

Respected & Responsible of Myself



Being a respectful citizen means that at Arkleston we care for each other and respect the rights of others and ourselves to have a full and happy life.

As part of being a Gold Rights Respecting School, we take the pledge of respect very seriously every year. This is a whole school approach which involves both staff and children. We say our values and then sign our commitment to be part of a respecting Arkleston ethos. We also consider the responsibilities that we are all required to uphold in order to ensure that other people feel respected too.

Through our citizenship curriculum we acknowledge the need to look after the equipment we use in school as well as care for others around us. Our older pupils will develop as responsible citizens by participating in buddying programmes, play leader training and as House Captains. This develops our pupil's character strengths of leadership, determination and communication. As our older students carry out this training, they model positive behaviour and help to promote Arkleston aims and standards.

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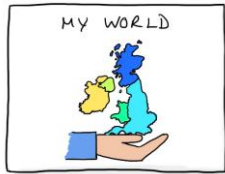
Enterprise is a core part of our curriculum and we use it to support each other and help those in need. From Harvest to Remembrance Day we are committed to learning and recognising key events in our past and present to demonstrate respect to our community.

We focus on learning about Fairtrade, the rainforest alliance and transportation of produce in and out of countries. We use Fairtrade products during our assembly cafes and welcome our local communities to the events.

A key part of our new curriculum is to study Renfrew, our local town both in the past, present and future. Pupils are given opportunities to look at the sustainability of buildings over the years and encouraged to consider, explore and design eco-friendly communities, industries and jobs which are centred around Renfrew's future.

Arkleston is fortunate to have received many Eco flags. Pupils and staff have a shared responsibility to recycle, reuse and consider renewable energy. The children across the school have made a conscious effort to participate in our Walk to School programme as a way of encouraging a decline in air pollution within the community.

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As a Rights Respecting School we focus on the key stages of campaigning and promoting the voices of our young pupils. Children are given opportunities to write to key political figures and with the support of outreach and UNICEF resources, we learn about the responsibilities we have in supporting the world. Central to this is climate change. Pupils have opportunities to explore the impact of weather on agriculture, homes and nature with an opportunity to talk about current affairs in detail and raise appropriate funds.

Being a respectful citizen means that we understand the causes and consequences of racism, discrimination and sectarianism. We focus on empowering our pupils to challenge this and be prepared as a citizen in a multi-cultural society. Pupils have had opportunities to work with organisations such as Show Racism the Red Card and Refuweege, as a means of understanding and appreciating differences and uniqueness both on a local and global scale. Refuweege has taught our children about the lifestyle of asylum seekers around the world and the challenges they face. Many pupils have had the opportunity to write to them ensuring they feel welcome in Scotland and our communities.

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