



## RRSA Update

31.1.2020

### **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.**

### Elmer Day

On Monday, the school was visited by Elmer the Elephant as part of the Heart of Kent Hospice's Elmer Parade. The parade will be taking place in the Summer (20<sup>th</sup> June to 23<sup>rd</sup> August) when a parade of uniquely designed elephants will be placed on a trail around Maidstone. The event will feature up to 50 sculptures, with some of the elephants being designed by artists. At the end of the summer, the elephants will be auctioned to raise money to support the Hospice.

At Leybourne Chase, we got involved with this event by hosting an 'Elmer Day' at school to raise money to support the Hospice. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> a full sized baby elephant sculpture arrived in school. We were tasked with decorating him in order for him to join the parade in Maidstone in the summer. In order to choose a design, the children were tasked with producing their own drawing which we will then have to choose as a school. After the parade, we will receive an Elmer model who will become a resident member of the school.

To further raise awareness of this, the children took part on an Elmer day on Tuesday. The children dressed in own clothes and took part in a number of workshops in each classroom such as:

- Creating elephant masks
- Elephant dancing
- Elephant song
- Elephant treasure hunt
- Elephant quiz
- Elephant clay modelling



- Patchwork quilt

We want to thank you all for taking part in this event and helping us raise the money to support the Hospice. We will let you all know via the newsletter what our final total raised is!

### Year 4's Class Assembly

On Thursday, Year 4 presented their class assembly to the school and parents. Their assembly focussed on raising awareness surrounding the issue of the Australian bushfires.

The children researched and presented key statistics about the devastating effects that these bushfires have had on communities, homes, families and animals. They presented this through a story and through a montage of pictures and made the audience aware of how they could help to provide support at this time.

### Celebrating Rights Respecting Actions:

We are incredibly proud of how inspired children in our school have been to support the rights of children around the world and to do what they can to help others who are less fortunate than them. Here are some fantastic rights respecting superstars at Leybourne Chase:

#### Sienna (Year 3)

Sienna has been saving her pocket money to give to charity. She has been saving so hard that her money jar is completely full. Sienna was inspired to do this all by herself when a child who she knows was diagnosed with cancer. Sienna had a number of discussions with her family at home and following this took it upon herself to decide to raise money for children who were having to deal with cancer every day of their lives. Well done Sienna - what an incredible and thoughtful thing to do!

#### Ashli (Year 6)

Ashli has spent months growing her hair so that she can donate it to 'The Little Princess Trust.' The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. Well done Ashli!