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ST PASCHAL BAYLON CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

RRS Record

Article of the Month for January...



The Rights Ambassadors chose this article because every day, in the news, we hear about families who can't afford to buy food or heat their homes. Many of these families choose food over heat—which is a decision that, we feel, should not have to be made. According to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), every child has the right to a decent standard of living.

Reporter— Lottie (Year 4) and Ava (Year 3)

Article of the Month for February...



We chose article 8 for two reasons. The first reason is that we considered the current climate, where families are having to leave their homes, families and cultures because of war and other political reasons. This led from the initial discussion about Mother Language Day, which is celebrated in February, and how, in our school, we have children whose families have relocated from a range of countries around the world. The world is a better place with diversity!

Link Reporter— Marina (Year 3)

Chinese New Year 2023

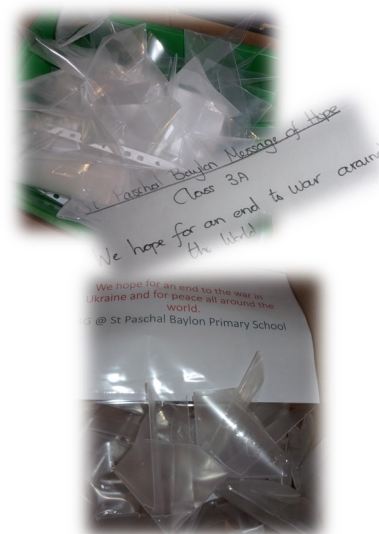
The Year of the Rabbit.

In January, SPB enjoyed learning about and celebrated Chinese New Year.

2023 is the **year of the rabbit**, and each class completed a range of activities, including the making of rabbits in KS2, which became part of an art installation at St Luke's Church (the Bombed Out Church).

All children were given a fortune cookie too!

A big '**Happy New Year of the Rabbit**' to all our SPB families who celebrate this as part of their culture.



Year 3 and 4 rabbits, along with a message of hope, ready to be delivered to the organisers of the art installation.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2023...

On **Friday 27th January**, our school took part in reflecting on the **Holocaust** and the impact that had on thousands of people across the world.

We learned how children were sent to other countries; how people were treated based on their **religion** and the importance of sticking up for what you think is right instead of being a by-stander.

We have created posters of how to be extra-ordinary and stand up for justice. Sadly, we learned that ordinary people such as police officers and train drivers, contributed to the genocide by being a by-stander.

*Stand up for your rights and the rights of others
#HMD2023*



Poster created by Year 6 pupils

ReAction Group News..



Recently our group have been focusing on people with sensory impairment, that is those who may be visually or hearing impaired or those people without the sense of touch, smell or taste. Everyone knew someone who wore spectacles due to poor eyesight or used a hearing aid. We acknowledged that sometimes people may have been born blind or deaf and using spectacles or hearing aids would not benefit them.

One way we thought we could help was to pray for those with impairments and, in a practical way, we decided to organise a collection of old unused spectacles which can be recycled to help those in need. We have made posters to advertise it and will collect them at the gate on the morning of Thursday 2nd March,



A couple of weeks ago we had a visitor to group. His name was John Waite and he is a retired teacher from St Vincent's School for the Blind in West Derby. He spoke about the happy time he spent there teaching the children and described some teaching methods. He even brought in a braille machine which we could try out.

On a sad note, last week we **bid farewell to our lovely Leo** (Year 4), who has moved house and is starting at his new school closer to his home. He has been a valued member of our group, always willing to help others and always smiling. He has also been a valued member of the Rights Ambassador team and Mrs. Ashton says his presence and contributions within the group will be greatly missed. Our loss is his new school's gain! We wish him lots of happiness. for the future.

Safer Internet Day 2023...

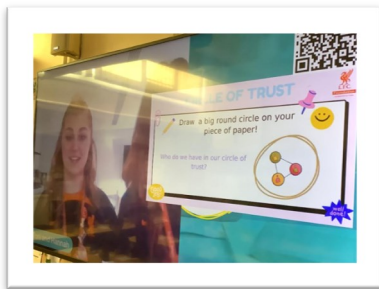


Safer Internet Day is celebrating its 20th year on Tuesday 7th February, 2023. This year's message is: *'Together for a better Internet.'* It is pleasing to see that this year, the Safer Internet Team's message is about a safer internet for children all year round. Since September, the children of each year have focused on a different unit each half-term, using our Online Safety scheme, **Project Evolve**.

In school, we put the children's voices at the heart of our support for Safer Internet Day, by encouraging them to shape the online safety support they receive. Classes completed an online safety charter, which we forwarded to the government: stating how we feel children can best be kept safe online.

Children's Mental Health Week 2023....

The theme for **Children's Mental Health Week** this year is *Let's Connect*.



Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

This week the children have taken part in lots of activities in class using resources provided by the Children's Mental Health and Well-Being charity **Place 2 Be**. These have included looking at who our important people are in our lives who can **help us to feel connected** and how we can **connect through dance and song**.



We also looked at some texts to inspire us including *'The Invisible String'* in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and the poem *'Together'* by Matt Goodfellow in Key Stage 2. These books helped us to think and talk about the importance of making connections with other people in order to help us feel happy and safe.

We have also taken part in some live sessions from the **LFC Foundation** and also from **Yoga Bugs** to help us learn about our **emotions**, the importance of **resilience** and ways to help us look after our own **well-being**.



Debate Club....

Once again, Mr. Aldridge from Debate Academy visited our school to provide details on a Year 3 and 4 debating club. He chose a range of children to stand up, in front of the assembly hall, and asked them to say what they would do if they could rule for a day. The answers the children gave, without any prompts, showed how our **rights respecting** ethos impacts on our children's understanding of the world: Isaiah (Year 3) suggested **access to nutritious food** for all, as did Elise (Year 4) who would **end world hunger**; Haidee (Year 3) would put **an end to war**, while Anthony (Year 4) would **provide money to help the homeless**. Well done to these children for standing up and offering their very worthwhile ideas. We have been a Rights, Respecting School since January 2016, which means that every child at St. Paschal Baylon has journeyed through their primary school years consistently hearing the rights respecting message and with an awareness of the articles within **The Convention on the Rights of the Child**.



School Council update...



Year 3 wet play box.

The school council have been busy this month. They have continued their meetings with Miss Johnson and have brought forward more exciting new ideas which have included: **more after school clubs**, **quiet areas around school** and **KS2 having access to fruit and milk**. In regards to the fruit and milk suggestion, KS2 children will now be using the milk and fruit that has not been consumed by the younger children within the week. This has also been a great way to reduce waste from our school!

Another idea the School Council have worked hard on, has been to have **more activities for wet play**. They organised a whole school collection of any unwanted games from friends and family, which were brought into school and then sorted into classes and given to each year group. Each year group now has access to a large box of games which can be used for wet play or other times.

Well done and thank you, everyone!

