

*Byron Primary
is a Rights
Respecting
School*



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What is UNICEF and UNCRC?

UNICEF stands for United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. It was established after the Second World War to help refugee children. In 1989 UNICEF created 'the charter of the rights of the child'. A special convention was agreed by 190 countries. The charter has 54 articles setting out children's rights. Everyone has these rights from the moment they are born right up until they turn 18 years of age. These rights are Inherent- we are born with them; Inalienable- can't give them away; Indivisible- equal in importance; Universal- for everyone and Unconditional- not earned.

The steering group

In Byron Primary School we have a steering group that is guiding us through the journey of becoming a RRSA (Rights Respecting School Award) school. We hold a meeting each term so that we can choose which particular article the school is going to focus on for the following term. We also talk about events that we are going to be holding, such as this term we are holding a toy sale, where pupils from our school and members of staff can bring in toys that they would like to donate and give it to the steering group, who will then sell the toys and then raise money to fund a few charities.

Another item we talk about during the meetings is moving the posters around in each class, because on each of the posters we have at least one right of a child as well as a picture to go with it. When we move the posters we know that children are starting to notice that the posters have been moved and that their teachers are discussing what the article means to them.

Each term our topics include RRS articles and we have special assemblies to show our work. We are also planning to visit St Margaret's Infant School to talk to some of the infants about UNICEF and what we can do to help them become a RRSA school.

We will keep you informed about what we are doing in the newsletters and on our school website.



For more information about our school's RRSA journey
visit our school website: www.byron.medway.sch.uk
or our twitter @ByronSchool

For information about UNICEF visit:

www.unicef.org.uk

www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools