



## Article of the Month...



Welcome back to a new school year and the RRS monthly.

As you can see, the *Article of the Month* for October is **Article 36**. The Rights Ambassadors chose this because we feel it is important for children to know that being on the receiving end of bad treatment is never acceptable and goes against their rights, to grow up in a safe environment.

We also felt this was appropriate at this time because October 6th is **World Teachers' Day**. A day to celebrate teachers around the world who not only help us achieve academically, but are always there for us whenever we need their help and protection.

Reporters: Daniel Fenlon and Keil Walcott

## SPB ReAct to Rights...

Although the Prayer Group, led by Chair of Governors Miss Nolan and School Governor Mrs Kelly, has always focused on empathy and reflection for people around the world, it will now **make links** with the **Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)** and the Rights Respecting Schools work already being carried out at our school.

This is what RRS Ambassadors **Chloe Koo** and **Gaby Quayle** had to say about the new look prayer group—now named **ReAction**...

*ReAction will link our Christian life, RE lessons and Rights, Respecting Schools work. The group will be involved in helping the homeless, the parish and a range of charities. Children will have the opportunity to write prayers for class and Mass, as well as plan and prepare displays to highlight our Catholic faith.*

The groups (one for Year 3/4 and one for Years 5/6) will meet on Thursday, after school, 3.15pm—4pm.



## Meet the RRS team..

The Rights Ambassador meetings are well under way as we aim to 'get the message out there' about children's rights. Deciding upon the monthly article, publishing this newsletter and auditing pupil (and adult!) knowledge of the current article has always been part of our role. Going forward, we have plans to create a banner and compose a song!



The Ambassadors meet each Thursday lunch-time

## Carry on Campaigning...

Last academic year, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils ran a successful campaign group that focused on the **rights of unaccompanied refugee children in Europe**. The pupil's petition, calling on the U.K government to reunite children with their family in the U.K, was supported by local M.P **Maria Eagle** and was signed by **600** people across the school community.

This term, the group will be focusing on UNICEF's '**Outright**' campaign, calling on governments to ensure that children's rights are respected. In the coming months, a range of activities will take place in school to raise awareness about the plight of refugee children.

Mr Gowans is **looking for children in years 4-6** to lead with the campaign. They will raise awareness about the campaign across the school and write and perform an assembly for the school on November 20th to celebrate the culmination of the campaign and '**World Children's Day**.' If you are interested in joining the campaign group, please let **Mr Gowans** know.



## And the results are in...

After a successful election week here at St Paschal Baylon, we can finally reveal the names of our **14 democratically elected** school councillors! All candidates completed manifestos, detailing why they felt they would be a fantastic representative for their peers and make a superb school councillor. It was then left up to the children to cast their vote and decide who they would like to elect—as stated in **Article 12** and **22** of the Conventions on the Rights of the Child (CRC). **The winners were as follows:** Joseph Ferguson & Ellis King (Year 1); Dylan Koo & Max Barnett (Year 2); Savannah Askew & Ava Brown (Year 3); Gabby Quayle & Chandanaa Kumar (Year 4); Erin Gardner & Harriet Kenyon (Year 5); Peter Hannah, Hope Windrow, Jack Aldridge, Faye Graham and Jolene Wong (Year 6). **Well done to all!**

Our team will now be responsible for being '**the voice**' for others and will be expected to raise ideas, concerns and suggestions on behalf of their peers on how we can make our school an even better place to learn and play!

Our year 6 councillors are also given the additional opportunity to become a member of '**Liverpool School's Parliament**'. School's Parliament gives an opportunity for the young people of Liverpool to have a voice on matters of concern and to be heard by people who have an influence in the running of the city of Liverpool. The Parliament also provides an opportunity for children to participate in a range of exciting events and activities. They are **empowered** to make a real difference in their community! Our year 6 councillors attended their first meeting on 29th September and we have one councillor, **Hope Windrow**, who has decided to put herself forward for the role of **Junior Lord Mayor**. Hope will attend Liverpool Town Hall on 10th October to deliver her speech and hopefully win the votes of other children from various local schools. We will keep you updated on the results!

## Getting the Message Out There!

The Campaign Group and the Rights Ambassadors were pleased to appear in an article in the September issue of the **Catholic Pic**.

The article, entitled '**Level 1 Award for St Paschal Baylon**' highlighted the work the children have done, in promoting Children's rights, which resulted in the award—an award we are all very proud of.



Our message was also heard at Mass at Christ the King, where parishioners were asked to sign the campaign group's petition for refugee children to be reunited with their parents.

As we enter a new school year, we look forward to continuing our work in the community in order to '**get the message out there**'. Keep up the good work, teams!