



Westerton Primary's Rights Respecting School Journey.

A Commitment to Equality, Respect and Empowerment

In August 2023, Westerton Primary School proudly began our journey toward becoming a UNICEF Rights Respecting School — a initiative that places children's rights at the heart of everything we do.

The Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA) is structured in three stages: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, pupils, wider community, stakeholders and Rights Respecting Group, we achieved our Bronze Award in March 2023 and have now proudly earned the Silver Award. Our goal is to achieve Gold by 2026 — and we're well on our way.



What We've Done So Far

- Assemblies on Children's Rights exploring key articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, helping pupils understand their rights and responsibilities.
- Rights are displayed around the school. This is a visual reminder of children's rights to reinforce understanding and spark conversation.
- Classroom Charters are designed by the class. These charters reflect our school values and expectations, and are displayed in every classroom.
- Respect for the environment. Our pupils continue to explore Global Goals and use these to strengthen the curriculum.
- Staff training from UNICEF and WOSDEC. Staff in our school have completed training to become Rights Respecting School mentors, ensuring consistent language and values across the school.



2 - Our Eco and Rights choir singing at The Christmas Concert. Exploring our Global Goals through different parts of the curriculum.

The Impact on Our School Community

Embedding the language of rights has transformed our school culture. Pupils now have a powerful vocabulary to express themselves and advocate for fairness. Through class questionnaires and ongoing reflection, we've seen:

- Stronger relationships between pupils and staff

- Greater confidence in decision-making and participation
- A deeper understanding of equality, equity, dignity and fairness
- A sense of belonging and mutual respect
- Bring diversity to life, helping pupils learn about lived experiences of children home and abroad. Children are not just learning about rights — they're living them. They are growing into thoughtful, responsible citizens who value every voice and stand up for fairness.



3 - As part of Poverty Week. As a whole school we collected donations for the local foodbank in Drumchapel.

Looking Ahead

With Silver now achieved, our focus turns to Gold by early 2026. We will continue to build a school where every child feels valued, heard, and empowered — a place where rights are respected, and futures are shaped.