

Anti-bullying Newsletter - November 2022

Here at Boldmere Junior School, we are committed to promoting friendship and community values that encourage the support of all members of our school community. If students have any concerns regarding bullying or unkind comments, they are encouraged to speak directly to a trusted adult at school or home. Recognising the importance of communicating these concerns, we have also 'borrowed' an idea we liked in another school and created an email address that will enable parents / carers (and potentially children themselves with parental support) to directly report any bullying concerns. This email account will be monitored by the school's designated safeguarding leaders. The address is antibullying@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.



Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It will take place from 14 to 18 November 2022 and has the theme Reach Out.

Outcomes and actions from our recent parent / carer survey :

1. We are currently in the process of reviewing and updating our behaviour and anti-bullying policies.
2. We are placing a high importance on Anti-bullying week with the focus on helping all our pupils know where they can get support.
3. Staff professional development around behaviour management and the consistent application of our behaviour policy.
4. We will be carrying out pupil voice within this area to see how we can further support pupils within our school.

Here is some of what we are doing in school this week...

Monday 14th November: Odd socks day!

We have invited all children and staff to wear odd socks to send out the message that we are all unique and celebrate our individuality.

Wednesday 16th November: Values assembly

Our assembly this week will centre around the theme of anti-bullying and reaching out.

Our Curriculum: Throughout the week we will spend some time talking about anti-bullying and the theme 'Reach out'.

Resources for Parents and Carers:

The Anti-bullying alliance have worked with Kidscape to develop a tool for parent and carers to help them support their children and bring Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out to life.

Here is the link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

If you are worried about bullying and need some advice or support you can contact the Kidscape Parent Advice Line. You can find out more about it at: www.kidscape.org.uk.