



**St. Catherine's  
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**The Global Learning Programme**

Throughout the last half term the school community has been reminded of the 17 Global Goals and what we can do to play our part. There is a display of the Global Goals in our main corridor.



## Parents Charter

Thank you to RRS Steering Group and RRS Parent Ambassadors for all their hard work in designing our Parent Charter. This is now displayed in the front entrance of our school. The school community were given an opportunity to add their views and suggestions to the final wording and design.

## Celebrating Diversity

At St Catherine's we celebrate the many countries our families come from. The variety of different flags on display celebrates the rich diversity within our school. Do you know which class made this fabulous display?



At St Catherine's we celebrate 'Diversity'.



## Rights Respecting Trophy




This will be awarded to the house each week with the most house stars. The children are extremely proud of being a part of their house. It is important to celebrate the way the children and staff work together to ensure that our school is a loving, secure and stimulating where everyone is inspired to be the best person they can be.

## Article of The Month & Thought for the Month

Every month we continue to share our Article of the Month and Thought for the Month with our whole school community. As we start a new month each class has been introduced to the new 'Article of the Month' and the 'Thought for the Month'. During this week we have asked the children and staff to complete a Rights Respecting School Questionnaire.



**Thought for the Month**

 **Article Of the Month February 2018**

**Article 2: The Convention applies to every child whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, abilities, whatever they think or say, no matter what type of family they come from.**



**Without discrimination.**

**Article of the Month**

### **Class 6V Prayer Service- Holocaust Memorial Day**



Thank you to Class 6V and Mrs Van den Abbeele for leading our first prayer service of 2018 with such reverence and confidence. They reminded us that 27<sup>th</sup> January is Holocaust Memorial Day and told us about a truly special man- Nicholas Winton. During WW2 he rescued 669 Jewish children from almost certain death. These young people had good memories of a kind, dedicated man whom they all thought of as their father. They made us reflect on the fact that our world is made up of so many good, kind and inspirational people.

It was a very moving prayer service, one we shall all remember! It was wonderful that many of our parents could gather with us to hear this very important message.

### **Class 6C Prayer Service- 'I Love Life'**

Thank you to Mrs Carruthers and Class 6C for leading the prayer service on Thursday. It was truly inspiring and made us reflect on believing in ourselves and having an open, growth mindset. If we believe, put in extra time and effort it leads to higher achievement. We need to encourage one another to try new things, take risks and never give up! The children spoke clearly and with such confidence. They sang a beautiful song called 'I love my Life'.

*"I love my life.  
I am powerful, I am beautiful, and I am free.*

*I love my life.  
I am wonderful, I am magical, and I am me.  
I love my life."*

It was wonderful to welcome so many of our year 6 parents. We were all extremely proud of the children, as always.

### **Rights Respecting Questionnaire**

Our Questionnaire was carried out during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Over the half term Mrs Ainger will be analyzing the data and this will be shared with the school community. Our next displays around the school will be linked to either Rights Respecting or global Learning. Look out for these amazing displays.

### **Global Learning**

#### **What is Global Learning?**

We are working very hard to become global citizens. Global Learning is exploring the people and places around the world. It asks us to observe the similarities and differences that exist around our world today and relate these to our own lives. Through our learning we explore links between their own lives and people, places and issues throughout the world. Our children are given the opportunity to:

- Critically examine their own values and attitudes
- Appreciate the similarities between peoples everywhere, and learn to value diversity
- Understand the global context of their local lives
- Develop skills that will enable them to combat injustice, prejudice and discrimination

### **THE TERM AHEAD**

Our next RRS Meeting is on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. We look forward to a very exciting but busy term. This term our fundraising is centred on raising funds for FSSA Zambia and the Catholic Children Society. We look forward to sharing our achievements in our next newsletter.

We are also preparing our new displays around the main areas of the school. The focus for these displays is Global Learning and Rights Respecting School.