

# The McCabe Educational Trust

## Children's Rights

Towards a friendly environment  
that is non-violent



As a result of a truly innovative project at Jeel, parents are getting involved in school policy, and children are arbitrating on disputes both between students and between students and teachers. It is all very progressive and exciting - particularly set against the cultural background in Palestine.

The project began with the children completing a confidential questionnaire evaluating their school in terms of children's rights and violence. Results were analysed and this gave us an insight into the gaps that exist at Jeel which in turn helped us set school rules for the coming year.

Children's rights will now be taught as part of the Jeel curriculum. In addition we have conducted intensive sessions with the parents. Another new initiative is that we have set up a group of children who will intervene and try to find solutions in disputes among peers. This specially chosen group have been trained in conflict resolution and negotiating, and it will now be up to them to try to come up with their own solutions.

All of this is new and experimental. The project will definitely bring Jeel to the next level.

Najwa writes: "None of this would have been possible without the collaborative work of everybody involved. We are so proud of our staff who are dedicated and work from the heart. This has been commented on by the Faisal Husseini Foundation who work with many local schools. They say the dedication of staff and children at Jeel is unrivalled. We are so proud to hear this.

**There is success at Jeel  
because there is a willingness to succeed"**

Find more information on the Faisal Husseini Foundation and Edward Said Conservatory on their websites

[www.fhfpal.org](http://www.fhfpal.org)    [www.ncm.birzeit.edu/en](http://www.ncm.birzeit.edu/en)

A special **thank you** to McCabe pilgrims who helped us raise £48,691 during April and May making a total of £128,065 raised so far this year.

For more information about our work, do have a look at the Trust pages on the McCabe website.



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