

## Rights Respecting School Award

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### Article Focus:



#### Article 28

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's human dignity. Wealthy countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



Right to education.

#### Article 32 Child Labour

While the Convention protects children from harmful and exploitative work, there is nothing in it that prohibits parents from expecting their children to help out at home in ways that are safe and appropriate to their age.

If children help out in a family farm or business, the tasks they do be safe and suited to their level of development and comply with national labour laws.

Children's work should not jeopardize any of their other rights, including the right to education, or the right to relaxation and play.



#### Article 31 The right to play

Every child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



This week, our Right's Respecting focus has been on World Day Against Child Labour, which falls on 12<sup>th</sup> June every year. It's a day to remind us of the 246 million children who have to work to survive, a lot of the time in dangerous conditions. Worldwide, there are over 246 million children age 5–17 who have to work. Around 171 million children have to do work that is so dangerous it could seriously damage their health. Most of them have no chance of going to school, even in the evening, so are unlikely to ever be able to improve their lives.

In assembly this week, the children explored this day and listened to the story of two young children who have been victims of unlawful child labour. Following this, the children discussed the rights that these children were being denied, here were their comments:

- Article 6 - the rights to life, survival and development, as some of the children are working in dangerous conditions.
- Article 12 - respect for the views of the child, as they don't want to do this work but they aren't being listened to.
- Article 19 - protection from violence, abuse and neglect, as the children are facing dangerous situations sometimes and aren't always treated in a kind, fair way.
- Article 24 - health and health services, as sometimes the work can affect the children's health.
- Article 28 - the right to an education, as the children are having to work long hours (sometimes as long as 12 in a day, 7 days a week) and so they don't have time to go to school.
- Article 31 - right to leisure, play and culture, as the children don't have free time.
- Article 32 - child labour, as they are in some situations forced to work.

