Article of the Week beginning 8th June

**Article 42 - knowledge of rights**

Governments must actively work to make sure children and adults know about the Convention.

What is needed for every adult and child to know about children's rights?

* The Government and politicians should talk about rights and help people to understand them.
* It should feel ‘normal’ for people to know that children have rights.
* All schools should teach about rights.
* People who work with children such as teachers, youth workers, police and social workers should be trained about children’s rights.
* Newspapers and other information sources report frequently, accurately and positively about rights.
* Every young person and child should know who to go to if they feel their rights are not being met.
* There are lots of rights so people will need reminding about them, perhaps in the news or with adverts.
* Parents and carers should be helped to know about the rights their children have.

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Description automatically generated People should be able to talk about respecting others’ rights

How many ways did you think of?

Imagine that you didn’t know any rights and that all children everywhere have rights. How would you feel about that? Can you think of any problems children might face? Write a poem or story called “Child with no Rights.

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**Try to find somewhere peaceful and spend a few minutes being quiet and still.**

**Then think about these questions:**

* Why do your rights matter to you? What’s so special about them?
* Imagine a world where every child enjoyed all their rights all the time?
* When you are an adult what will you do to tell other people about rights?

Before your school started

teaching you about children’s rights did you know what they were? Do you think knowing about your rights is important? Try to explain to somebody why you think this.

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