



Greenhaw Primary School, UNICEF, Rights Respecting Schools Award



Dear Parent,

Greenhaw Primary School has recently embarked upon the path to becoming a Rights Respecting School.

The Rights Respecting Schools Award is underpinned by the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and aims to help our children to grow into confident, caring and responsible citizens both within the school and wider community. A Rights Respecting school is a school in which there is a culture of mutual respect at the core of all of its work.

In school your children have started to learn not only about their rights but also their responsibilities: a responsibility to respect the rights of others in their school community, local community and, increasingly in KS2, the global community. The children are encouraged to think about their actions and how these effect others. The Rights Respecting programme gives children a voice within their school and classroom which in turn leads to a positive and safe learning environment.

In all classes from P.1. to P.7. pupils have already begun to move along this process. Each class has discussed and created their own class charter and children have gained an understanding of their rights and responsibilities in the classroom. Please talk to your child about this work and you will shortly be able to view pictures of your child's class charter and other aspects of interest relating to Rights Respecting Schools on our website.

To help drive this initiative forward and to raise awareness we have set up a steering group. The steering group is composed of a variety of members of our school community. This year our members are:

Demi-Lee and Odhran P4

Ellie and Rebecca P5

Aidan, Evie, Rachel and Gary P6

Hannah, Kelsey, Kia and Jacob P7

Mrs Torney Principal

Mr Quinn Board of Governors

Ms O'Doherty Head of KS1

Mrs Mc Callion Classroom assistant

Mrs Gallick Rights Respecting Schools coordinator

As you can see we have as yet no parent representative so if you feel that you could help us to lead the school forward in this new venture we would be glad of your input.

As a staff we hope that you will support us on our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School and if you would like any more information about this award or UNICEF you can access this at www.unicef.org

Fiona Gallick (RRS Coordinator)