Current Affairs at West Green

At West Green we have a commitment to helping our children develop into responsible, respectful and socially conscious citizens contributing positively to their communities. As such we are proud to offer our children a weekly Current Affairs lesson using the *Votes for Schools* platform. Each week our children are introduced to a topical discussion topic through which they are supported to participate in open, informed and balanced debate. They then decide where they stand on each issue and cast a vote. Their vote is entered into a database where they can see how it compares to other children's views across the country. Their vote is also passed on to figures and organisations of influence who, in turn, provide feedback and insight on how their voices are making a difference to policy, attitudes and awareness.

The *Votes for Schools* programme supports us to:
-help our children understand the most pressing current national and global issues in a way that is accessible, age appropriate, non-judgemental, balanced and inclusive.
-teach topical elements of the PSHCE curriculum and promote core British values
-help our children feel like they belong and thrive by making their voices heard and supporting them to see themselves as global citizens and change-makers.
- develop our children's oracy, listening, discussion and critical thinking skills

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