



RRSA Update

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Article Focus:

Article 2 (non-discrimination) - The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 13 (freedom of expression) - Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Article 29 (goals of education) - Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

10th December

The school was visited by Joanne Comer from Head Start who came to the school to award us the 'School's Award for Resilience and Wellbeing'. The award is a Quality Mark that is given to school's that use a whole school approach towards children's emotional wellbeing. We are very proud as a school to have achieved this, alongside the Gold Rights Respecting Award this term - it is a credit to the well-rounded children we have at our school.

Here is the press release:

Valley Invicta Primary School at Leybourne Chase have become the first school in the Tonbridge and Malling area to be awarded the *Schools Award for Resilience and Wellbeing*.

The award was presented to staff and children from the school steering group, by Jo Comer, the Project Officer from Kent County Council's HeadStart Kent Programme, on Wednesday 11 December 2019.

All schools in Kent are now able to apply for this Quality Mark which recognises that they are supporting young people's emotional wellbeing through the whole school approach.



Jo Comer said: "It's excellent that, at Leybourne Chase, the school community is supported with their resilience and emotional wellbeing, and that we have a Quality Mark which recognises this progress. The school consistently demonstrates its commitment to emotional wellbeing and resilience."

Nicola Craig, Headteacher at Valley Invicta Primary School at Leybourne Chase, said: "We are so proud to be the first school in the area to have achieved this very important Quality Mark. Our children's health and wellbeing is the centre point of everything we do and this award shows how hard the children and staff have worked to put ideas and learning into action, to benefit everyone at our school."



Monday 16th December:

Years 4,5 and 6 were fortunate enough to receive a visit from Moctar who is from Namibia. He lived there under the country's apartheid government and he spoke to the children about what it is like to be black and live under an apartheid regime. The children found it grotesque, bizarre and fascinating to learn that black and white children were forced to go to different schools, use different doors for public buildings and even buy different coloured bread. In an environment where our children are encouraged to be friends with everybody, they struggled to understand a world where children were actually forced not to be friends with people who had different coloured skin to their own. While in class, children have found it interesting to have books read to them like *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverly Naidoo and Nelson Mandela's *Long Walk to Freedom*. However, listening to a real person who grew up under an apartheid government was genuinely enthralling.