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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, West Moors Middle School is a Rights Respecting School – Silver award. This means that we have been awarded certificates by UNICEF UK based on our work around the UN Conventions on The Rights of the Child (CRC). The conventions are a set of promises that the world made to every child on earth in 1989.

UNICEF protects and promotes those rights and the Rights Respecting Schools award seeks to put the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school's ethos and culture to make sure that every child is healthy, educated, treated fairly and listened to. They also ensure that children are protected from violence, abuse and exploitation.

Our aim at West Moors Middle School is to develop a golden thread throughout all areas of our school ensuring that the conventions are fully embedded in our curriculum and school ethos. As we have already been successful at gaining the Silver award, we are now continuing our journey so that we can be awarded the Gold. This will take us from being Rights aware to being fully Rights Respecting. We are very excited about this journey and hope that you will join us too by discussing the articles, which come out on the newsletter, with your child.

We will be endeavouring to fully embed these conventions in to our school this year and therefore we will be holding a range of events. There is a steering group at school which will be meeting regularly to decide on these events and to ensure that we are doing everything we can to respect and celebrate the children's rights. The steering group will include children from each class who are our Rights Respecting Ambassadors.

We have already held our first event this year which was our Tutor displays. Each class picked a country and an artist from that country. We then created the displays together ensuring that we linked the conventions to the countries we were researching. You can see the displays that the children created in their tutor groups below.



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I will be meeting with our Rights Respecting Ambassadors this week to discuss our next event which will be Anti-bullying week (14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November). We will discuss activities. This event will cover the following articles.

Article 2 - (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination.

Article 15 – (freedom of association) Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

Article 19 - (protection from violence, abuse and neglect) Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment.

I look forward to keeping you up to date with our journey.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Hilton

RRS lead