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Why is Brookland Junior a Rights Respecting School?

In a Rights Respecting School children are taught to understand their own rights and learn to appreciate and respect the rights of others.

This supports their development into responsible, confident young citizens both in school and the wider community.

How are children taught about rights?

Rights awareness is developed through various activities including assemblies, curriculum links, whole school theme days, fund raising and visitors to our school.

Our school is a Gold accredited Right Respecting School, awarded by Unicef who visit and speak to children, staff parents and governors to discover how we develop the children in our care to ensure they have a growing awareness of themselves, their community and the changing world around them.

For further information visit the Rights Respecting section of our school website:

www.brooklandjm.herts.sch.uk

OR

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

You can encourage your child to be more aware of global and more local news stories by regularly encouraging them to watch CBBC Newsround where news stories often link with their rights learning.

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround



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In total there are 42 Article or Rights.

All 42 rights are of equal importance and have been agreed by the governments of most countries.

In school we focus on the most relevant rights that support our children's everyday lives:

-  Every child has the right to express an opinion.
-  Every child has the right to be safe, learn how to keep safe and be looked after
-  Every child has the right to healthy food, clean water and information regarding how to keep fit and well
-  Every child has the right to an education including being treated fairly and with dignity
-  Every child has the right to achieve their fullest potential and develop respect for the environment
-  The right to relax and play incorporating enjoying both cultural and arts activities

Article 12

Your right to say what they think and be listened to.

"Children need to be listened to and be able to offer their opinions on matters that affect them."

Article 19

You should not be harmed and should be looked after and kept safe.

"All children everywhere should feel safe and protected so they can grow and develop into confident young people."

Article 24

You have the right to good food and clean water and to see a doctor if you are ill.

Good health is critical for children's ability to learn and grow. It is important we all learn how to feel good about ourselves.

Article 28

Your right to learn and go to school.

The right to a good education will benefit children for the rest of their lives in respect of having a career or job and supporting themselves.

Article 29

Your right to become the best you can be.

Children should be encouraged to try different activities and not stay in their comfort zones.

Article 31

Your right to relax and play.

Getting out into the fresh air, enjoying friends and having breaks from learning is important because it helps learning to settle and develop children's brains.