

## Firrhill Rights Respecting Schools Award – Journey to Level 1



The Firrhill Rights Respecting Schools pupil and staff groups have been very busy over the past few months and we are pleased to announce that we have gained the Recognition of Commitment Award!

The Recognition of Commitment Award (RoC) involved establishing a pupil and staff committee, making parents aware through Parent Council, a pupil and staff audit and putting forward an action plan towards the Level 1 Award.

Level 1 charts Firrhill's progress through 4 Standards of the Award, which relate to leadership, learning about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), having a rights-respecting ethos and young people being involved in citizenship activities.

Here is a snapshot of some of our work towards the plan so far:

*S1-S3 pupils engaging in discussion and poster design through PSE about which Children's Rights from the UNCRC they would like Firrhill to focus on for our classroom charter.*

*Pupil house assemblies – launching the start of our journey to level 1*

*Staff and pupil termly updates*

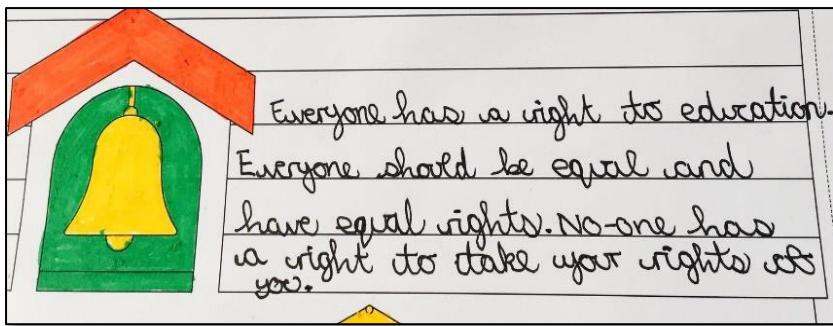
*Took part in UNICEF's Day for Change*

*Building connections across departments – European Day of Languages and Article 30*

*LGBT History Month and Article 2*

*'Adopt a Right' – each member of staff has been asked to select a Right they would like to adopt for their room that is meaningful to them.*

A graphic for the European Day of Languages. It features a central brain shape composed of various language words in different colors (yellow, orange, red). The words include "Hello", "Ahaj", "Ciao", "Hallo", "Szia", "Hola", "Salut", "Ahaj", "Bonjour", "Labas", "Terve", and "Cześć". To the right is a small banner with the text "European Day of Languages 26 September" and "Journée européenne des langues". Below the brain is a quote in English: "You have the right to practice your own culture and language" (Article 30 of the UNCRC). At the bottom right is the source information: "Article 30 of the UNCRC".



*RMPS department engaging in lessons relating to the Global Goals with a focus on Goal 4 – Education with some classes taking part in the World's Largest lesson.*

### **Upcoming events:**

*Whole staff training in October with Gerry McMurtie – Lead Co-Ordinator of RRSA for Scotland.*

*Look out for our UNICEF/Fairtrade information stall and tombola at the PTA Christmas Fair in November.*

*Each curriculum area is currently planning how the Articles of the UNCRC relate to everyday learning and teaching.*

Follow the progress of our group on Twitter- @firrhillrrsa

Further information on the Award and the UNCRC is available at -  
<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

<https://www.cypcs.org.uk/rights/uncrcarticles>