



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.

Celebrating Differences Exhibition:

Today, the school held an art exhibition to showcase the artwork the children have been producing for homework around the topic 'celebrating differences'. The range of artwork that the children produced was exceptional, ranging from canvases, to posters, to 3D models and sculptures. We are incredibly proud here at Leybourne Chase of the hard work and dedication that went into every piece of work that we received, it is a testament to the thoughtful, caring and considerate children we have at our school. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to view the artwork and share in the children's success. Here are just a few pictures of the incredible work that was produced:



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Steering Group Update:

Over the past week, the steering group have been collecting ideas from their classes about what they would like in a reading corner in the library. The work towards developing this area was made possible as a result of our connection with Head Start Kent. As part of becoming a Head Start school, we received a grant of £2000 to develop safe spaces around the school for the children to access. Inspired by this, the steering group asked if some of this money could be used to develop a reading corner in the library and they were allocated £200 to make this happen.

Over the next few weeks, the steering group will be selecting and ordering items for the reading corner, to ensure that this is a calm, relaxing and safe space for those who use it.

If anyone has any items that they wish to donate to the school towards this project, your support would be much appreciated. Please contact Miss Carlow via the office to arrange this.

Head Start Information:

HeadStart Kent is part of Kent County Council's Early Help and Preventative Services and aims to help young people cope better when faced with difficult circumstances in their lives, preventing them from experiencing common mental health problems. The programme is funded by The Big Lottery Fund to provide the resources to develop approaches that support young people to develop their own resilience to cope with the everyday pressures they may face throughout their lives. HeadStart Kent aims to make changes through schools, families and within communities and has been designed with young people at its heart.

HeadStart Kent's mission statement is: "by 2020 Kent young people and their families will have improved resilience, by developing their knowledge and lifelong skills to maximise their own and their peers' emotional health and wellbeing; so navigate their way to support when needed in ways which work for them." Young people have been clear on what they need to support their mental wellbeing, and HeadStart aims to focus on building a sustainable system where every young person in Kent will be able to say with confidence:

- People around me understand wellbeing and how to promote it
- My overall wellbeing is not impacted by the pressure to achieve and to be perfect
- There is always someone for me to talk to.

If you would like any further information about Head Start and the services that it provides, the link to their website is below.

<https://www.headstartkent.org.uk>