



St Paschal Baylon
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Following In The Footsteps Of Christ

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Article of the Month..



The Rights Ambassadors chose **Article 36** because they felt that we are currently in a moment in time when many natural disasters are occurring (as a result of global warming and climate change), as well as an increase in hostilities (wars) around the world. The result of this is that many more children, around the

globe, are unable to access their rights. Here are some of the thoughts of the rights team...

Children should be protected NO MATTER WHAT! It is their right.
Annie & Matilda—Year 4

Children should NEVER be treated badly or hurt.
Marina—Year 5

In war, children lose their right to a safe home and their right to stay with their parents. THEY HAVE NO CHOICE!
Nishka—Year 5

Article 39 Article of the Month December
Children who are: neglected, hurt, treated badly, or who are victims of war, must receive special help to help them recover their health, dignity and self-respect.

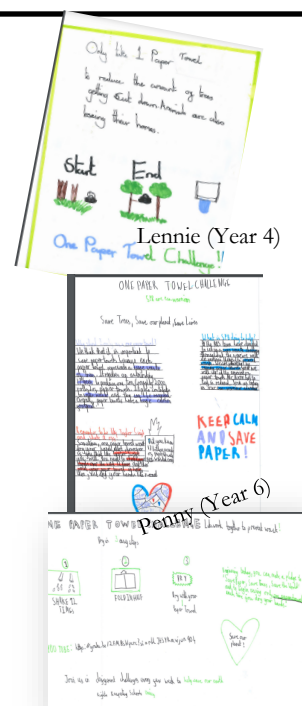
Governments should give help and money to families effected by war or natural disasters.
Abigail & Jasmine—Year 5

Unfortunately, Article 39 is currently very relevant, as there are many wars in the world, right now. Even though this fills our hearts with devastation, we must speak out about this. We need PEACE in the world.
Caitlin -Year 6

Children are getting hurt through war—this should NOT be happening!
Iyla—Year 6

One Paper Towel Challenge...

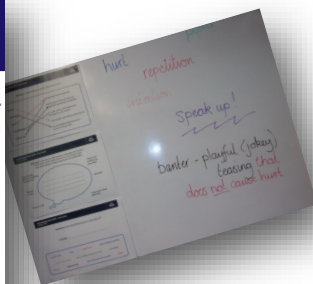
The Rights Ambassadors noticed that many children pulled out multiple paper towels to dry their hands. As COP 28 is currently happening, we thought that a poster campaign could be an effective way to make SPB pupils realise that paper towels waste contributes to global warming and climate change, as trees are cut down in order to produce them. Posters were placed on each dispenser, teachers were asked to explain the challenge to their classes, and a members of the Rights team stood up in assembly and explained it further. We also decided to assess the effectiveness of the campaign, so Mrs. Leahey, who orders in the paper towels, was approached to review paper towel purchase at the end of the Spring term. Watch this space!



National Anti-Bullying Week 2023...

During the week beginning 13th November, SPB have celebrated National Anti-Bullying Week alongside many other schools all over the UK.

We kick started the week with Odd Socks Day!. We all wore our odd socks to school to celebrate being unique and donated money to support the charity. We watched clips and videos to learn more about bullying. We also learnt this years Anti- Bullying song from Andy and the Odd Socks, it was lots of fun! We took part in a live lesson, completing activities and talking with our friends about what bullying is and what we can do to stop it.



On Tuesday we consolidated our understanding of bullying. The focus was 'banter' and we learnt the difference between friendly banter between friends, and when it ceases to be 'friendly' and becomes 'unkind' behaviour and needs to stop. We completed activities such as a 'bantometer' or wrote poems.

On Wednesday, we watched an Anti-Bullying assembly. We discussed who we can talk to, at home and in school, if we feel we are being bullied or if we see bullying. We learnt the definition of bullying and talked about this with our teachers and friends.

On Thursday we focused on online bullying. We learnt what this is and how it can make people feel. We learnt what is appropriate behaviour online and what isn't. We know who we can talk to if we feel someone is bullying us online.



On Friday we concluded our week by making a pledge, we each made a promise of something we can do to help prevent bullying. We also learnt about our school Anti-Bullying slogan at St Paschal Baylon 'Be a Buddy Not a Bully' and 'We Are a Telling School!'. We discussed why this is important and recapped the Duty Bearers in our school, who we can talk to if we have any problems. We finally discussed what we had learnt over the week in our whole school assembly and why this week is so important.

As they do each year, all of the children completed a questionnaire so that they can let us know if they feel that are on the receiving end of bullying behaviour., or they are witness to other children being bullied.

The responses are then collated and any issues arising from them discussed and addressed.

Global Goal for December ...

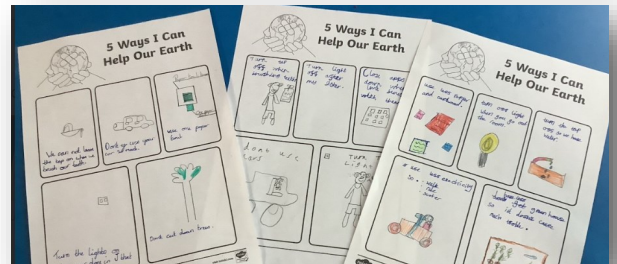


This month we have been focusing on Goal number 12 which is; 'We must reduce our ecological footprint by changing the way we produce and consume goods and resources.' We have discussed this goal and why it is important. We have learnt what our 'ecological footprint' means and the small changes we can do to help our planet such as **recycling**, **turning off our taps** when we're finished, **turning off lights** and, of course, **using only one paper towel**!

COP28...

SPB have been looking at this year's **Conference of Parties—the 28th meeting** (COP28) – what it is, and why it is so important. We consolidated our understanding of **climate change** and we now better understand why we need to **make changes to the way we live**, in order to help our planet.

We supported COP28 by taking part in '**Protect our planet day 2023**'. We watched clips about what climate change is doing to our Earth and then discovered more ways we can be **sustainable** and **eco friendly**, in order to mitigate the damage being caused. The school community then made **pledges** to help our planet and recorded **five actions for change**.



Charlie, Jude and Alice (Year 3)

School Council update...

The school council have been working hard discussing a variety of ideas. They have been thinking about how they can **help raise awareness for local food banks within the area** and the possibility of starting our own food bank one day here in school. The Councillors have collected ideas from their peers about how to make our school an even better place, with some being put into action this month such as: **hot chocolate afternoon** for the class with the most nominations this term, **more clocks** around school and **better handwriting pens**.

International Day of Disabled Persons...

Each year, **International Day for Disabled Persons** is marked on the **3rd December**.

To honour this day, we combined our knowledge on the **Rights of a Child** to discuss the importance of having a day like this and learn some information we may not have known already.

In class, we have talked about **hidden disabilities** and the importance of having an understanding of these conditions to ensure we don't make assumptions about others.

We focused on **Articles 6, 12 and 23** as they all echoed the importance of learning about individual's disabilities and ensuring they have **access to equal rights**.



SPB's Participation in UNICEF's OutRight Campaign..

World Children's Day 2023...

Universal Children's Day— celebrated on 20th November every year – is an opportunity for us all to learn about our rights and encourage everybody to do all they can to build a fairer, safer and happier world for all children, where their rights are respected by everyone. This year, SPB pupils produced class cards wishing

Graham Stewart (UK Minister for Energy, Security and Net Zero) good luck at COP28.

Each class card contained individual messages from the children, explaining how climate change impacts children's rights around the world and why they think this matters. They also explained how adaptation can protect children's rights from the impacts of climate change, as well as the importance of listening to children's views and ideas.



During our Outright Campaign session focused on the environment, OutRight Session 5... we conducted an interactive activity called "What happens next?" The aim was to help children understand the chain reactions of climate change on both the environment and children's rights. We began by discussing 'knock-on effects' and how a single action can trigger a series of events, similar to toppling dominos. We highlighted that actions related to climate change can have positive or negative consequences. Children were grouped to discuss climate change and adaptation slips, exploring the causes and effects within their teams. This hands-on approach enabled them to grasp the link between actions, climate change, and its impact on society and children's rights.

ReAction Returns for this new school year ...

- After a delayed start the ReAction group have been meeting every Thursday after school for an hour.
- As Christmas is quickly approaching, we started off by making Christmas cards to be given out to pensioners at the Parish SVP Christmas party which was on Sunday. Mrs Kelly called into the party and told us that everyone was delighted with their card and were so grateful that the children had thought of them. The SVP is a Parish group that looks after people in need and also those who are lonely.
- Miss Nolan and Mrs Kelly have been busy with arrangements for the Parish Christmas Fair which is on Saturday and we have decorated glass votive jars which can be sold; this week we will be putting together bags of sweets which will also be sold. Some of the group will be going to help sell them too.
- Next week we are looking forward to making decorations for the children's Christmas tree in the church porch. We hope that people will stop to look at our work on the way into church at Christmas.

Kindness at Christmas...

As we have for many years, the 'spirit of Christmas' was present at SPB, with the many donations of Christmas parcels for the Samaritan's Purse appeal.

Thank you to all who donated.

We wish all our children and families a very happy and holy Christmas 2023!

