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Urmston Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is no denying that we have had a challenging couple of weeks and with a number of cases across school, staff and children have had to pull out all the stops to keep learning and to keep having fun at school. It has been fantastic to see our school pull together and make sure that disruption is as limited as possible. We hope that the challenges will ease over coming weeks and we continue to be determined that we keep providing our children with the teaching and learning that they deserve. A big thank you to all of our staff who work so hard always.

It was lovely to see many of our new Reception parents on Wednesday morning for our Coffee and Information morning. Your children have made a fantastic start to their school life and we are delighted to welcome you to our school community.

Thanks again for all your support and if you do have any queries, please do get in touch either by speaking to us on the gate or emailing admin@urmstonprimaryschool.com

Have a lovely weekend!

Belonging...

We intend continuing with our Belonging forum this year and will be meeting on Wednesday 20th October at 2:45pm. We know that this time may not suit everyone who would like to be involved but we will allow opportunities for contributing and will vary times throughout the year. More information on this will be provided on a separate letter next week. In the meantime, if you would like to contribute or find our more information, please do email us at: belonging@urmstonprimaryschool.com

Harry and Alex being more...

We got an email from Mum this week to tell us about Alex and Harry. Over the holidays they did a few jobs to earn a bit of extra money; folding laundry, Hoovering and clearing the garden. They then used the money to buy a number of items each to donate to Stretford food bank at Urmston Sainsburys. Well done boys, you've showed real responsibility and kindness.



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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

OCTOBER IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Next Friday is the beginning of Black History Month and we will continue to learn about the history of our diverse people that make up this fantastic country and world. We continue to strive to ensure that children are exposed to learning that enables them to deepen their understanding and respect for all of our people and we look forward to learning more about the how black history has influenced our modern day society. If any of you parents/carers feel that you are able to contribute in any way, please do get in touch.

Our Year group charities

Reception: **Pencils of Promise** (global education charity) - <https://pencilsofpromise.org/>

Y1 and 2: **UNICEF** (Paddington Postcards) - <https://www.unicef.org.uk/paddingtons-postcards/>

Y3: **The British Red Cross** (linked to **Respecting nature's power: 'What Makes The Earth Angry?'**) - <https://www.redcross.org.uk/>

Y4: **Water Aid** (linked to **'Water: Nature's Driving Force'**) - <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/>

Y5: **The Woodland Trust** (Linked to **'Brazil And The Amazon: Respect, Responsibility, Rivers and Rainforests'**) - <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

Y6: **Place2Be** - Children's Mental Health charity - <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

We also support the World Wildlife Fund as a whole school by sponsoring an Amur Leopard – Happy and Larry, our resident leopards (stuffed obviously ;-)) are mascots that represent the respect and responsibility we should have for our world and environment. Your child may come home with one of them if they are our weekly key stage winner on a Friday!

Reception Phonics Meeting

Reception Parents — please join us if you can on Thursday at 6pm for our phonics meeting where you can find out more about how we teach early reading and spelling and how you can help at home. We'd appreciate you bringing face coverings and we'll ensure the infant hall is well-ventilated! We look forward to seeing you there!



Year 4 Latimer

This week's inspirational figure is Lewis Latimer. Year 4 and Mr Smith have chosen Latimer as their class name after the American inventor. Year 4 learn about electricity and Lewis Latimer is credited with inventing the filament used in lightbulbs and he wrote the first book about Electric lighting. This was just one of his many inventions. We are proud to look to Lewis Latimer as a pioneer of electric light and a scientist of great talent and ingenuity. A real

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 and 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. Thanks for your support!