



**Holy Trinity School is the first school in Hillingdon to achieve the prestigious Rights Respecting School Award from UNICEF.**

Holy Trinity was delighted to welcome two inspectors from UNICEF who last half term spent a day observing lessons, interviewing children, parents and staff. All aspects of the school were inspected and as a result the school has achieved the prestigious Rights Respecting School Award. The following is an extract from the assessors report.

*“Holy Trinity has an inclusive ethos where children from all faiths have a sense of belonging; During pupil interviews a child said, “We’ve learned how people are different and have a right to be who they are.”*

*Every class has a charter written in child friendly language and used as a basis for building a positive learning environment. Staff and children explained how the language of rights had gradually begun to develop. All the children agreed that they felt safe at school; they are listened to and can go to an adult if they are worried about anything. There are no reported incidents of bullying. There are CRC charters around the school and some displays near the entrance of the school are stunning. The school celebrates diversity ensuring that all cultures and religions are respected.*

*Children across the year groups spoke eloquently about how their journey to Rights Respecting Schools Award had empowered them to negotiate charters with their teachers, make choices about learning and given them a bigger picture about the world. In context of fundraising for Malawi, one child said, “the children in Malawi are just like us; they still love and hope and are kind and don’t worry about having the latest shoes” Another child said, “The children (in Malawi) don’t waste, because we’re developed we want things, but often we don’t need things” The children feel empowered and quoted several examples of how their voice had resulted in “safer crossing” on the main road and helped to design the new ICT suite and library. In short, the children at Holy Trinity have been involved in a range of activities to promote children’s rights locally and globally.”*

A huge thank you to all who have worked hard to achieve this important award.