

News from Charleston



This term is already off to a flying start!

We have had a number of new families join us and wish them a happy and fulfilling time at Charleston.

January is busy too in the school office as it's enrolment time for August's Primary 1 intake and new nursery starts too. Some of the children look so small that you can't imagine they could be in school in a few months' time!

Everyone at Charleston is delighted that we have received our "**Recognition of Commitment**" certificate from UNICEF. Along with this comes permission to use the UNICEF

logo on our letterheads, certificates and our website so that everyone can see we are a



Rights Respecting School.

Since May 2015, we have been working on this initiative, with classes creating their own charters with the articles pertinent to their class. We have also held assemblies to raise awareness of the rights of the child, have a steering group which presented to parents at our Open afternoon and

will be central to taking forward our plan to the next level. Well done to everyone for this great effort!

In the playground we had a wooden trail which we wanted removed as it was beginning to rot. **Blackwells**, who are building on the site just beyond our school, came to our aid. During the holidays, they came down with men and machines and removed the bulk of the wood. We are very grateful to them as this would have been a costly business otherwise. Thank you to William Spence and the men involved.

Many of us have enjoyed a day out to Ballater, so I am sure we are all upset and concerned about the flood devastation that has happened there this winter.

Each term, as a school, we decide on a charity to support and whether it is local, national or international. This term we have decided to support the **Ballater Flood Appeal**, as a number of our pupils have had a caravan holiday there or know someone from there, making our efforts very relevant. Let's hope we have seen the last of the torrential rain this winter!

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