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To all the children at Heathland School

I would like to thank you all for making me so welcome when I came to visit your school on 7th July 2014.

During my visit I was given an informative tour of your school, attended two assemblies and was impressed with your interesting playground and outside area with your playground charter. I met with some of your classmates and spoke with some of your teachers and parents. I also had meetings with your Executive Head teacher, Associate Head and Deputy Head. It was wonderful to hear all that you have been doing to learn about 'rights' and how well you feel listened to. The adults are very proud of you, and all that you are doing to become active citizens.

I enjoyed looking at all your charters and displays and hearing about how these remind you of the importance of respecting the rights of every child. I also learnt of the work you have done to support the work of UNICEF and local charities.

When I met with groups of you separately, you were able to tell me why respect for rights is important, and how you work together at school to achieve this. You explained to me that the Convention is for all children everywhere and so everyone should be able to enjoy their rights.

As a result of what I saw and heard, I am delighted to tell you that **Heathland School is a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, Level 1**. Many congratulations!

I hope you will continue moving forward as champions of children's rights in your own communities, and inspire other schools to get involved. I also hope that you will continue to work alongside UNICEF to help all children to know about and enjoy their rights.

Once again, thank you for sharing your time and your successes.

With thanks and every good wish

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