a little! We'll keep you posted!

Dear Parents and Carers...

It has been quite a half term, to say the least! We hope you have a calm and peaceful 'break' and we'll see you on 2nd November.

Best wishes from all at UPS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT UPS

October has been a month that we've scattered with BHM learning. Our children have shown such openness and maturity and have engaged brilliantly with some of the activities and discussions that we've had about black history and the importance of respecting everyone, no matter their race, colour, religion or sex. It has provided us with impetus and knowledge to embed issues of equality further into our curriculum. Thank you for the emails we've received from parents who have enjoyed talking to their children about what they've learnt...it is lovely to hear!

BHM TALK HOMEWORK

Last week we asked you to discuss the influential figures, Walter Tull and Mary Seacole. It is vitally important that we celebrate those who inspire us from all races and backgrounds. This week we'd like you to find out a little bit about Muhammed Ali and why he is such an important and respected figure in American and world history.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

We wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you and well done to all of the staff at UPS. From the moment they arrived back after the summer break, they've shown tremendous kindness and resilience

Do not judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.

Robert Louis Stevenson

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HARVEST

Thank you for all of your harvest donations. We will continue to accept non-perishable items for Stretford foodbank so if you can spare any then please feel free to drop them off at the office and we'll make sure they get there. It is more important than ever that we look after each other and this is just a small way to do so. Reverend Smith has recorded his harvest assembly and it can be found below should you wish to take a look... https://youtu.be/2QxKg0S_AOM.

BEING MORE...our school values are more important than ever at the moment so keep those examples of your children BEING MORE at home coming in. Also, here's our link to part of our BEE AWARD ASSEMBLY for this week...

<https://youtu.be/yc09HjnuK5g>

and have been excellent role models for our children. They have shown such a passion and positivity in ensuring our children are safe and happy in our school whilst helping them to learn and develop under such difficult circumstances.

You've shown all of our school values relentlessly and have certainly 'been more'! Thank you.

Reception Curriculum and Phonics meeting

Thanks to all of our Reception parents and carers who attended the meeting on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful. As mentioned, should you wish to flick through the numerous(!) slides, you can find them on our website at <https://urmstonprimary.com/parents/resources-for-parents>

For our nursery parents, a reminder that our **Nursery Information evening** is on **Wednesday 4th November at 6pm**. We hope to see you on zoom on the link we sent last week!

A message from Mrs Hall...

Firstly, thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support with reading at home. Just to clarify our procedures, for children reading online, we still request that reading records are completed each time you read with your child at home. This way we have a fully comprehensive record of how often each child is reading and where they are up to. It also allows us to see when we need to add more books to your child's account.

Keep up the excellent work over half term!



Infant Book Binding Club

Cath Martin is going to be doing a Y1 and Y2 bookbinding club after half term on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively. Keep an eye out for more details!

C-19 UPDATE

We sent out a letter yesterday asking that you keep us posted should anyone in your household, particularly your children, receive a positive test result. If you could let us know via email we'd really appreciate it as it will enable us to plan and to liaise with Trafford's Track and Trace team. Although the rate of infection in Trafford remains high, we have great confidence in the measures taken by the PH team and are maintaining strong and frequent communication with them. As mentioned previously, we have yet to have a positive case, but have had numerous people in our school community who have needed to isolate due to awaiting testing or results. We remain, as always, vigilant.



Another message from Mrs Hall...

We are pleased to share our range of new library books with you. I can highly recommend the set of novels for our KS2 children: these as a series of gripping adventures that reflect the authentic, unsung stories of our past.

Flu Vaccine

The nasal flu vaccination is being offered to all our Reception to Year 6 pupils this year. Please complete the consent form on-line using the link below, and please note that the link will close 03/11/2020. <https://www.nhs.uk/FLU/information?Id=106315&Type=FLU> Click on the link or copy and paste it into your browser. You MUST complete either the YES form or the NO form. There is various information available on the online portal that will enable you to make an informed decision. If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch with Intra-Health who will be providing the vaccine in school on 0333 358 3397. The nasal flu vaccination will be given in school on Friday 20th November.

Thank you!

We wanted to say thank you for your continued support over this challenging half term. The measures that we have taken, we feel, have been right for our setting and context and we appreciate both your compliance and questions and concerns regarding these. Please do keep talking to us should you have any further concerns.

NOW PRESS PLAY

Our Year 3s and 4s have been trialling a new curriculum resource this week from an organisation called NOWPRESSPLAY, who provide interactive audio curriculum experiences to aid the children's knowledge acquisition, whilst getting them active and dramatic too! Our Y3s have been putting themselves in the shoes (if they had them!) of a stone age child and Y4 have been doing the same in their Romans topic. Please do talk to your children about the experiences—we hope to roll this out to the whole school to help engage our children in their learning further, which is particularly important at the moment as the likelihood of school trips is very uncertain. Watch this space for more info!

Please see our email this afternoon regarding Astoria. What a lovely gesture! Well done guys. Happy Halloween!