



St Brendan's Primary School
Our RRSA Journey
Bronze Award

St Brendan's Primary School Rights Respecting Progress So Far

When?	What?
Session 2016 - 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Miss Burns attends NLC Rights Respecting Schools information evening. ● Miss Burns joins NLC RRSA Working Party to gather information.
October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Miss Burns and Mrs. McLaughlan attend NLC RRSA Conference.
December 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registered with UNICEF to pursue RRSA.
January 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Miss Burns follows Starting RRSA Online course.
February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff informed of intention to pursue RRSA at staff meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - teaching staff - support staff - cleaning and catering staff
February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pupils informed of intention to pursue RRSA at assembly.
February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent body informed of intention to pursue RRSA by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - letter
May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Council informed of intention to pursue RRSA at Parent Council meeting.

June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intention to work towards RRSA Bronze Award included within School Improvement Plan for session 2018 – 2019.
August 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decision made to establish new RRSA Citizenship Committee to be led by Miss Burns.
September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Formally launched St Brendan's RRSA journey with whole school 'Day for Play'.
September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff reminded of intention to pursue RRSA by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - discussion relating to 'Day for Play' - information card
September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent body reminded of intention to pursue RRSA by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - letter - school website
October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RRSA Committee/RRSA Steering Group established and first monthly meeting held.
October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RRSA Questionnaire distributed to staff and pupils to complete.
August 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clothes and bags available in school.
September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New steering group with children established through applications and flipgrid videos

October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rights Respecting Mascot competition and the winner selected by the committee.
November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rights committee delivered training to staff on the inservice day. ● Worlds rights day was celebrated. ● Rights committee delivered assembly and recorded powerpoint to all classes. ● Children lead all learning on the day through planning and recorded powerpoints.
December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rights were displayed all around the school. ● UNCRC rights distributed to all classes, offices and kitchen.
January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ABCDE of rights distributed to all classes, playrooms, offices and kitchens,
February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary 1 moved to child-led responsive planning for IDL as a practitioner enquiry for Play. ● Right of the month established ● Rover the rights respecting dog incorporated into the school vision and values image.

March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rights Planners created for IDL and social studies. ● Rights Assemblies started.
April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child posters made.

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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School!

St Brendan's Primary School and Nursery aims to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK.

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

St Brendan's Primary School and Nursery pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships.

We really hope that you will be able to support our school on our journey towards becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. It would be great if you could spend a few minutes reading through our questions & answers on the back of this letter, and also find a bit more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child by visiting unicef.org.uk/crc.

For further information about Rights Respecting Schools please visit: www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

Yours sincerely,

Becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

It is an exciting time in the life of St Brendan's Primary School. We have embarked on a journey which will benefit the whole school community, from pupils and staff to parents and governors. Here's what we think you might like to know about it!

You might ask...	As school leaders we think that...
What is a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School?	<p>When schools get involved, the children learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day.</p> <p>Children and adults will learn about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which outlines what children need to survive and thrive, becoming the best they can be and achieving their potential.</p>
Why is this happening?	<p>A Unicef UK Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships, whether between adults and pupils, between pupils or between adults. It is proven to benefit everyone in the school community to grow and learn together. Read more about the Award at www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa</p>
How will becoming a Rights Respecting School benefit my child(ren)?	<p>This approach works in many schools across the country to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. Headteachers from schools involved in the Award say it has improved children's and young people's respect for themselves and others and contributed to children and young people being more engaged in their learning.</p>
How can I get involved?	<p>We hope you will support the school's journey to become a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. Please do read about the Convention and Unicef's work (see below) to see what it's all about! [amend this paragraph if you decide to include a CRC summary leaflet with your letter].</p>

<p>What is the Convention on the Rights of the Child?</p>	<p>In 1989, governments worldwide promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention recognised that all children have the right to be treated with dignity and fairness, to be protected, to develop to their full potential and to participate. The rights in the Convention describe what a child needs to survive, grow, and live up to their potential in the world. They apply equally to every child, no matter who they are or where they come from.</p> <p>The Convention changed the way children are viewed and treated – in other words, as human beings with a distinct set of rights instead of as passive objects of care and charity. It is the most widely ratified human rights treaty – only the United States has not ratified it. The UK signed up to it in 1991.</p> <p>You can read more about it at www.unicef.org.uk/crc and download a summary of the articles at bit.ly/CRC-over11</p>
<p>What is Unicef?</p>	<p>Unicef is the world's leading organisation for children and young people, promoting the rights and wellbeing of every child, in everything they do. Together with their partners, Unicef works in 190 countries to translate that commitment into practical action.</p> <p>Unicef UK is a registered charity. It raises funds through donations from individuals, organisations and companies and campaigns to keep children safe. Unicef UK also works with schools, hospitals and local authorities in the UK to put children at the heart of what they do.</p> <p>To find out more about Unicef, go to www.unicef.org.uk</p>

Please do get in touch with us if you would like to know more.