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Greenwood Pupils Wow Audience at Rights Respecting Schools Concert

A large number of pupils from Greenwood Academy's Rights Respecting School Group put on a fabulous concert for parents, teachers and other members of our local community. The concert took place on Wednesday 20th of September and had a massive turnout of over 250 people, some who even sat on the stairs of the bleachers to watch the performance. The money from the tickets, raffle and other donations went to two worthy causes, The Teenage Cancer Trust and UNICEF. Many pupils from each cluster primary school made their way along to perform a song they had been practising. This brought along a large number of parents and teachers from outside of Greenwood to come and show support. It also helps introduce the values of the school and what we do to older primary pupils who are moving into secondary. Each performance was dedicated to a right which comes from the UNCRC – The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Some groups also used a video during their performance to show where the money would be going and who it would help. There was a variety of different performances from the Vocal Ensemble, Greenwood Folk Group, Concert Performers and solos from Ryan Lai and myself; Gillian Thorpe.

The RRS has had great success over the years raising money for brilliant causes which have helped to save the lives of children. Every once in a while, a couple of members would go around to collect spare change which throughout the year would mount to a great amount of money which would be donated to UNICEF. Although the RRS has been around for a while, there was never an official annual event held by the group. The first Rights Respecting School Concert took place in 2016. This was arranged by a much smaller group of pupils, many who were juniors at the time. The concert is currently the only event in Greenwood that involves the primary schools and since then, all of the primary schools now have ambassadors that attend regular meetings and represent for their school. Since the introduction of the RRS concert, the group has nearly doubled in size as many people want to join the RRS. Many junior and senior pupils attended the first concert and were eager to get involved. We still give assemblies to each year group in hope to expand the group even further.

The success of the concert has helped to raise a great amount of money. The RRS is continuing to grow and hopefully will be able to hold many more events in the future. To keep up to date with the RRS and Greenwood, follow the accounts on Twitter for regular posts about what is going on in the school. @Greenwood_RRS @Greenwood_Acad

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