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Article of the Month for April...

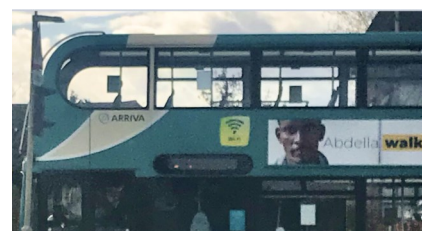


Article 24 was chosen for of a number of reasons. You will remember that we held an Easter raffle. The £219.00 that was raised went to provide hot, nutritious meals for people who are homeless. Some homeless people are under the age of 18, which means that they have the right to nutritious food as stated in Article 24 in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

You are also probably aware of the campaign by footballer, Marcus Rashford, to ensure that meal vouchers are given to some children during school holidays and during times when children are not in school because of Covid. This is to ensure that all children access Article 24 – the right to nutritious food.

A further reason to highlight this article was because of our school's recent Lenten focus on children in other countries having to walk many miles for water – water that is not even clean! This means that all those children we learned about in the Lenten lesson presentation were being denied their right to clean water.

Jamie Kewn, from Year 3, took a keen interest in adverts around the local area linked to the above, and would come into school and discuss where he'd seen them. We even spotted a number of buses from our classroom window as they travelled along Childwall Valley Road!



I think of Article 24 as 'the healthy article'.
If you have access to healthcare, clean water, nutritious food and have a clean area to live, you will be able to live a healthy life.



You can see Jamie, above left, standing by a phone box displaying the advert. A big thanks to him and his family for taking the pictures.

Article of the Month for May...

Article 31 was chosen by the children in Year 6.

This is what **Abbie Stranack** had to say...

We chose Article 31 for May's Article of the Month. We believe that it has a strong message, with links to how children have been feeling at times during the Coronavirus pandemic.

It has been very difficult for children, as we have not been able to play with our friends or even visit family members. Not being able to socialise with others has been really hard, especially when we were in full lockdown and not even able to go to school.

Now that restrictions are starting to be lifted, I think we can all really appreciate Article 31 and its importance.

Thank you, Abbie!



Mental Health Awareness Week...

The week 10th-16th May was **Mental Health Awareness** and the theme this year was **Nature**.



There is lots of evidence to suggest that being outdoors and with nature is a wonderful way of helping us all to have **positive mental health** and feel good! In a recent survey, two thirds of people said that being close to nature made them experience **positive thoughts and emotions**. Being outdoors and experiencing nature also helps to bring a sense of calm, joy and wonder to our daily lives.

This theme also links closely to the **Article of the Month: Article 31** 'Everyone has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities'. Making time for children to relax and play outdoors is an important part of a **duty bearer's role** and school has provided lots of opportunities to relax, play and explore outdoors this week.



- Our EYFS children have been exploring the nature they can find in their outdoor area.
- Year 1 have had their snack and story outdoors on picnic blankets!
- Year 2 have been on a nature walk around the school grounds and have had an extra outdoor PE lesson.
- Year 3 enjoyed eating their lunch outside and listening to a story outdoors.
- Year 4 have been on a sensory walk.
- Years 5 and 6 have spent time in the Peace Garden.



We all agree that spending more time outdoors can help us to feel happy, calm and relaxed. Let's all try to spend more time with nature!

Daniel Redmond Gets Published!

Each week, SPB take delivery of the young person's newspaper—**First News**.

This publication ensures that our pupils are accessing **article 17**, which states that: *'every child has the right to reliable information from the media, and this should be information children can understand'*.

We noticed that there was an opportunity for children to be **'young journalists'**, so we thought we could promote the **Rights Respecting Schools Award**, and Mrs Maclean knew just the person for the job—Daniel Redmond (Year 6).



Daniel willingly took on the challenge and submitted his article to First News. Not long after, Mrs Maclean received an email to say it was being published in the **21st of May edition!** We are all very proud of Daniel and wonder if this may be the start of a career in journalism—who knows? Below is a pre-view of his newspaper article.

Well done, Daniel!

What My School Has Been Up To

I attend St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School in Liverpool. Our school is a Rights Respecting School (RRS)! We started our RRS journey in December 2015 and worked really hard spreading the UNICEF message that all children have rights. I feel very proud that the hard work of our pupils and teachers has been recognised, as in October 2018 we were awarded the 'Gold' standard for being a RRS (we had obtained Bronze in April 2016 and silver in July 2017). This 'gold' award was in recognition of how our school community has come together to make sure that every child and adult in our school understands the rights of children, as detailed in The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and that these are part of our everyday school life.

We are currently the only school in Liverpool to have achieved the 'Gold' standard!!!!

During the Coronavirus pandemic our pupils and staff have worked hard to continue this gold standard. Online each week we were assigned an activity around children's rights or UNICEF's Outright Campaign – which this year was about educating and giving children a voice on climate change. We have our monthly newsletter which is a great way for us to keep our wider school community up to date with our RRS information.

As a 'Rights Holder' I feel safe and protected knowing that I have rights and I feel proud that my school community has worked hard during these difficult times to make sure children are accessing their rights even though they have, at times, had to be away from school and learning from home.



SPB SUPPORTS SUSTAINABILITY!



Goal 14: Protect oceans, seas, marine resources and life below water.

As you know, plastic waste is flooding our oceans. According to the United Nations, at least 800 species worldwide are affected by marine debris, with as much as 80% of that litter being plastic! Around 13 million metric tons of plastic ends up in our oceans every year. That's equivalent to a truck load's worth of rubbish every minute. Fish, sea turtles, sea birds and marine mammals can become entangled in or ingest plastic. This can lead to suffocation and drowning. So now more than ever, it is important for everyone to reduce their plastic footprint supporting goal 14 which is to protect our oceans and life below water. (Figures taken from www.pewtrusts.org/en)



Here are a few simple things you can do



Carry a reusable water bottle and coffee mug with you.

Carry and use reusable shopping bags.

Get creative at home with the children and re-use plastic.

Donate unwanted plastic items to local charities or offer them to local freecycle centres.

Choose items that are packed in alternative materials or plastic materials that are recyclable.



Children have been listening to and learning the words to the chorus from our school's sustainable development song which was written by our Sustainable Soldiers back in 2018. Keep your eyes peeled as you will soon be able to access the song and lyrics on the 'SPB Supports Sustainability' page of our school website. Here are the lyrics to the chorus. Why not learn and perform them at home!

This month, children have revisited the Sustainable Development Goals by taking part in a quiz. Can you answer the following questions about the goals?

1. How many goals are there?

A) 15 B) 17 or C) 19

2. When were the goals adopted by countries worldwide?

A) 2013 B) 2015 or C) 2017

3. In what year do countries aim to achieve the goals?

Lets work together to make the world better;

For you, for me, for our future families.

We must protect the planet and all the life that's on it,

As global citizens, lets make a promise.

Sustainable development, sustainable development,

We've got to do our best to change the world.

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