



## Article of the Month...

Article 6 Article of the Month

### January

Every child has the **right to life**.  
Governments must do all they  
can to make sure that children  
**survive and develop**  
to their **full potential**.



Article 6 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child was chosen as this month's focus. We thought it would be good, as it is the start of a new year, in which we can achieve even more than we did last year. In our school, we believe that everyone should be able to develop and achieve.

### Happy New Year to pupils, parents, carers and staff!

Link Reporters: Daniel Fenlon & Keil Walcott (Year 6).

## We are Officially Pen Pals!



In June, last year, we sent letters to children in St Mullumba School in Zambia. Last week, we received replies! We were so excited to learn a bit about their life and interests and are looking forward to writing back to them very soon.

It all started when Sister Eleanor, of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary, passed our letters onto Mrs Hardman, a volunteer teacher, who travelled to the school and hand delivered our letters. We were told that the children in Zambia were so happy to receive them, and they said that they are very happy to have us as friends. They said that they wish we could go to Zambia and visit their school, one day! Below are the responses of the SPB

I was amazed and excited when I received my reply! Luella Houghton —Year 6.

I am so happy that my pen pal is a boy and that he has dogs!

Bobby Bigalow—Year 4.

I am amazed at how far my letter has travelled, and surprised that a girl who is blind, can write a letter using braille! Lucy Davies —Year 6.

I love it that my pen pal, Samuel, likes to dance and play, just like me! Chloe Lam —Year 4.

I am really looking forward to writing back! Maisie Fury—Year 6.



# Update on Outright...

## Testing Air

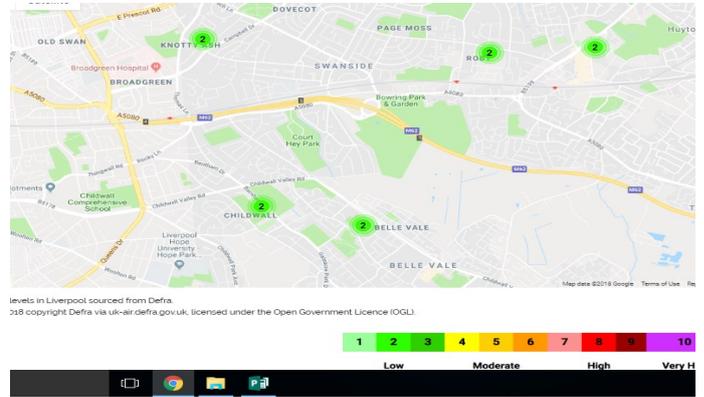
Our diffusion tube, which has been monitoring the air quality in our school, was sent off at the end of November. We are eagerly awaiting the results of this and will be sure to report back soon!

## Did you know?

- In 71% of UK towns and cities, children could be breathing in unsafe levels of air pollution.
- Air pollution is more dangerous to children than adults, as their respiratory systems are still developing.

Like the weather forecast, there's a website that tells you what the air is going to be like where you

Log on to [www.letscleartheairliverpool.co.uk](http://www.letscleartheairliverpool.co.uk) for more information.



# ReAction Update..

In ReAction group in November, we welcomed a very special visitor whose name was Jack. He is special because he is a veteran (a person who has served in the armed services) of World War 2. He came to see us because it was soon to be Remembrance Sunday and he talked about his time in the war.



We completed our crib for Christ the King Church Crib Exhibition, and many people came along and took a look at our masterpiece! It was on display in the Church from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Since coming back to school after our Christmas holidays, ReAction group have been busy again. We started by looking at the Hand of Prayer and composed our own prayers, which we now keep and read each week. These prayers are for ourselves, our families, our school, the government and those in power, and the sick and needy people in our community.

Last week we started to learn sign language within our group so that we would be able to welcome a number of visitors to our school who are deaf. We all enjoyed learning how to 'sign' our names and start a simple conversation.

# SPB SUPPORTS SUSTAINABILITY!



Last month, it was Mrs Maclean who suggested goal number 12. After a discussion, our Sustainable Soldiers agreed that this was a fitting goal around Christmas time. For January, the team chose goal number 2 as it has links with Global Goal 12.



## FACT

1.3 billion tonnes of food is wasted every year, while almost 2 billion people go hungry or undernourished.

Why not donate any leftover food to a food bank?

## FIGURE

If people everywhere switched to energy efficient light bulbs, the world would save 120 billion dollars every year.

Why not switch to energy efficient Christmas light bulbs next year?

## PROGRESS

This year a total of 108 countries have national policies and initiatives relevant to sustainable consumption and production.

According to a recent report, 93 per cent of the world's 250 largest companies are now reporting on sustainability, as are three quarters of the top 100

## News Update

In our last meeting, our Sustainable Soldiers discussed how we could be identified in school. We suggested badges or wristbands. Badges are easily lost and when we priced the wristbands they were too expensive! If any of our readers have any ideas, please pass them on to Miss Horton.



## Sustainable Food Logo Display

Back in October's half term newsletter, we asked children to look at their food wrappers to check if they had any sustainable logos on them. Some of our sustainable soldiers have started a collage on a large canvas to display in school. It's not full yet so check your goodies for any logos and send them into school so we can add them to our collage. Thank you!

## Iceland's Christmas Advert was BANNED!



This year, Iceland's Christmas advert highlighting the devastating results of farming palm oil was banned! The video sees a homeless orang-utan finding refuge in a little girl's bedroom, as his home (the rainforest) has been ruined! Type in 'Iceland Christmas Advert' to YouTube to see the video. As we have already learned in school, Sustainable Development Goal 15 is to protect land animals. We encourage our readers to consume food which is palm oil free. Iceland's mince pies this Christmas had no palm oil too.

# Rights in the Curriculum...

Just before Christmas, the Year 6 English focus was poetry. They thought it would be a good idea to compose poetry based on the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) and the [17 Global Goals](#). Here are a few examples from their compositions...

We are not very old,  
But we are mature enough,  
To understand that children without rights  
Find life tough.

Life is very hard,  
But we can get over it,  
We need to help the poor,  
To have a light lit.



Children should not be bullied,  
They should be welcomed in every place -  
No matter the difference,  
In colour, religion or race.

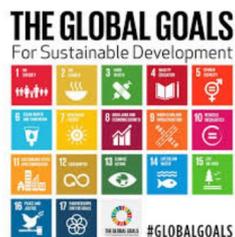
Every child needs their rights,  
The right to an education and to be clean.  
Wherever you are in the world,  
Whether you are a baby or a teen.

I may be young,  
But I have a right to say,  
That our world is in danger,  
And we must do something to-day.

We may be children,  
But we have a right to say  
About all that affects us,  
Each and every day.

Just like Article 4,  
Everyone should enjoy their rights.  
Not to be terrified of tomorrow,  
During the dark nights.

Rights are for everyone,  
I understand you might not care.  
But, if you think about it,  
It is not fair.



Although we are young,  
We think we know our rights.  
Unlike the children in Africa,  
Who have sleepless nights.

We must help each other,  
To create a better future,  
For our future families,  
And for Mother Nature.

Has your class made links to the Convention on the [Rights of the Child](#) or the [17 Global Goals](#)? If you have, then encourage your teacher to pass on copies of your work and it may be published in the Rights Respecting Schools Monthly!



We wish everyone in our school  
community a very happy 2019!

