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Year 4 2023-2024 **The Archbishop of York Youth Trust Award in Action at** **Birchington CE Primary School!**

Once again, our Year 4 children were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to participate in the Young Leaders Award.



The children really enjoyed learning new team work and leadership skills through various activities, such as the cup stacking challenge and the bag making challenge. The children reflected on what it is to be a good leader and what a team needs in order to be successful. The children were able to clearly articulate their thoughts and even reflected on their own positive attributes as a team player and a leader. Another activity that the children took part in was a local walk to see what was in place to really welcome the community in their local area and what could be done in order to make it better. The children spotted lots of

different things that could be improved but was also very impressed that there were lots of spaces to meet and socialise with people in their area.



As part of our national study, the children were able to research and find out about lots of different UK charities and the work they do to help different sorts of people. They were particularly interested in The Trussell Trust as this related to the food bank work that they had been doing. Therefore, they then conducted a deeper research session so that they could learn about the work that the Trussell Trust carries out and what we can do to make a difference ourselves in order to help The Trussell Trust with their work.

We saw our children thrive when given the opportunity to independently become ambassadors for our local community. As part of our Young Leaders activities, the children took a trip to Birchington's local food bank to learn all about what they do there to help the community in which they live in. It is safe to say that the children were appalled to find out that the food bank is often lacking food to give to the people that come there to seek help and that people might have to travel from as far as Ramsgate, just to get food for themselves. They then wrote a letter to our local MP to express how they felt about this situation and ask them to help by opening up more food banks across Thanet. The children then thought it would be a wonderful idea if we as a school could help them with their donations. So, they spent a week encouraging the rest of the school to donate food to the food bank. The children then took another walk down to the local food bank so that they could deliver everything that we as a school had collected for them.

