



Children as Philosophers

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Dear families,

As mentioned in Newsletter 4 (31/10/17), we are pleased to announce that a new *Erasmus+* project is underway entitled 'Children as Philosophers'. This exciting new European project aims to promote and offer an innovative methodology within the practice of philosophy with children. It aims to develop children's ability to accept differences and similarities and to live in a world in which diversity and tolerance are the norm. We are excited to be working again with some old friends (The ELF School in Romania, Stiftelesen Onums Friskola in Sweden and *LEAP* in the UK), as well as new European partners in Italy, Bulgaria and Germany.

'Children as Philosophers' (CAPs) is a Key Action 2 project and staff from our school will work with colleagues from other countries to innovate and modernise practice through the acquisition of new teaching methodologies and pedagogical approaches. The results of the project will be disseminated and shared across - and outside of - the partnership and a training package will be created based on the key principles of philosophy with children.

This project will involve all the children in the school who will receive a very brief, child-friendly questionnaire (led by a team of children) after P4C sessions. The results of these questionnaires will be collated, analysed and reported into the Erasmus+ project where, alongside the results from Romania, Sweden, Germany, Italy and Bulgaria, they will contribute to the overall final European report. The wellbeing of the child is of paramount importance and confidentiality and anonymity will be maintained throughout. You have the right to withdraw your child from this research at any time and I will be happy to address any concerns you may have. The data which is gathered will be confidential and a synopsis of the data (if required) will of course be available upon completion of the project.

If you do not want your child to participate in this project, please contact me by Wednesday 20th December 2017. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to find me in Class 5.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Bastin
(Year 5 teacher)