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Dear Parent/Carer,

As many of you are aware, in February 2022, Arena Academy was awarded the first stage of UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA), Bronze: Rights Committed. During form time, our students cover 'Article of the Week'. This is an opportunity to discuss and share articles (rights) and do related activities to stretch their thinking. It's a chance to discuss and explore new articles in relation to their life and see how the convention is followed in countries around the world. Our students are also involved in fundraising for UNICEF initiatives/campaigns such as ShoeShare and World Children's Day.

Our next step is to work with the OutRight campaign <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2022/08/YP-OutRight-Intro-pack-2022.pdf>. OutRight is a campaign for children, by children that helps you to promote and protect children's rights in the UK and around the world. This year's campaign is all about children and young people's right to **the best possible health and the systems that support it**. By taking part we are supporting children and young people to learn about children's rights and ensure their voices are heard by decision-makers.

If you are able to help support our student's campaign in any way, please email Miss Nahar snahar@corearena.academy

Below are some other ways you can help your child know their rights:

- Spend time talking about the articles at home. <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2017/01/Summary-of-the-UNCRC.pdf>
- Look at the children's (Newsround), local and worldwide news. These will often link with rights learning https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround
- Talk about and work through the 'Article of the Week' tasks that are posted on Twitter each week. <https://twitter.com/COREArenaAcad>
- Discuss learning about rights and encourage pupils to relate rights to current issues.
- Join in with local charity events and school charity days.
- Take action for positive change in your local community e.g. litter pick, recycle; plastic, metal, clothing, leafleting to raise awareness.
- Give an hour of your time to charity e.g., the homeless, elderly, a hospice.
- Encourage your child to take action for positive change in their local and global community. e.g. clear the plastics from our seas and oceans.

Yours sincerely,

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