

# TOGETHER

## THE ACRE HALL NEWSLETTER

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We finish today for our Christmas break and would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We hope that all our pupils and their families have chance to spend time together to rest and enjoy the festive season.

School opens again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Breakfast Club and After Acres will be open as normal from 6<sup>th</sup> January but our other after school clubs will not begin until the week after; Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. We will send out details of the new clubs during our first week back.



### **A message for the New Year from our School Councillors Amy, Kara and Kaiya**

We have been thinking about the environment and how single use plastic bottles are using the world's precious resources when they are produced and how much waste they make when they are thrown away. We would really like your help to reduce the use of these plastic bottles and ask that from January 1<sup>st</sup> pupils always use refillable plastic bottles for their water in the classroom.

After Easter we will be writing to you again to ask if you would also consider not including single use plastic bottles in any packed lunches that you send to school.

*You may have seen this article in this week's edition of our local newspaper.*

*Congratulations to all the pupils who took part and especially our winners; Aiden, Shaan, Bradley and Lily (who was ill on the day the photo was taken).*



### Local Primary School Design's Christmas Cards Unveiling Urmston's New Walking and Cycling Scheme

Pupils at Acre Hall Primary School designed Christmas cards launching the first walking and cycling scheme, in Urmston, Trafford.

The winning cards were selected by Executive Councillor for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change, Cllr Stephen Adshead. These have been posted to over 16,500 households across Urmston, inviting local people, businesses and community groups to have their say in developing proposals for the project. Concepts may include improvements on upgraded crossings, enhanced signage, new networks for walking and cycling schemes and much more.

The event takes place on Thursday 23 January, at The Venue, 15 Westbourne Rd, Urmston, Manchester M41 0XQ, from 7pm – 9pm, and will offer a series of engagement activities.

Executive Councillor for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change, Cllr Stephen Adshead, said: "All the cards were brilliant and it's a shame we couldn't pick them all as winners, but the winning entries really incorporated the walking and cycling messages which really caught my eye.

"We have some really talented and creative children in Trafford, and I thought who better to design the invitation for the launch event than pupils from a Primary School in my local ward of Urmston."

Head of School, Mrs White, said: "On behalf of everyone here at Acre Hall, I'd like to thank Trafford Council for giving us this opportunity. Children of all ages took part in the competition and really enjoyed it. We would like to congratulate our winning pupils."

Urmston's Active Neighbourhood project supports Greater Manchester's Cycling and Walking Commissioner, Chris Boardman's, ambition to connect every neighbourhood and community across the region, by making it easier for people to get around on foot or by bike. The proposal is part of The Bee Network's vision of creating the UK's largest joined-up cycling and walking network, at 1,800 miles long.

In support of this ambition, the Mayor of Greater Manchester has allocated £160 million to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF). This has resulted in Trafford Council being awarded funding from the MCF to create the first active neighbourhood in Urmston (including Flixton, Davyhulme East and Davyhulme West).

**#UrmstonActiveNeighbourhood**