

AIR ACTION PROJECT 2018-19

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY (ARTICLE 12)

As a Silver Level Rights Respecting School, working to achieve our Global Goals, Glade Primary have been involved this year in an innovative quality project called **Redbridge Air Action** and we are excited to announce that we have been invited to present our findings at a final Celebration Assembly on 6th June.

Redbridge Air Action launched in 2016 aiming to use Student-led research and campaign activities to:

- reduce child exposure to poor air quality
- increase walking, cycling and the use of public transport in the borough
- reduce the number of car trips to and from schools

Over the three-year period of the project, eighteen schools have taken part and so this assembly will showcase all the work that has taken place across the borough.

Class 5J, Article 12 and our school choir will join students from four other schools, who participated this year (2018-19), to showcase how they worked to investigate local air pollution levels around their schools, and then communicated their findings to the rest of the school communities. There will be speeches from dignitaries and partners, as well as displays of work carried out during year 1 and 2 of the project. We will post pictures on our website after this wonderful event, where we can have our voices heard.

Air pollution harms not only the environment but also people's health and wellbeing; it can cause serious health problems and reduce quality of life. Poor air quality impacts most on vulnerable people such as the elderly, young children and those with heart and lung problems, causing respiratory disorders and aggravating asthma.

Raising awareness of air pollution (UNCRC Article 12) can help protect those most vulnerable to the associated health impacts and help us all adapt our behaviour by making lifestyle changes to reduce exposure (UNCRC Articles 6,24,27,29).

We would like to remind parents about our request to help us to have a cleaner environment by reducing emissions from fuel use. If you have to use the car, try not to drive all the way to school, as this adds to the amount of air pollution in the local area, especially at the school gates. Park outside the **5 - MINUTE WALKING ZONE (See School Map)** and walk the rest of the journey to school. This way you get some exercise and the street outside the school is safer because it has less traffic. We would also like to remind you not to let your engines idle as you wait to pick up your children, as this too adds to the pollution levels.

Together, we can work towards ensuring we have a cleaner, healthier, happier environment!

