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The school's Unicef Rights Respecting Award threads through the whole school. It helps develop pupils' acceptance of difference and diversity, and provides them with a strong moral compass.

The Rights Respecting Schools Award puts children's rights at the heart of schools in the UK.

Unicef works with schools in the UK to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. Our Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

Using the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child \(UNCRC\)](#) as our guide, we are working with more UK schools than almost any other organisation. Over 1.6 million children in the UK go to a Rights Respecting School and nearly 5,000 schools up and down the country are working through the Award. Schools work with us on a journey to become fully Rights Respecting.

The Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

For further information please refer to their web site via the link:
<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sadly due to the COVID-19 situation all training delivered by South Ayrshire and RRSA has been postponed until further notice.

Accreditation visits are also postponed. S Kidd will be in touch with schools to re-schedule when this emergency situation is over.

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South Ayrshire Council Strategy Group

South Ayrshire Council continue to do well in comparison to other Scottish local authorities.

Currently we have:

14 schools at GOLD (2 schools have achieved GOLD for a 2nd time!)

21 schools at SILVER

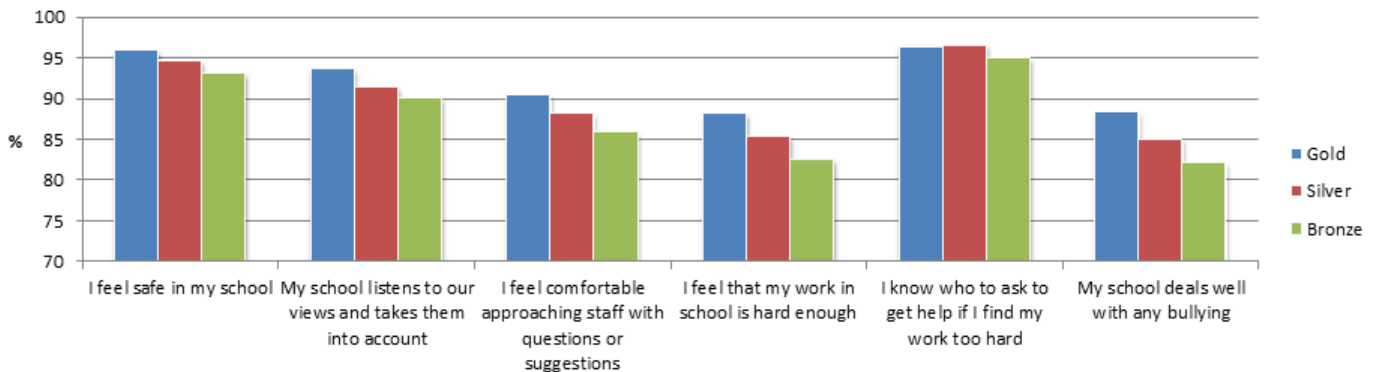
14 schools at BRONZE

2 schools registered

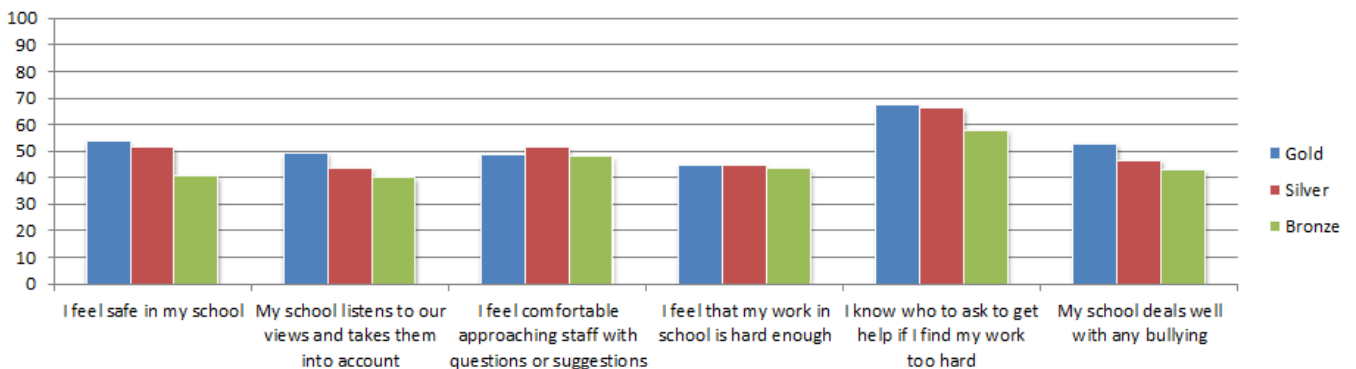


The graphs below show that RRS impacts positively on our schools, children and young people

Percentage Total Agreement with Survey Statements 2017-18 (P4-P7)



Percentage Strong Agreement with Survey Statements 2017-18 (P4-P7)



Congratulations Monkton ! Gold Award



Monkton Primary are delighted to announce their recent RRS Gold accreditation award. The school is fully immersed in the promotion of Children's Rights within everything they do and this shone through in discussions with children, staff and parents. There is evidence of Rights all over the school and it is fully embedded in the teaching and learning of the pupils.

The RRS pupil group are especially proud of their mascot 'Robbie the Rights Respecting Rhino' which is displayed all around the school to encourage awareness of Rights throughout every aspect of the pupils' day. Robbie was the result of a homework competition for family learning and is the design of Carly, a p6 pupil.



The pupils and staff are honoured to be accredited with the award and are looking forward to further progress they will make in the new session.



St Patrick's Primary– Well done in achieving Gold !

We were awarded the Gold Award in September 2019 after successfully demonstrating Rights for children as a priority through our ethos and giving children a voice through curriculum planning. As a Fair Achiever School, we encompassed our Fairtrade work by also highlighting the importance of children's rights globally. We sold 90 bags of Fairtrade rice which sent one secondary child to school in Malawi for a year. The children got involved in the whole process and spoke to other schools and conferences about their journey towards the Gold Award.



CELEBRATE!

Gardenrose Get Silver



In 2019, we achieved our Silver Award and we are delighted to have achieved it!

Our committee has been working very hard to ensure pupils learn about their rights within the school. We have a mascot called "Mr Right the Lion" who is displayed around the school to show where our rights are being respected. Lauryn designed our mascot. We have also held a Rights Respecting Schools day where we came to school dressed in Unicef colours. Each class also looked at life in another country and compared it to their own lives and then shared their findings at assembly.

We have fundraised for local and global charities such as the foodbank, Children in Need and ShoeShare.

We are now working hard towards achieving our gold award.



Silver Award for Heathfield Primary– Well done !



In June 2019, Heathfield Primary School and Early Years Centre was awarded its Silver Rights Respecting School accreditation. This was the culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication by the children, their parents and the community, supported by staff. The assessors were particularly impressed by the children's knowledge and understanding of the rights and how they were embedded in the work of the school and articulated through the lyrics of Heathfield Primary School's RRS song. We are now actively working towards achieving our gold accreditation.



Bronze Award for Girvan Academy



Girvan Academy achieved the Bronze Award in June 2019. Since that time, our steering group has been working hard to promote RRSA around the school. We have GIRFEC themed lessons, linked to the UNCRC, and have been examining ways to promote the articles of the UNCRC around the school. We have completed consultations with all year groups and all staff recently received LGBT Awareness School Charter training. We have now designed our Whole School Charter and work is well underway as we continue to prepare for our Silver Award.



Symington Primary– our 1st re-accreditation at Gold

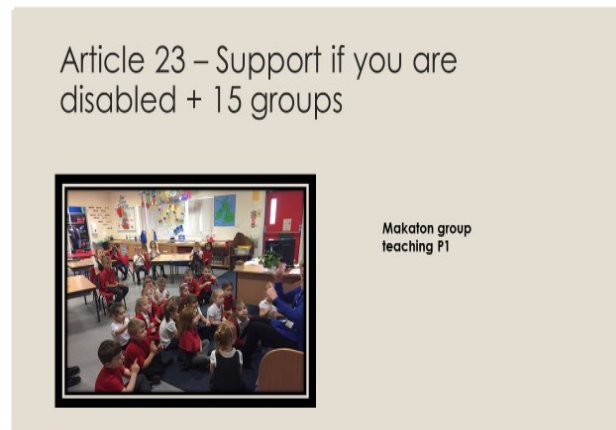
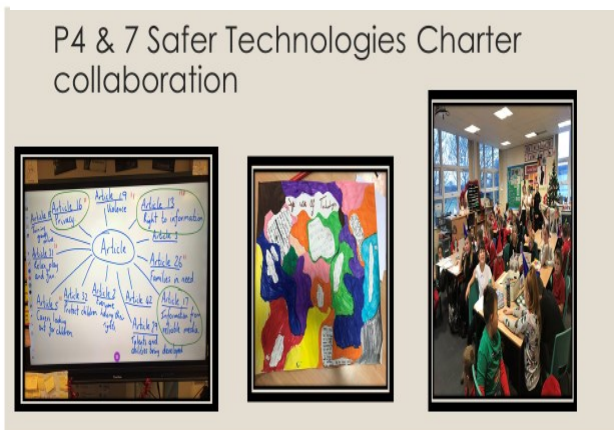
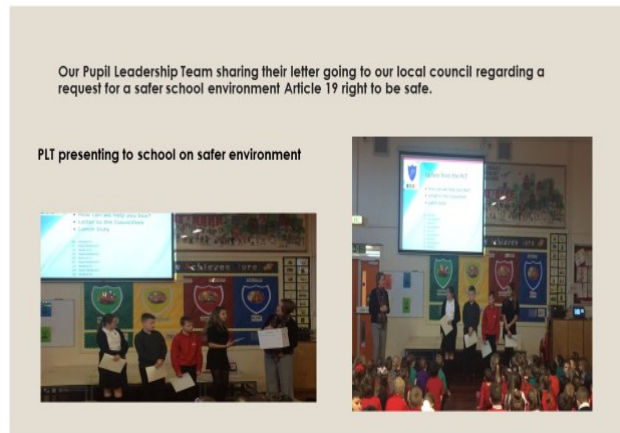


Here at Symington we are very proud to have been reaccredited as a Gold Level Rights Respecting School. The scheme has formed a big part of the ethos and values at the school. We get our youngsters (and parents) involved as early as we can through the use of our elective scheme. Even although the accreditation is important, the work that the group continues to do across the school is more so. Combining other initiatives such as Fairtrade and Eco Schools helps encourage our children to gain a global view of the world of Children's Rights. Our special thanks to Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Smith for leading us through this process.





In February this year Steven Kidd from UNICEF RRS re-accredited our school at Gold level. We are absolutely thrilled and delighted as children's rights is the building blocks for the work in our school. Our whole school community is involved in our rights journey and as a school team we want to thank everyone who helped to get us there. A big shout out to Mr McCaw who is our school lead and worked extremely hard. We also want to thank the Marr Cluster RRS Group who are a great team and work to progress children's rights across all the cluster schools. Below is a little snap shot of the rights based activities that supported our gold submission.



You can also catch a glimpse of our RRS champion Mrs June Stefani at:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/60-seconds-with-june-stefani/>



Article of the Week is a regular set of remote learning activities centred on a specific article.

This flexible resource is intended to provide you with easy to use, appropriate rights-related learning to share with your children, their families and your colleagues.

Each week while schools are closed we will provide a fresh slide set containing a variety of learning ideas for both primary and secondary students.

We advise teachers to check the pack to ensure that activities will work for their learners and also remove any content that isn't relevant to your pupils.

If your pupils produce any creative work from this, please share on the RRSA Facebook community group, or on Twitter using hashtag #RRSA.

Previous Sets

[Article 24 – Health and Health Services](#)

[Article 12 – Respect for the Views of the Child](#)

[Article 7 – Birth Registration, Name, Nationality, Care](#)

[Article 14 – Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion](#)

All coronavirus resources can be found at:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/coronavirus-resources/>