



## William Penn Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016

### Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Award – A message from the school council

Dear Parents,

The School Council would like to inform you about our current project. We are working towards a new award called 'The Rights Respecting Schools' award (RRSA). A 'Rights Respecting School' is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted. Young people and the school community learn about children's rights by putting them into practice every day. We feel it is very important that we know our rights. Our Quaker values link closely with these expectations, particularly equality and respect.

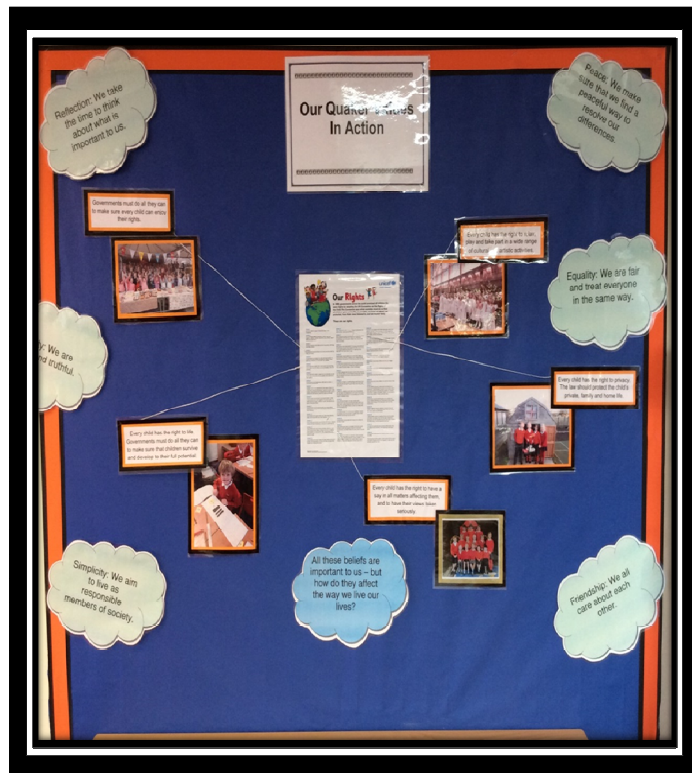
We would like to keep you up to date with activities we are carrying out in school to help us achieve the award. All the children have completed a questionnaire to see what we already know about RRSA. We will complete the same questionnaire in a few weeks' time and compare the results.

We have also put up a new display about RRSA to inform children, members of staff and visitors to William Penn School.

We have carried out a RRSA assembly which you will be able to view on the school website shortly.

We are going to carry on raising awareness of RRSA through assemblies and lessons. We look forward to updating you soon with this project.

Many thanks,  
School Council



### Prompt Arrival and Departure at School

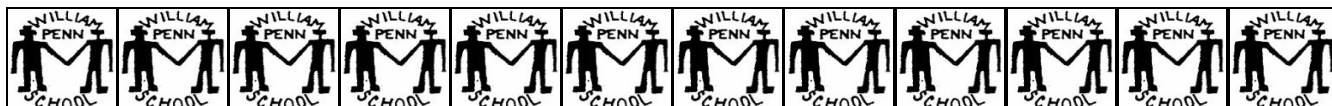
We are asking children to take more responsibility for getting ready for school the night before. This will hopefully ease your morning routine but more importantly, will help your children to become more independent and responsible. In addition, this should make it easier for children to arrive in school on time. Where possible, we ask Years 3-6 to get to school between 8.25am and 8.35am and Years R-2 between 8.35am and 8.45am. **We calculated in assembly that children arriving at 9am will miss approximately 1 ¼ hours of learning a week and one whole school day a month.**

In addition, we have more children that are regularly being collected late from the school office. Whilst we are happy to provide cover in an emergency or owing to unforeseen circumstances, we would appreciate it if someone is available to collect children at the end of the school day at 3.15pm. The office staff and teachers are regularly in meetings or at appointments away from the school site after school and are not able to provide cover routinely.

### Fantastic Fit February

On Friday 5th February, eight children attended the Primary Schools' Hockey League at Broadbridge Heath. It was a very cold evening but the children played very well during the matches. William Penn School values shone through and team work and behaviour was impeccable. The next round is on Friday 26th February.

Well done to the children who played a friendly netball match against Loxwood Primary on Thursday 11th February. It was a chilly evening but all the children had a great time and tactics learnt in their curriculum lessons helped them to draw the match!





Children who attend our early morning fencing club were invited to Jolesfield Primary School on Wednesday 10th February to have friendly matches. All the children had a great time and already are showing skills taught in a very mature way. Well done.

### School Uniform Reminder

We would like to thank all parents for sending their children to school looking smart and ready to learn in correct uniform. The list below is provided as a reminder of the accepted school uniform. May we respectfully ask that children where appropriate shoes rather than trainers and that nail polish is removed. Thank you

All pupils will need one item from each box although parents may choose more.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grey shorts (minimum knee length)</li> <li>▪ Grey trousers</li> <li>▪ Grey skirt (minimum knee length)</li> <li>▪ Grey pinafore dress (minimum knee length)</li> <li>▪ Red and white summer dress (check or stripe and minimum knee length)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ White polo shirt (school logo optional)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Red William Penn sweatshirt (with logo)</li> <li>▪ Red William Penn cardigan (with logo)</li> <li>▪ Red William Penn fleece (with logo)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ White PE shorts</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Red William Penn T-shirt (with logo)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Black plimsolls (all year groups)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trainers for outdoor use (Years 3,4,5 and 6)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Track suit for outdoor, winter wear</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PE bag</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Art overall (old adult shirt, optional)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Black school shoes (not trainers or boots)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grey or white socks (not sports socks)</li> <li>▪ Grey or red tights</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No jewellery (other than plain gold/silver ear-rings studs and exceptions detailed in the Uniform Policy)</li> </ul>

### Staff News

We would like to congratulate Mrs Sillett who is expecting her second child. Mrs Sillett will be commencing her maternity leave at some point in July and from this time; Mrs Crane will be working with Mrs Peters in Fox.

### Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Aurelia Hall-Palmer who has achieved her Level 3 BAGA gymnastic award.

If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail the office:

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