



Courageous Advocacy at Birchington CE Primary School

2022-2023

All across the school this year, the children have been working hard on their Courageous Advocacy.

The Courageous Advocacy they have been involved in has been an opportunity for the children to identify areas of injustice that matter to them and for them to proactively engage with these issues.

Year 1

Year 1 children decided to think about our local environment. They created posters to educate locals about the importance of keeping our beaches clean and they even went down to the beach to complete a litter pick!



Year 2

Year 2 researched the different ways in which animals around the world are becoming endangered, either from human activity such as deforestation or through natural causes.

The children looked into animals who live in a range of environments and decided that they would like to advocate for endangered species.

Together, through research, the children found out about the WWF.

They decided that this was the charity that they would like to support in order to help endangered animals. By selling ice lollies after school, they are raising money to adopt a snow leopard.

Year 3

Year 3 thought really carefully the issues affecting our planet. They used computers to research what mattered to them most. In groups they expressed their views to each other hoping to persuade other children to vote for their concerns. They children voted to explore the needs of endangered animals. They made posters too raise awareness, held a cake sale, which raised £180 which they used to adopt a snow leopard and gave the rest to a local charity. They welcomed a visitor who works for the RSPB to talk to them about wildlife in the local area of animals. They also made changes to our school environment by planting wild flowers and building bug hotels and butterfly feeders for the school grounds!



Year 4

Year 4 chose to look at the local area and joined in with a litter pick around the village to help improve the environment for human and animal residents alike.

They combined their Courageous Advocacy with their work to complete their Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award!
Well done Year 4!

In Year 5, the children explored what it might be like to be a refugee.

They wanted to take action to help other children who have had to leave their homes in Ukraine to feel more settled. They chose to hold a 'toy drive'.

They were absolutely thrilled away by the generosity of our school community and they had so many toys donated that they were able to donate them to local families as well as Ukrainian children.

Year 6 have used their experiences of being courageous advocates previously to dig deep into what it means to have rights and how these rights can be protected.

They have applied this understanding to animals and humans all over the globe.

