

What is the UNCRC?

UNCRC stands for 'United Nations Convention on the rights of the child'. It was created by UNICEF and has 54 articles which are all the rights a child has. It builds on the basics that a child has the right:

- To survival
- To develop to the fullest
- To protection from harmful influences, abuse and exploitation
- To participate fully in family, cultural and social life.

Why are we a Rights Respecting School?

We decided to become a Rights Respecting School because we want St Patrick's to be a better place for everyone. We want to teach children; not only about their rights but also help them to respect the rights of others. Learning about their rights makes everyone think more about others and how our actions would affect them.

What have we done so far this year to show we respect children's rights:

French Day (27th September) - Article 30: Every child has the right to learn about and practice their own culture, language and religion.

Online safety CEOP day - Article 19: You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.

Police safety talk (Y5) - Article 24: You have the right to a safe environment and information to help you stay well; **Article 12:** You have the right to your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.

Pats Pals (Y5) - Article 31: You have the right to play and rest.



Information about the Rights Respecting Schools Award

What is the RRSA?

The RRSA is awarded by a charity called UNICEF. UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) work hard to help children and families all over the world. They work hard to make sure that all children can enjoy their rights by upholding the UNCRC.

We all deserve our rights and they cannot be taken away from us.

You can read all the articles on the back of this page!

How are we a Rights Respecting School?

As a school we are working towards achieving our 'Recognition of Commitment' award and, as a result, from Nursery to Year 6 we will be teaching children about their rights. Each class will be making a class charter which will be agreed and signed by the children and shows how they can make sure everybody's rights are respected.

At St Patrick's, we believe children have a voice, so we have chosen RRSA Ambassadors from the school to help us develop a Rights respecting ethos as members of the Steering group. Children, governors, parents and members of staff form the steering group and they will work to make sure all children are taught about their rights.

How can you help?

We are passionate about children's rights and believe that respecting them will give children the best education possible. Talking to your child about their rights and how they can respect the rights of other children has been shown to improve children's social awareness and learning in class. You should talk about them and how important they are. Rights respecting classrooms (where children feel safe, happy and well) will help the children to learn more in class.

If you would like to find out more, please take a look at the RRS section on our school website

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