



The Global Goals Gazette



News from Rickmansworth Park's Unicef

Rights Respecting Steering group

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Welcome to edition 3 of our Gazette. This term has seen the appointment of a new team of children to our Global Goals group. The aim of the group remains, as ever, to promote the United Nations Global Goals. Our focus is on Goal 12—Responsible consumption and production. This term we welcome Mrs Welch, one of our school Governors, to the group. Her time and input are much appreciated.



Last week, Mrs Catalano attended the first ever Unicef Rights Respecting Conference. This was timed to celebrate 15 years of the Rights Respecting Schools Programme. One important issue discussed was how schools such as ours can help to raise awareness of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. To this end, Mrs Catalano set us the challenge of researching and producing information for you. We hope you enjoy reading our thoughts below.

What is Unicef?

Unicef was created in 1946 and is an organisation that helps needy children around the world, in some of the toughest places on earth, and works to protect children's rights. Unicef works in over 190 countries.

Unicef protects children.

What is a Rights Respecting School?

To us, Rights Respecting school is a school where:

- ◆ *rights are taught, learnt, respected and promoted*
- ◆ *children enjoy their rights*
- ◆ *children are happy and healthy*
- ◆ *children have positive relationships*
- ◆ *children are active in school life*
- ◆ *children feel safe and protected*
- ◆ *children are interested in the wider world*
- ◆ *children feel they have a voice and are listened to*
- ◆ *the Rights of the Child run through everything we do in school, from our ethos to our behaviour policy.*

What is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)?

The UNCRC is the basis for all Unicef's work across the world. It is the most complete statement of children's rights ever produced and is the most widely recognized international human rights treaty in history.

The UNCRC consists of 54 articles that set out children's rights and how governments should work together to make them available to all children. Governments are required to meet children's basic needs and help them reach their full potential.



All children have rights.

Do you know yours?

What is your favourite right?

We like Article 12.

This is because we all know adults have their say on lots of things but children across the world often don't. We think it is important that all children know they have a right to a voice.

We like Article 28.

This is because every children has the right to an education. We enjoy this right and mustn't take it for granted.