

# PASSPORT TO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



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## Welcome to Smithycroft's Global Citizenship Bulletin!

We are working towards attaining UNICEF's Rights Respecting School award. Through this process, we have realised that our school does many things on a day to day basis promote children's rights and connect our classroom learning to issues in the wider world.

This newsletter will act as a snapshot into the brilliant work of our young people.



## Great Smithy Bake Off and Malawi Take Off

The Home Economics department are stirring up our breaktime routine through a bake sale for Macmillan Cancer Care. As a school, we are trying to get staff and students involved in raising awareness and funds for those who need it. We're certainly looking forward to the cake but we're also keen to raise some money for charity in the process!

Also, the Home Economics department have been working tirelessly to promote healthy food and nutrition. In the 'Fakeaway' cooking club, students learn how to recreate their favourite fast food with healthier ingredients! The latest delicious recipe was for Pizza and you can see the results

for yourself. By learning how to cook, our young people are developing real skills for a healthier future.

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We believe that every child has the right to help if they have been hurt, neglected or badly treated and that every child has the right to an education. As well as developing this ethos in our own school our young people know it is important to look at how we can try to help children across the world, access these same rights.

Our Deputy Head teacher and Modern Studies specialist, Mrs Kerr is doing just that on her

current trip to Malawi. The city wide project aims to help provide education, classroom materials and food to Blantyre's children in conjunction with Mary's Meals. In addition to this, the group will participate in training adults in the community to cook and provide the simple meals and keep the project going. This valuable work was partially funded by the generosity of our own young people through a 'Come as you please' day where the school was encouraged to wear bright colours inspired by African culture and you can see how it brightened up the place!

## Pupil Voice – Duke of Edinburgh

Elizabeth Wands

### What inspired you to take part in Duke of Edinburgh?

I wanted to take part in Duke of Edinburgh because it seemed interesting and it's something totally different for me to do. I think it's a good way to take part in something outside of the classroom while working with my friends from school.

### Which voluntary work are you thinking of taking on as part of this process?

I was thinking of how I could give back to the school and I plan to help at the school Study Hub. The Study Hub is a program in the school where people can go and get help with homework and have a quiet place to study. I think this would be a good way to volunteer because I have more experience in the subjects and I'll be able to help tutor younger students.

### How do you think the Duke of Edinburgh scheme helps educate young people?

I think the scheme gets young people out of school for a different

type of learning. You learn more about the outside world and you get a practical experience. It's totally different from classroom teaching and you can learn about nature and the world we live in.

### What makes you most excited about the program?

I'm most excited about the outdoor part of it. We get to go camping and hiking and I'm interested to see what that will be like. It's a little bit out of my comfort zone as it's all something totally different that I haven't done before.

