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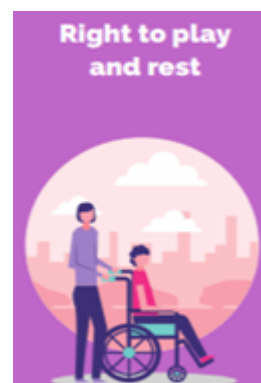
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Dear Parents and Carers

Human Rights Day – Tuesday 10th December 2024

The children would like to mark this special day of the year by celebrating the UNICEF Convention on the Rights of the Child. Children are invited to choose one of the following rights and dress to express or represent that right creatively.



Article 31 ideas:

What do you like doing in your spare time? Be creative and dress to express your interests. Ideas: favourite book/film/game character, design a banner that promotes wellbeing.

Article 14 ideas:

Dress in clothes that represent your ethnicity, cultural traditions, religion or nationality. Be proud of who you are!

Article 29 ideas:

Dress in clothes that express your personality, talents or what you aspire to become when you are older. Examples: sports, art, entertainment, musician, scientist, writer.

As a Silver Award accredited Rights Respecting School, Valence Primary is a school where children's rights, and human rights in general, are at the heart of our ethos and culture.

We really hope that you will help your child celebrate one of these articles on Human Rights Day.

Yours sincerely,
Valence Rights Respecting Schools Team

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Pride

R
Respect

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Achievement

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Enjoyment



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Human Rights Day?	International Human Rights Day is held annually on 10 th December to celebrate and commemorate The Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations. On the 10 th December, we celebrate our human rights and the concept that all people (including children) have equal worth.
What is UNICEF?	UNICEF is the world's leading organisation for children and young people, promoting the rights and wellbeing of every child, in everything they do. Together with their partners, UNICEF works in 190 countries to translate that commitment into practical action. UNICEF UK is a registered charity. It raises funds through donations from individuals, organisations and companies and campaigns to keep children safe. UNICEF UK also works with schools, hospitals and local authorities in the UK to put children at the heart of what they do. To find out more about UNICEF, go to: www.unicef.org.uk
What is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?	In 1989, governments worldwide promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention recognised that all children have the right to be treated with dignity and fairness, to be protected, to develop to their full potential and to participate. The rights in the Convention describe what a child needs to survive, grow, and live up to their potential in the world. They apply equally to every child, no matter who they are or where they come from. The Convention changed the way children are viewed and treated – in other words, as human beings with a distinct set of rights instead of as passive objects of care and charity. It is the most widely ratified human rights treaty – only the United States has not ratified it. The UK signed up to it in 1991.
What is a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School?	A UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School is a school that ensures children's rights are taught, understood and lived in school. Rights Respecting schools put in place a set of standards based on equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation based on the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. These values are ever-present in a Rights Respecting school, from the classroom to the canteen. As a result, the Rights Respecting Schools Award transforms whole schools into places where children feel safe, nurtured and in control of their futures.
Why is this happening?	A UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships, whether between adults and pupils, between pupils or between adults. It is proven to benefit everyone in the school community to grow and learn together. Read more about the Award at www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa
How will becoming a Rights Respecting School benefit my child(ren)?	The RRSA Impact Report demonstrates that children and young people who attend a school that has progressed through the Award are engaged in their education, feel a shared sense of community in school, believe they can change the world for the better, develop self-esteem and value themselves and have a school environment where they feel safe and cared for.