



27.1.23

Urmston Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers.
Have a lovely weekend,
From us all at UPS

Science at UPS...a note from Mrs Vitkin!

Science begins by asking questions and then seeking answers. We would like to reintroduce our science question of the week. If you get the opportunity this weekend, why not discuss this question:

Why do we shiver?

We will discuss the answer in Monday's assembly.

RSPB - Big Garden Birdwatch - 27th - 29th January

This weekend is the Big Garden Birdwatch. It is fun, free and for everyone. You don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your balcony, or your local park will play a vital role in helping the RSPB understand how UK birds are doing. It only takes one hour!
Here is a link with information about how to take part.

[bgbw23-free-guide-pack_english.pdf](https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/)
([rspb.org.uk](https://www.rspb.org.uk))

**CURRENT WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE: 96%**

Strike action

Just wanted to say thank you for your support and patience with regard to next Wednesday. Unfortunately (but importantly), it is likely there will be further disruption, but we'll keep you posted.

Trafford Music Service

Attached on this email is the letter on information with how to get your children booked on music tuition in school time. If your children are interested in learning to play woodwind or brass, then please take a look at the link and sign up!

ECO-SCHOOLS...a note from Mrs McNutt...

Eco schools is an award that as a school, we are aiming for. If we can achieve the award, we will have green flag status, which means that we will have an award that recognises our environmental actions. We set up an eco-committee with children in our committee from Reception all the way up to Year 6.

Eco schools is based around 10 topics that the eco committee have already completed a survey to figure out what they would like to work on. We have to focus upon three different areas out of 10. We will be working on biodiversity, energy and healthy living. The eco committee have already been taking part in a mindfulness survey, and are in the process of recording how many minutes we complete as a school in a week. This will count towards our green flag application.

<https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Mindfulness-Minutes.pdf>

We are also in the process of encouraging wildlife into the school grounds. To do this, we are putting up bird feeders. We will be creating our own next week using apples and we have put some up ready to encourage some birds so that we can take part in Birdwatch 2023. The key stage 1 committee members have made bird seed feeders by freezing bird seed in ice and have put them up in the play garden. We can all take part in Birdwatch by counting the birds that we see using a special counting sheet. Birdwatch at home takes place between the 27th-29th January this year (as Mrs Vitkin has mentioned to the left!).

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/> to take part at home, an adult needs to sign up your family and for an hour over the weekend, count the birds that you can see using the special sheet to help you. Then submit your results on the RSPB website. The eco committee will be taking part in the Big School Birdwatch over the next few weeks.

Finally we will be looking at saving energy. We are going to be looking at how we can help save energy in our school. The eco committee will become a little bit bossy over the next few months. They will be keeping a check upon if lights have been turned out when leaving the room.

Mrs Marsland and I have also been looking at what we can do with the gardening area after February half term too. We will hopefully be growing some fruits and vegetables. PTO FOR SOME PICS...

SEND...

Just a reminder that every Monday at 1pm, one of our parents, Sarah, holds a parent workshop at our school.

If you are interested in taking part, please do just let her office know, and we'll let Sara know!

On a separate, but related, note we will be holding our SEND forum on Thursday 9th February at 3.45pm in the junior building...tbc —we aim to provide a crèche. We asked some parents to ask some parents about when might be best and the general consensus was that pick up time is most accessible. We know that this is not ideal for everyone and do apologise for that. If you can't make it, we will be putting on our SEND page on the website.

The agenda will be led by you guys so please let us know if there's anything you would like discussed. We hope to see you here.

Water Aid—Y4's charity

A huge well done to Y4 for raising a brilliant £150 to date for Water Aid, their year group charity. It is wonderful that they have shown such care and responsibility for such an important cause...and they were much healthier in only drinking water too. Great stuff guys! There's still a chance to donate if you wish at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/urmston-primary-school>



SOME MEMBERS OF OUR SUPER ECO-COMMITTEE...

Being More at UPS...

It's great to hear Eloise and Phoebe 'Being More' whilst walking home from school together. On Monday Eloise phoned mum to say they would be a little later home than usual as they were picking up litter. They brought back a plastic bag full! On Tuesday Eloise took in her litter pickers and they both picked three more bags, they'd collected one bag full before they'd even got to Bargain Booze and so they went into Bargain Booze to ask for a couple more bags. They collected another bag full on Wednesday. Eloise the helped mum put all the litter into the correct bins at home and they recycled as much as they could. We are so proud of both girls for showing such responsibility and for doing so without any prompting. We'd also like to mention that Mason bought both girls some sweets to say thank you for what they were doing. Such thoughtfulness! Great 'human-beinging' all round!

TUB-2-PUB

Thanks to everyone who has donated to the Tub 2 Pub campaign...and thank you to Sally Inman for sorting—more being more! ;-)

Holocaust Memorial Day...

...is today and we took the opportunity to talk to our KS2 children about it. The theme is Ordinary People, and aims to shine a light on the ordinary people persecuted for who they are, but also ordinary people who throughout history have been part of that persecution or allowed it to happen. The theme also aims to draw attention to the extraordinary people who went to extreme lengths to help those affected. It is an opportunity for us to shine a light on the importance of **respect** (not tolerance) for all, regardless of race, religion, gender, disability, sexuality, or age.



Baby Club Stay & Play Sessions

New Parent? Then we welcome you to come and enjoy one of our Baby Club Stay & Play sessions at one of the following locations.

Free Admission

For parents and children aged 0-12 Months

Stretford's Stay and Play Session at
Stretford Early Help Hub, 9 Poplar Road, Stretford, M32 9AN
Please call to book a place
Telephone 0161 912 5020
Wednesday 10am - 11:30am

Partington's Stay and Play Session at
Partington Children's Centre & Early Help Hub, 106 Central Road Partington, Manchester,
M31 4FL

Please call to book a place
Telephone 0161 912 2122
Friday 10am - 11:30am

Young parents under 20

Talkshop, 2 Tatton Rd, Waterside, Sale, M33 7ZF
Telephone 0161 912 2453

Butterflies group

Wednesday 11am - 3pm

Lunch provided, life skills for parents and social skills for babies

Expectant parents under 20

Young Bumps antenatal project at Talkshop
Friday – please call Talkshop to arrange a time
Everything you need to know to be a parent and much more!



Talk
Listen
Change