



St. Catherine's
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The Global Learning Programme

In the Spring Term we registered for the Global Learning Programme (GLP). This is closely linked to our work on the Rights Respecting Schools. This programme is helping St Catherine's to:

- Further promote SMSC
- prepare pupils for modern life in Britain by promoting values such as empathy, fairness and respect
- develop and enhance enquiry and critical thinking skills
- deepen curriculum knowledge and understanding
- expand global awareness
- further strengthen our school ethos and values
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Every week in our newsletter we explain one of the Global Goals. During this half term the project we have been studying is 'Every Plate tells a story' and during the coming half term we are looking at 'Diversity'.

We will be looking at the nature of 'British values' and how they relate to our school and our community. We want our children to develop and demonstrate skills and attitudes which allow them to participate fully in, and contribute positively to life in modern Britain.

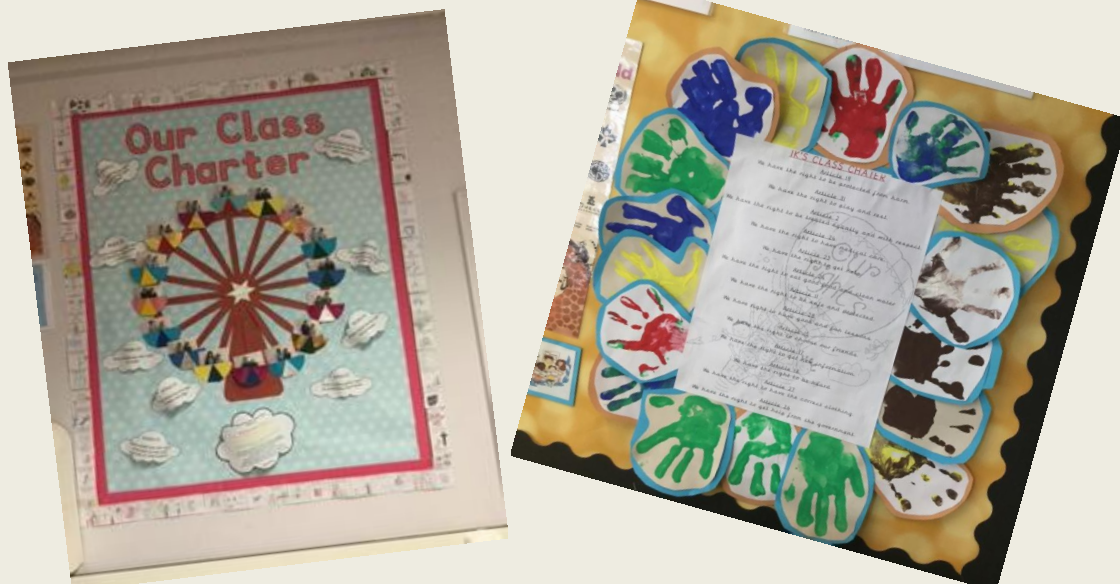
St Catherine's School Council and our RRS Ambassadors



The photographs of our newly appointed School Council Representatives and our RRS Ambassadors are displayed in the main hall. At our next meeting we will discuss responsibilities and the importance of our commitment to be the 'Voice of the Children' and the Steering Group will be meeting to discuss our application for Level 2 Rights Respecting Schools.

Class Charters

The classes are all displaying their new class charters and these have been shared with our school community via our newsletter and website. Here are a few examples of the charters designed by the children.





CAFOD



“We plant the seeds that one day will grow” Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador

We welcomed Annie Scollen from CAFOD. Annie came to talk to the children about the important work of CAFOD. Annie told the children about Edelmira and Martir who are farmers in El Salvador. They literally “plants seeds” trusting that “they will grow”; come harvest time. They live on and depend on their land. The harvest they reap is used to put food on the table, and sold to buy essential items such as clothes and medicine.

Annie was keen to hear about our harvest collection for the HAB (Homeless Action in Barnet)

We pray for all those who struggle to get enough to eat: that they may know they are not forgotten, and that together, by the grace of God, we may build a brighter future and a fairer world.

NSPCC Fundraising

Jo Redhead visited on Monday 16th October to thank all our children and families for their generosity. She was truly overwhelmed by the grand total raised through our fundraising activities. We raised over **£2000** through our Dance-A-Thon. She spoke to the children and every child from year 1- year received a badge. Jo informed the children that our sponsorship money would help up to 200 children. Thank you to all those who supported this truly wonderful fundraising event.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you the children, staff and parents who supported this charity. We raised over £350.00.

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.



Class 5DA Prayer Service- The Children send a clear message to all!



Thank you to Miss D'Arcy and Class 5D'A for leading our prayer service this week.

"We learned that black history is, in fact, all of our histories and looked to the Bible to remind us that God created us all equally in his own image and thus that everyone needs to be treated with equal respect. This is also reflected in the UN Rights of the Child and, thus, in our practice at St Catherine's. Although individuals like Dr Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks are very important to black history, we chose to emphasise the stories of those who are not as widely shared but also very important to the richness of this history. We featured a poem by Benjamin Zephaniah that emphasises

what a rich melting pot of cultures and ethnicities we have, can learn from and celebrate in Britain. We selected two songs (and featured another) that have strong links to the African World Community. The children all spoke and sang with great confidence, authority and passion and embedded important messages for their parents, teachers and peers. “

We're very proud of them!

Thank you also to 4D who also led a Prayer Service related to Black History Month, to 6C who reminded us of the importance of 'British Values' and 5B who made us reflect on the importance of looking after our world.

Harvest Festival Assembly KS1



Thank you to the KS1 children for leading our Harvest Assembly. The children read clearly and sang so beautifully. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and look forward to visiting Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB) with all your contributions. The HAB Centre provides services for homeless and vulnerably housed individuals who have a connection with Barnet. They were deeply grateful for our massive contribution.

Remembrance Day



During the coming month we will remember all those who lost their lives in wars and are still in danger today. There will a Book of Remembrance in the main entrance. The Royal British Legion calls on the nation to unite in commemorating Remembrance Sunday at the 2017 Cenotaph Service and Parade in Whitehall on 12 November.

Forthcoming events

Anti-Bullying Week 13th 17th November

Children In Need 17th November

FSSA Coffee Morning Friday 3rd November at 9a.m.

FSSA Zambia Stephen Crabb leading Assemblies 20th November

