Symington Primary Pupil Leadership Newsletter February 2025

ECO Committee The pupils are pleased to share that we have completed our evaluation and have been awarded another Green Flag Award! We are all delighted! Our focus this term is looking at ways to act against Climate Change. We will be focusing on the importance of trees in our environment as well as ways to reduce our carbon footprint. We are continuing to work with a local charity, Community Gift Exchange (CGX), to collect pre-loved bikes within our local community and rehome them. The bikes must be in good or repairable condition to be able to donate them to other families who can make use of and love the bikes as much as the previous owners. Our designated donation day is a Thursday at 3pm so please bring in your bikes then. This project is running until June. **GLOBAL GOAL: 13 Climate Action**

Rights Respecting Groups This term, we will explore important themes around children’s rights, history and safety in both global and digital contexts. In January we focused on **Articles 2,4 and 41** by participating in Holocaust Memorial Day. Through a reflective task, the pupils considered the importance of remembering the Holocaust and the individuals affected, fostering a deeper understanding of equality, justice and humanity. Later in the term, the group will shift to looking at articles 36 and 19 for Safer Internet Day. Using CEOP (cyber safety) resources, the group will be sharing how to stay safe online, recognise risks and how to report issues which will equip them with essential skills for digital resilience.

Rotakids Committee This term, the Rotakids are busy organising a Mental Health Week for the whole school and EYC which will run from Monday 17th until Friday 21st March. There will be a wide range of activities for classes to take part in across the week with all experiences demonstrating ways to support our mental wellbeing. There will be visiting guests to deliver activities such as karate, Qui Gong, outdoor pursuits, massage, sound bath, meditation and lots more. **Article 21.**

Inclusion Group We embrace our Neurodiverse learners and know that for us to be more inclusive, it is important to learn how other people think and why they may behave in certain ways. Thus far we have found out about Dyslexia, Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The group are sourcing ways to mark Neurodiversity Week. Any parents who wish to be involved should contact Mrs Lesley Smith. **Article 2**

Fairtrade Group The pupils will be heading to the local Co-op to research Fairtrade products by finding what is available and how much they cost. This hands-on experience will support understanding of the importance of Fairtrade while gathering ideas for our own Fairtrade tuckshop. Using the information we collect, the group will research what to sell, set prices and create a sustainable and ethical tuckshop experience for our school. **Global Goal 11**

Sporting Schools Committee Moving forward, the group will be creating playground games for all the children to try out at playtimes and lunch times in the weeks ahead. Aiden and Lewis from Active Schools have started lunch time sports clubs every Friday to support our award accreditation journey. **Article 31**

Reading Schools Group This term we will continue to work towards our Reading Schools award. We will plan and deliver a range of fun activities for World Book Day on Thursday 6th March, which will include scavenger hunts, book dominoes, The Masked Reader, quizzes and even dressing up as your favourite book character. **Article 29**

Outdoor Committee The pupils have started their investigations into den building with tarps and natural materials. We will build on this learning by looking at knot skills and how these can improve our shelters. As the term progresses, we will observe the changing of the season, the impact this has on our environment and the lifecycles of plants and wildlife. We are also hoping to progress with the improvements to our raised beds and we are looking to collaborate with Pollinator Friendly Symington group to ensure our school grounds are as welcoming to nature as possible. **Global Goal 15**

Junior Road Safety Officers The focus for the JRSO officers this term is to familiarise ourselves with the Green Cross Code so that we can deliver the message about safe road use in our community. We are investigating the many safety rules for the road that we feel some of our peers and families are not aware of. We will share our learning to keep us all safe. Later in the term, we will be learning about how to cycle safely on the road. A Road Safety Magic Show will be coming to school on Thursday 13th March to share the road safety message in a fun, entertaining way through drama and song. **Article 6**

Digital Technologies Team Our digital group will be exploring the world of Microbits this term. These tiny, programmable computers allow us to create cool projects such as fun games with flashing lights and sound and even interactive robots! With just a little coding, we can bring our ideas to life and learn how technology works in the process. We will also be planning fun activities for the whole school to celebrate Safer Internet Day. It will be a day to talk about how we can use the internet in fun and smart ways while protecting ourselves and others. We will be sharing tips with all classes on keeping personal information private, how to be kind online and how to spot fake information. **Article 17**

*Look out further details of group projects coming soon.* 

from the Symington Primary team