



**St. Catherine's Rights Respecting School
Newsletter June 2019**

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



Global Learning: THE BIG QUESTION

Last month we started 'The Big Question'. The very first question was related to a topic very much in the news locally and globally.

What do you think about the use of plastics in our world?

The RRS Ambassadors did a survey during lunch times and some of the responses are displayed in the front entrance.



Global Learning: Yr4 Pollution Workshops

Year 4 took part in a pollution workshop. This was great fun and engaging way to learn about the important issues around pollution and climate change. The children looked at the different greenhouse gases and how they act in the atmosphere. The workshop leaders helped the children explore what human and natural activities and processes cause these gases to enter the atmosphere. Even more importantly, they gave us really practical and useful ways to help reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. We are so grateful to Miss Groom for organising this fun and informative workshop.



Global Learning: CLEAN AIR DAY

The UK's biggest air pollution campaign, **Clean Air Day**, will be taking place on Thursday 20th June 2019. Hundreds of organisations and thousands of members of the public will come together to raise awareness of the dangers of toxic air and what we can all do to tackle it.

Visit www.unicef.org.uk for further information. Last year, Clean Air Day events and activities reached more than **1.2 million people**.



Global Learning: Be a Zero Hero

The world we live in is changing because of climate change. Pope Francis said that we all need to speak up to look after our world. Some members of the school community joined the CAFOD campaign and became a Zero Hero!

Global Learning: World Oceans Day June 8th.

We thought about how the ocean affects us and how we affect the ocean. Visit

<https://worldoceanday.school/resources/impact-on-the-ocean/>

So what can we do?

On a local level, we should make ocean-friendly choices when buying products or eating food derived from oceans and consume only what we need. Making small changes in our daily lives, like taking public transport and unplugging electronics saves energy. These actions reduce our carbon footprint, a factor that contributes to rising sea levels. We should eliminate plastic usage as much as possible and organise beach clean-ups. Please listen to our advice.

Most importantly, we can spread the message about how important marine life is and why we need to protect it.

Walk to School Week: Monday 20th – Friday 24th May 2019

Well done to everyone who participated in this event. We supported the charity 'Living Streets' by taking part in the Walk to School Week in May. We planned our route carefully for the week.

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>

kooth.com

This service provides confidential, safe, online counselling and advice for 11 to 26 year olds who may need support or advice about a range of topics. Kooth are running 3 workshops starting next Wednesday for our Year 6 boys in order to help them with: male attitudes towards seeking help and support; anger management skills and emotional resilience/stress management skills. This will be carried out in small groups in a very supportive and nurturing manner by Kooth's experienced representative. For further information please visit their website.



School Council – Cancer Research Fundraising

Thank you to the children from 5S for their fundraising event today for Cancer Research. We are so proud of you all. They raised £86.00. Cancer Research UK is the largest independent funder of cancer research in the world. They support the best scientists, doctors and nurses to discover new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer across the world. They rely entirely on donations to make it happen. Thank you for your support!

Our Next Steps!!

The Years 5 and 6 RRS Ambassadors are planning to prepare a power point for the front entrance and also to share it with parents at meetings. We are delighted with the final RRS Leaflet and we are keen to continue our good work with the whole school community. We will also put this on our RRS website page.

