

Respect and Children's Rights

Our Rights Ranger assembly

On September 19th 2016 our Rights Respecting Rangers led an assembly all about our value of the month, Respect, and how it relates to the Convention of Rights of the Child.

The Rangers decided to focus on the responsibility adults have to respect children's rights and they chose 5 articles to focus on. These were

Article 12 - You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.

Article 23 - You have the right to special education and care if you have a disability, as well as all the rights in this Convention, so that you can live a full life

Article 24 - You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

Article 27 - You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other kids can do.

Article 29 - Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

They came up with a story about a boy called Rightsy, who nearly didn't get his rights! You can read the story below. See if you can spot which rights he was about to miss out on!

Rightsy's Very Interesting day

Once upon a time there was a boy called Rightsy. He lived in an ordinary house on an ordinary street. One morning he woke up early. The rain was dripping through the roof in his bedroom and a droplet fell in his eye. "Mum, the roof is leaking again", he shouted. The council should have come to fix it last week he remembered sadly.

Suddenly the doorbell rang. It was a builder. "Sorry about the delay, I've come to fix your roof", he said. "Should be finished by the time you get home", he smiled.

So Rightsy went down to the kitchen to get some breakfast. However when he looked in the fridge it was empty and all of the cereal was gone. "I'll have to go to school without anything to eat", he thought, feeling hungry.

Just then his mum called from the dining room. "Scrambled egg on toast this morning Rightsy", she said. "We're out of milk, hope you don't mind".

After breakfast Rightsy set off for school. He walked sensibly past the park, but on the way he noticed a car with a smashed window - there was glass all over the pavement! "I know", Rightsy thought, "I'll tell the lollipop lady when I get to the

crossing". But when he got there the lollipop lady was busy chatting to a mum, and didn't seem to notice him.

"I think someone wants to speak to you", interrupted the mum, pointing at Rightsy. "I'm so sorry", said the lollipop lady, "What's wrong?" she asked. Rightsy explained what he had seen, and the lollipop lady said she would make a phone call to the council to sort it straight away.

When Rightsy got to school he remembered his class were going on a trip to the library today. When they got there he noticed the steep steps up to the library entrance, his best friend, who used a wheelchair, would be able to get up them!

Don't worry, said the teacher, seeing that the worried look on Rightsy's face. We can use the ramp, it's just over here she said. Soon the whole class were happily choosing books and using the computers.

Later on everyone was having fun in the playground. Some of the children were playing football and others were skipping and playing singing games. Rightsy went to join in with children who were singing, but one of the dinner supervisors stopped him. "Surely you want to play football with the boys?" she said.

"I do like football, but I love singing!" said Rightsy. "Fair enough", agreed the dinner supervisor, as Rightsy joined in, clapping and singing with his friends.

Later that evening at home, Rightsy felt tired. His brothers and sisters were watching TV in the lounge, and his dad was busy cooking in the kitchen. He looked for somewhere quiet to read his book but it was all so noisy and busy! "Come and watch TV with your family", called his Mum, but Rightsy really felt like some time to himself!

"I've had such a busy day", explained Rightsy. "I'd really like some time by myself to read my book in peace". "No worries" said his Mum kindly. "Why don't you go upstairs for a while, I'll call you when it's time for dinner".

So Rightsy sat on his mum's bed and read his book. He thought about his day, and all the things he had done. "Today has been a good day", he thought to himself, smiling.