



Friday Flyer – 8th September 2023

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Message from the Leadership Team

DEANESFIELD: HILLINGDON'S ONLY UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING GOLD AWARD SCHOOL



As a UNICEF Rights Respecting Gold Award School, the whole school works extremely hard to promote and embed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Next Wednesday, assessors from UNICEF, will revisit us to review how far we have developed on our children's rights journey in the last 3 years.

The UNCRC sets out the human rights of every person under the age of 18 and is the most complete statement on children's rights treaty in history. You can view a summary of the document on our website. It was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1989 and is the most widely adopted international human rights treaty in history. The UK ratified the CRC in 1991.

To be reawarded 'Gold', the school community needs to demonstrate a deep understanding of children's rights. Among other aspects, this will include:

- Pupils with an excellent knowledge of rights and how they apply in school and in the wider world.
- Pupils who are enthusiastic and committed to applying their learning about the UN Global Goals by taking action to make the world more sustainable.
- A respectful and inclusive school ethos underpinned by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).



As adults, we are 'Duty Bearers' and have the responsibility to respect, promote and realise human rights for every child (rights holder) and to abstain from human rights violations.


We would like to congratulate all children, staff and governors on their commitment to the UNCRC and thank those parents who have come on the journey with us through reading the articles included in the Friday Flyer and talking about the UNCRC at home.

We remain the only school in Hillingdon to achieve gold status, which is a fantastic achievement. Our children's enthusiasm to learn about, communicate and enjoy their rights, whilst campaigning to promote a wider understanding of those rights and to make a real difference to children locally, national and globally is an enormous part of what makes our school successful, and we believe our assessors will note the progress made since their last visit.

So that everyone is informed about how the UNCRC impacts on our work as a school, each week in the Friday Flyer, we briefly state some of the 54 articles which make up the convention which is designed to ensure children all over the world can enjoy their rights and share children's learning which demonstrates those rights in action. You can also find information about UNICEF and our Golden Charter in your child's home/school link book and also on the school website.



ABCDE of Your Rights



A: UNIVERSAL. Rights are for **ALL** children.

B: INHERENT. Rights are there at **BIRTH**.

C: INALIENABLE. Rights **CANNOT** be taken away.

D: UNCONDITIONAL. Rights **DON'T** have to be earned.

E: INDIVISIBLE. All rights are **EQUALLY** important.

Here are just some examples of the crucial ways the UNCRC impacts positively on our children:

UNCRC Article 1: Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the convention.

UNCRC Article 15: Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations

We expect all children to wear school uniform every day. School uniform is a way of showing that you belong and are proud of being at Deanesfield. It helps to minimise discrimination in terms of what children can afford to wear. We monitor and praise children for wearing full school uniform and appreciate your support in ensuring children are correctly dressed each day.



UNCRC Article 18: Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child.



We are delighted that, as parents or carers, you have chosen Deanesfield as your child's school. In all we do, we put your children's needs first. We hope that you will actively support our policies and encourage your children to make the most of every opportunity offered to them. We aim to support you by providing relevant information and listening to you. We are always grateful for your feedback and, where you may have a concern, we will aim to resolve this as quickly as possible. Talking to your child's class teacher first is usually the best way to get your questions answered.

They are always willing to speak to you at an appropriate time and place. Just let them know you need a quick catch up.

UNCRC Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. We provide, store and clean a sports bottle labelled with your child's name which is kept with them in class from which they can drink throughout the day. In order to ensure children are only drinking plain water and to avoid the storage issues which can occur when children bring in larger, odd-shaped or taller bottles, only the bottles the school provides are permitted to be used in school.



If you prefer, your child can drink from clean plastic cups which are provided in every classroom. Please do not send your child in with a non-school bottle as this will be removed and they will be able to drink from a cup on that day.



UNCRC Article 12 (respect for the views of the child):

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them and to have their views considered and taken seriously.

At the beginning of the school year, each class discuss, plan and create their own class charter. The class charter acts as an agreement between the children and adults on how they want to work together for the coming year.

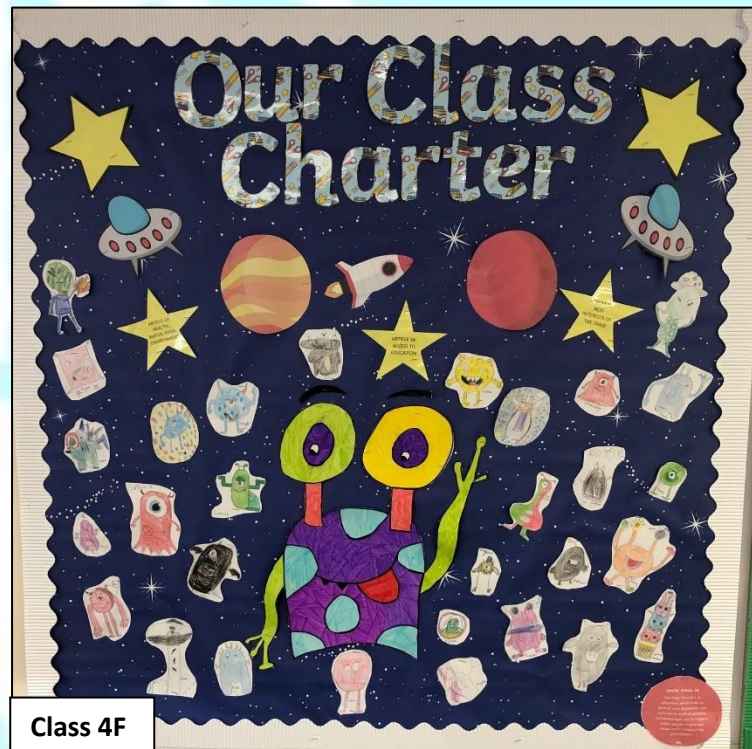
The class charter unites the children together as a group of learners and they vote for the most important United Nations Convention Rights of the Child articles they want to be included on their charter.

Ina (4W) – In 4W we chose **Article 12** – You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously, **Article 29** – You have the right to an education which tries to develop your personality, and **Article 32** – You have the right to protection from work that is bad for your education.

The children then discuss the role of Rights Holders (the children) and Duty Bearers (the adults). As a class, they agree on the behaviours they expect from each role.

Giulia (4W) – In 4W we agreed as Rights Holders we would be; sensible, respectful, caring, fair, good listeners, supportive, kind and positive. We also agreed we would follow instructions from Duty Bearers and would work hard.

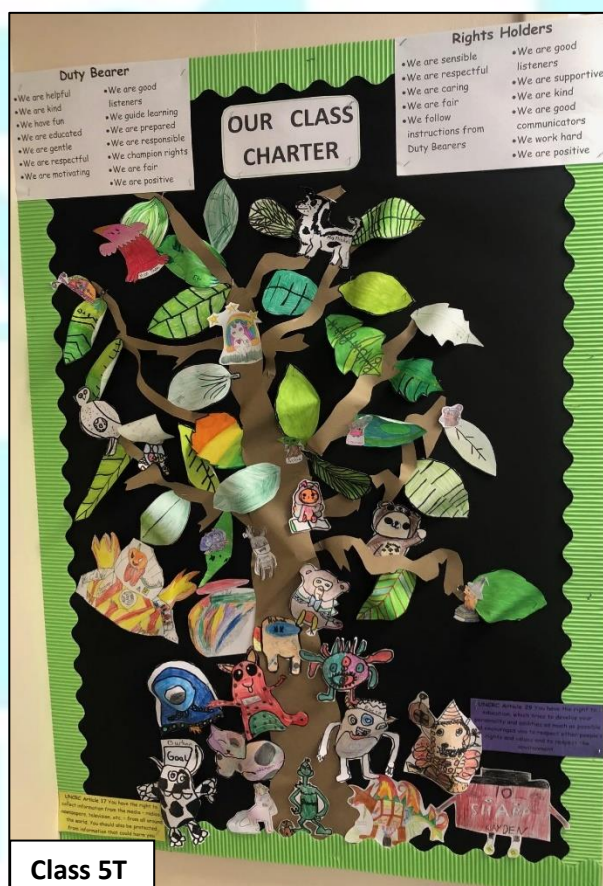
Kaylen (4W) – In 4W we agreed Duty Bearers needed to be; helpful, kind, fun, educated, gentle, respectful, motivating, good listeners, responsible, fair and positive.



Class 4F



Class 3B



Class 5T

Finally, the children choose a theme for their class charter and design their own 'character' that acts as a signature to show they are willing to follow the agreement.

Loukas (4W) – We coloured in our own pineapple to create one big class pineapple. This made me feel like I am part of the class.

Shayden (4W) – Creating our class charter helped us understand how important it is to respect each other!

Individual/Sibling School Photographs – Thursday 21st September



We are pleased to inform you that our school photographer will be coming into school on Thursday, 21st September to take school photos of our pupils, both individually as well as with their siblings, which will then be made available for you to purchase.

All photos will be taken in the outdoor environment, weather permitting, and we ask that all children come to school dressed in their full winter school uniform to enable them to look as smart as possible for their school picture.

Reception – Year 6: Welcome to Your Year Group / Macmillan Coffee Evening

On the evening of Thursday 21st September, we have arranged to host a 'Welcome to Year Group' event combined with a Macmillan Coffee Evening to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Research and the nurses who support those affected.

The school will be open from 6.15pm onwards and we warmly welcome our parents and carers to come along to view your child's class and learning environment.

For parents and carers of children in Reception only, we will be holding a 'Curriculum Talk' in our Assembly Hall at 6.15pm before inviting our parents to visit their child's class.



Throughout the evening, refreshments will be sold in our Dining Hall, where you will be able to buy a range of hot and cold drinks and cakes in support of Macmillan Cancer Research. **We are looking for volunteers to help us with this event and will be grateful for any support to help set-up and serve the refreshments.**

If you are available to assist, please e-mail admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk and confirm your availability either between 6 – 7pm or 7 – 8pm.

Children are also invited to this event but please note that **they must be supervised by their adult(s) at all times** and refrain from playing on/with any equipment.



We hope to see you all there and thank you for your support!



Save the Date – Autumn Term Pupil Progress Days / Evenings

Our Autumn Term Parent Meetings, focusing on how well your child has settled and setting targets for the coming year, will take place during the week commencing Monday 16th October.

This year, our Nursery Parent Meetings will take place during the day from Monday 16th – Thursday 19th October, with all other Year Group/Classes scheduled to take place in the evening of either Tuesday 17th October or Thursday 19th October.



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Full details about the arrangements and further information on how to book your appointment will be sent out very soon, so please be sure to look out for this communication from us.

Weduc 'Reach More Parents' Whole School App – Download Reminder

To ensure you do not miss out on important school communications, if you haven't already done so, please **download our whole school communications app as soon as possible** using the instructions on your enrolment message.

If you have any queries or need any support, please contact the school office via admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk.



Years 3 – 6 Instrumental Tuition



Musical Instrument lessons continue to be popular here at Deanesfield and we are pleased to be able to continue to provide this opportunity to our pupils.



If your child is in Years 3 – 6 and you would like for them to learn to play the **Guitar or Upper Strings (violin / viola)**, please contact the school office via admin@deanesfieldschool.org.uk to be added to the waiting list.

Please note that places will be offered on a first-come first-served basis and we will contact you with details on how to make your payment to secure your child place should one be offered to you.

Further information, including contact details for the Hillingdon Music Hub offering Brass and Woodwind Instrument tuition, can be found on our '[Instrument Lessons](#)' sub-page on our website, located on the 'Musical Opportunities' page under the 'Wider School Life' tab.

Upcoming School Visits for Prospective Parents

We will be holding school visits for new prospective parents only on:

- Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 9.15am
- Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 9.15am
- Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 9.15am

If you are a parent / carer looking to apply for a Reception place or know of any families who may also be applying for a school place for the next academic year starting in September 2024, please let them know of our upcoming school visits.

Parents can go onto our school website where they can find all the information about the school, including our [School Video](#), which is also available on our [Deanesfield YouTube channel](#).

Places for the visit are limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis. To book a place for one of the scheduled visits detailed above, prospective parents will need to complete the Google form found on our '[Welcome](#)' page under the 'About Us' tab.



NHS Mainstream Speech and Language Therapy Service Update

We have been informed that due to recruitment difficulties within the NHS Mainstream Speech and Language Service they will be unable to provide support to school this term. We have been assured that they are trying to be creative and are working hard to resolve the issue. The service will be reviewing the contingency plan at the end of term and we will keep you informed of any changes.

We have been informed that if your child is on the NHS Mainstream caseload you will be informed of this by Wendy Botten CITS Speech and Language Therapy – Mainstream Schools Team Lead

In the interim if you need advice on how to support your child's communication then you are able to e-mail the service/call the service and a duty therapist will be able to call you back. Resources and contact details for the team can be found here: [Service Information :: Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust \(cnwl.nhs.uk\)](#)

In addition, you can also find resources, ideas and weblinks to support children on our website: [Communication and interaction needs | Deanesfield Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](#)

Lost Property Reminder

Please be reminded that all lost property items are placed outside our main school reception for parents / carers to check on:

Fridays (between 3pm – 3.30pm)
Mondays (between 8.30am – 9am)

Birthday Celebrations Reminder

To help celebrate children's birthdays, children will be able to come to school wearing their own clothes at the end of the week (**Friday**) in which their birthday falls. This will not only help to mark the occasion but will also make it a special day for them by being acknowledged by all members of staff and children in school.

Please **do not** bring in party invitations or treats for the class as these will not be distributed in school.

