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**WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD
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**Children's rights are learned, understood
and lived in this school.**



Year 6 Christmas Cards

We received a beautiful letter from a lady thanking us for the beautiful Christmas cards Year 6 sent to patients at Barnet Hospital just before Christmas.

She said 'I was sitting by my husband's bedside in Barnet Hospital when we received your cheerful card with its nicely written greeting. Thank you for your kind thoughts. May you all have a very happy and successful New Year 2019'.

The children were delighted to receive this letter and it made them realise that we can all make a difference through our words and actions.

St Catherine's visits Martins School

In January Year 5 & 6 children visited Martin Primary School in Finchley. The children were so excited. Martin Primary School was aiming to become a Rights Respecting School. As you are aware the Rights Respecting Schools Award programme supports schools to embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We met Mrs Julie Taylor (Community Cohesion Leader), Ms. Shona Glackin and some of the RRS Ambassadors from Martins School. They were on their journey from Silver level accreditation to Gold level accreditation. We were delighted to hear that the day went extremely well. They are now awaiting the final report.

Our visit consisted of a talk with their ambassadors, a tour of their school and time to socialise with the children. When talking with their representatives they told us about three ideas they had initiated– helping schools globally, their 'Theme of the Month' (Gender Equality) and opening their school every Sunday. Johnny Y 6V



School Travel Plan Competition- 'Cold Weather Images'

Our JTAs from Year 5 have shared a new competition with pupils in Years 1-6 in assemblies to promote active travel to and from school as part of our School Travel Plan. *What do you see on your walk to school? Could you take a photo, draw a picture or create an image of something you have seen on your journey? The theme this term is 'Cold Weather'.* Either email your photo to school, or hand in the picture to the School office, with the child's full name and class, the title of the image (e.g. an address/location of where the image is). The closing date was Friday 8th February 2019. The best images from each year group will be put on display and win a prize. Even in this cold weather, we are encouraging everyone to be more active in their travel to and from school. There is always lots to see and be inspired by!

School Council

The School Council met with Ms Groom and the JTA's to discuss Travel Safety. The minutes of our meeting are on the website. We made a list of all the things we do as a community to ensure everyone is safe and happy.

- ✚ Assemblies- Road Safety, Anti-Bullying Week, E-Safety, NSPCC
- ✚ At the end of school day teachers ensure we are collected by our parents
- ✚ Staff & children work together and the staff make sure we are happy
- ✚ Fire-drills prepare us – we know what to do!
- ✚ School trips are well planned
- ✚ We know we can TELL an adult if we are worried or upset
- ✚ The fence and school gates keep us safe.
- ✚ We have a voice! We are listened to



Global Learning: Everyone Can Be A Goalkeeper!

At St Catherine's we aim to instil in all our children the belief that everyone has the potential to be a Goalkeeper and to take action for the Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals). The children identify and appreciate the different skills of all individuals, as well as themselves. They learn to understand and appreciate the perspectives and world views of others and to act for collective well-being and sustainable development. Through the children's RE, PSHE, topics and the wider curriculum the children will be able to explore this further.

CPR Training

This week 4 students were lucky enough to be asked to attend an afternoon training session at the Queen Elizabeth Centre in Westminster; this was in the art of giving CPR. The students really enjoyed this experience and gained a great deal of knowledge. These will be a life skill that they will carry on throughout their lives. The students were so excited about this event and they all felt that it had been a worthwhile event and that they all gained valuable information in CPR and are eager to pass on their knowledge to their peers. The students were extremely well behaved and the trainers all made comments about how well behaved the students were, they were a credit to our school.

Why is it important to be a global citizen?

When we visited Martins we were inspired by their Global citizen display. Global citizens must be aware of the world. They must respect diversity in order to further respect the **global** workings in society, cultures, and the environment. They must contribute positively to the world. Here are some of the words suggested by the children during assembly week to describe a global citizen– ***respectful, responsible, thoughtful, compassionate, different, fair, and active***

Class 6C Prayer Service

Thank you 6C and Mrs Carruthers for leading our prayer service. The theme of the prayer service was 'Small with Potential! 'The children entered the hall to the song 'This Is Me' and held up a poster showing who they aspire to be when they are older– chefs, footballers, bankers, fashion designers and so many other wonderful professions. They were so reverent and confident in delivering such a powerful message to the children, staff and parents gathered in the hall. They told us about 'Growth Mindset'. We can develop and improve our talents and skills through dedication and hard work. At St Catherine's we truly believe this!

They ended by singing 'Standing in the Hall of Fame'. This is a song about achieving your goals and is dedicated for all the people that inspired others. Thank you for inspiring all of us at the prayer service to believe in ourselves and never give up!

Healthy Air for Every Child: A Call for National Action.

Unicef UK have launched our new report, **Healthy Air for Every Child: A Call for National Action**. The report calls on the UK Government to take urgent action to protect every child from toxic air, putting children's health at the heart of its work on air pollution. Over 4000 children have already written to Michael Gove to tell him how toxic air is impacting their right to a clean and safe environment. St Catherine's are going to take action through OutRight and make our voice heard too.

