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RRS Record

Article of the Month for...

After discussion, the Rights Ambassadors chose **Article 33** for March, as we have recently had a series of incidents where illegal drugs have been discovered in local parks—including the one facing our school! Lennie (Year 4)



Liverpool Schools' Parliament...



On **Wednesday**, the 21st of **February** our school attended the **Liverpool Schools' Parliament** meeting at **Liverpool Town hall**.

Miss Johnson attended the meeting with our four Year Six school councillors. (Ethan, Penny, Chloe and Ben), with the day focusing on mental health – how important it is and facts around it.

The children took part in debates and had the chance to air their views about mental health within schools and within the city of Liverpool —**Chloe** was actually interviewed by Liverpool City Council about her views around mental health. *Well done Chloe!* The children were all impeccably behaved and represented our school amazingly well! We look forward to seeing this on the Liverpool City Council website soon.

On **Monday 18th March**, the four councillors attended their second Liverpool Schools' Parliament meeting at the Town Hall with Miss Johnson. The theme this time focused on '**Racism and Belonging**', making links to articles **2,30** and **23** in the **United Nations Convention on the Rights Of the Child**.

Along with children from other Liverpool schools, the children discussed what '**racism**' and '**belonging**' means to them; how they define it and what they can do if they see or experience racism in school.

The children also spent time thinking about **inclusion** and **diversity**. They came up with some brilliant ideas of what we can do within school to further our knowledge around these topics. *Well done to our Year 6 School Councillors!*



Voice in the Community..

In February, the rights ambassadors decided they wanted to focus, not only on issues affecting children's rights in our school community, but on **issues our children might have in their own communities**. We discussed how our school is on the border of **Knowsley** and **Liverpool** and, thus, is attended by children from a number of areas, including Childwall, Huyton, Netherley, Belle Vale, Gateacre and others further afield.

So, at the beginning of March, a new campaign was launched, which the team decided to name 'Voice in the Community'. This campaign aimed to focus on local concerns that matter to our pupils.

Initially, the ambassadors conducted surveys on the playground to inquire about areas for improvement within our community and pinpoint specific locations where issues were prevalent.

The prevailing topic among pupils was litter, which directly relates to Article 24 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, affirming that 'Every child has the right to a clean environment.'

The form is titled 'Voice in the Community' and includes a table with columns for Name, Year, Group, Community, and Date. It also has a section for 'Comments' and a 'Total' row at the bottom.

Our next step involved taking the school minibuses to identify local litter hotspots. Additionally, pupils took independent walks through their community to gain a deeper understanding of the issue (see examples on the next page).

Our goal is to present our findings to local leaders, urging them to take action.



We commend all of our Rights Ambassadors and participating pupils for their dedication to this campaign thus far.

Your voices and hard work will undoubtedly make a difference in our local community!

If you notice any 'litter hotspots' in your local area, please take a photo and send it to us

at RRS@paschalbaylon.org.uk

Good News from Liverpool City Council?

A recent article in a local newspaper gave our group hope that improvements are on their way. It is great news that Liverpool City Council is also concerned about litter in our city; however, every person in the community can play a simple part in keeping Liverpool tidy if a bin is not handy: *don't drop it; take it home and bin it!*

A new Liverpool litter squad will be launched as part of a wide-ranging plan to tackle the city's filthy streets.

[Liverpool Council](#) is rolling out a £4.6m plan to try and improve cleanliness around the city. As part of this funding, 18 new streetscene staff have been recruited to focus on litter hot spots.

More staff will also be recruited to focus on enforcement. They will hand out fines to those caught dropping litter and fly-tipping around Liverpool.

The local authority is also launching a Keep Liverpool Tidy Spring Clean campaign, with a programme of more than 50 community events planned across the city over the next fortnight and hopes to double that

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Active Citizens...

Poppy Jones Year 3A — Litter search 12th March 2024



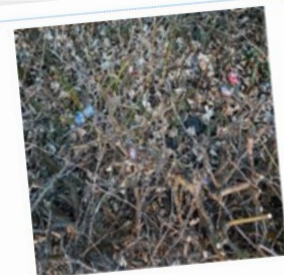
Well Lane — At the bottom of the railway bridge and the grass clearing, there was a lot of litter. This may be a good place for a new bin.



Hartsbourne avenue near Lyndene road - Grass clearing where there was a lot of litter may be a good place for a bin.



I found a 'Littering' sign at the entrance to Escor Park, but there was still a lot of litter around there and no bin. More pictures to follow:



All of the above pictures are around Escor Park. So we need a bin here.



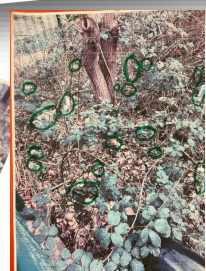
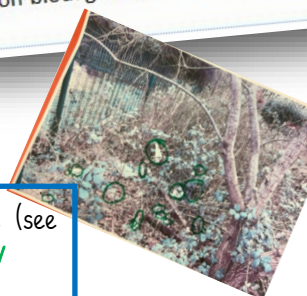
This picture is not about litter, but it shows how vehicles parking on the grass is ruining our environment.



The above 2 pictures are at the top of Well Lane where lots of polystyrene has been dropped. Polystyrene is non-biodegradable and so this spillage is sad to see.

Rights Ambassador, *Poppy* (Year 3), *'got out and got active'* with her family to investigate litter in the community (above). *Well done Poppy!*

Denise (Year 4) also went out to investigate litter in her area (see right), and was disappointed to find this! *Thank you, Denise!*



Global Goal for March....

This month SPB have focused on **goal number 10 – reduce inequality within and among countries**. We have focused on what the word 'inequality' means and how we see this within our own country, as well as countries around the world.



Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2024...

Monday 18th March was the start of **Neuro Diversity Week 2024**. The aim at SPB was to remind all year groups *why* we celebrate Neurodiversity in our school and *why it is important* to do so as an **Inclusive** and **Rights Respecting** School.



International Mother Language Day 2024..

Wednesday 21st February was **International Mother Language Day**. It is a day to **celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity**.

There are about 6000 different languages spoken around the world and it is important that endangered languages are not forgotten.

This week we researched a variety of these languages, such as Choctaw (an indigenous language spoken in the United States), Kalmyk (spoken in Russia and apparently used as a base for a language used in one of the Star Wars films) and Quechua, the main language of the Incas and spoken in Bolivia and Peru. We also learned to say some words in different languages.



Did you know...

Nearly half of the people in the world **do not have access to an education that is in a language that they speak**, which means that they are being denied **Article 28**.