



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

Throughout last 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. Each class has also produced a new display in our main corridor based on either a Global Learning theme or on one of the Rights Respecting Articles.

At St Catherine's 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.

#### **Global Learning 'WE walk for Water'**

At St Catherine's we believe that every person deserves clean water– UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 Clean water and Sanitation. After Easter we are going to be learning about water issues.

**How would your daily routine change if you did not have access to water?**

**Why do you think millions of people still do not have clean drinking water?**

**What do you think needs to be done to make clean water accessible to everyone?**

On the 27th April our KS2 children are going to spread the word about children and young women around the world who spend hours each day walking to collect water for their families. For more information visit [WE.org/wewalkforwater](http://WE.org/wewalkforwater)

### Global Learning Displays

Year 3 concentrated their display on Fairtrade. Fairtrade is a simple way to make a difference to the lives of the people who grow the things we love. They do this by changing the way trade works through better prices, decent working conditions and a fair deal for farmers and workers.



### Article of The Month & Thought for the Month

We continue to share our Article of the Month and Thought for the Month with our whole school community via our weekly newsletter and of course this half termly newsletter.

As we start a new month each class has been introduced to the new 'Article of the Month' and the 'Thought for the Month'.



#### Article of the Month April 2018

**Article 2: The Convention applies to every child whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, and abilities.**



**Without discrimination.**

## Thought for the Month



### Class 3R Prayer Service

Thank you to Mr Rose and Class 3R for leading our prayer service this week. They gave us a very important message. The children interviewed members of our school community about the heroes in their lives. It was wonderful to hear their responses to being interviewed by our year 3 reporters. It gave us the opportunity to reflect on the heroes in our own lives– parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, famous people in history, sports men and women. We also reflected on the many unsung heroes in our world too. An unsung hero is one who does great deeds but receives little or no recognition for them. The children spoke with such confidence and sang beautifully. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents at this special gathering looking extremely proud of their children.

### CCS Day -Catholic Children Society

Thank you to everyone who supported our collection. The CCS help children and families who have found themselves in domestic, relationship and personal crisis and who need immediate support. They offer community based social work services, counselling, play therapy, psychotherapeutic and mediation services.

We welcomed Kimberley from the 'Catholic Children's Society' on Monday. She spoke to the KS2 children about the wonderful work of this charity. Kimberley told the children of one family the CCS had helped and how their lives had been transformed through people's kindness and generosity. She also informed the children of the St Francis Family

Centre, St Mark's Stay and Play for young families, and ConnectEd the School Counselling Service. Kimberley thanked the children for their fundraising during Lent.

### **Rights Respecting Ambassadors Meet some of our School Governors**

The Rights Respecting Ambassadors met with some of our school governors. They discussed their learning and what they enjoyed about their Religious Education lessons. The children loved writing about Jesus through poetry, prayer, research, extended writing and also enjoyed the opportunity of working with their talk partners as they do in other lessons.

They discussed a wide variety of other topics such as behaviour, supporting charities, promoting equality, what a 'Rights Respecting School' looks like and where we could find evidence to support this. The governors were extremely impressed with the children and thanked them for their hard work.

### **Rights Respecting Schools Displays**

Thank you to Mrs Lown who has helped us refresh our Rights Respecting board in the main hall. We love the design and we wanted our values to be visual for all to see. Within the clouds we have shared our aims as a learning community – instilling life-long learning, promoting and encouraging respect, nurturing and supporting one another in our faith journey.

The EYFS display in our main corridor is centered on Article 31– Every child has the right



to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities. Their display is amazing and so creative.





## School Council

The children really enjoyed the opportunity of meeting some of our School Governors. They chatted about their learning and the impact of talk partners used in their lessons. They all found their topics so valuable and supportive. One member of the School Council said, "Talk Partners are like your extra brain!"

The children spoke about the exciting topics they had been studying such as Ancient Greece, Recycling, the Battle of Barnet and so much more.

They told the School Governors that they know they have made progress in their learning by the comments in their books, by what the teacher says to them and by the discussions they have with their talk partners. We look forward to the next visit.

The School Council representatives met before the Easter holidays. They chatted about the highlights of the term and they had so much to celebrate– Dance festival, Football and Netball matches and tournaments, World Book Day and of course Science Week. We also shared what we had enjoyed in our learning. They loved being challenged, the trips and exciting topics and shared some of their favourite lessons– painting to music, Ancient Greece and 'The Blue Abyss'. You can read all our minutes on our School Council webpage.

## THE TERM AHEAD- Our Action Plan

### RRR Level 2 Assessment

During the Summer Term we have so many exciting things to look forward to starting with our Rights Respecting Assessment Day on 19<sup>th</sup> April in our endeavour to achieve the Level 2 Award. We welcome Paul Harris and Gillian Roberts to St Catherine's. This is the second time Gillian will have visited us. She came in June 2016 to assess our journey to Level 1. We look forward to welcoming her back.

**Global Learning** 'WE walk for Water' on 27<sup>th</sup> April- *see details above*

### FSSA Zambia Fundraising

There will be a number of fundraising events throughout the term to continue to support Stephen Crabb. Stephen visited the Nursery children before the Easter Holidays. Thank you to the children for making such delicious soup- broccoli and carrot and coriander. Thank you to the parents for supporting this event. The amount raised was £61.38. Stephen also thanked the Year 4 children who raised nearly £40.00 by selling homemade bookmarks.

### **CAFOD- 'Every Child should be able to play'**

After Easter we will collect contributions from our school community to support the work of CAFOD. At present CAFOD are supporting many countries- one at present being Syria. Many Syrians have been made homeless are in need of urgent humanitarian aid – food, water, shelter and protection.

### **Soccer Aid Playground Challenge Friday 8 June 2018**

Our Sports Captains and Fund Raising Captains will organise the timetable and obstacle course with Mr Reilly.

### **Year 6 Trade Fair July 2018**

In July the Year 6 children have the opportunity to be young entrepreneurs by creating and selling products to the KS2 children and parents. Last year they made £420.00 profit. They made the decision to donate this to Father John as a payment towards the new stained glass window. The children will decide on the recipient of their fund raising. In previous years there have been a number of charities that have benefited e.g. Water Aid, Noah's Ark Hospice, FSSA Zambia, local / global needs.

### **International Children's Day 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

The World Conference for the Well-being of Children in Geneva, Switzerland, proclaimed June 1 to be International Children's Day in 1925. Children to be informed of this through assembly and parents via the newsletter.

### **National School Grounds Week 6 – 10 June 2018**

National School Grounds Week is run by Learning Through Landscapes (LTL) and is an annual campaign to show just how easy – and worthwhile – it can be to take teaching and learning outdoors. The week provides a focus for schools to take learning outdoors, into their school grounds and beyond. Mrs Ainger will be leading INSET with teachers to give examples of how the whole school community can participate in this event. This is linked to Article 29: Goals of education