



NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2017



Hi and welcome to the Leicestershire Anti-bullying Team's Autumn Term newsletter.

National News...

Anti-Bullying Week 2017



Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is 'All Different, All Equal', with the aim of empowering children and young people to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique. This year, the Anti-Bullying Alliance would like schools to get involved in '**Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week**'. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality but to raise awareness. We hope that schools in Leicestershire will join in this fun and simple campaign.

There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!

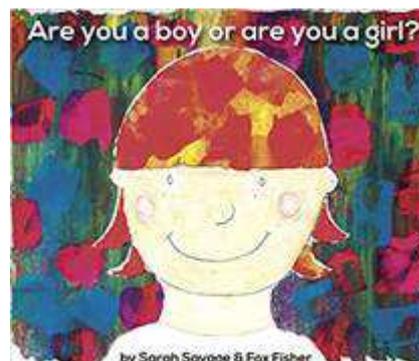
As in previous years, the Anti-Bullying Team are providing assembly ideas around this year's theme for both primary and secondary schools. They can be found on our website, along with more ideas for your school to take part in Anti-Bullying Week: <http://www.beyondbullying.com/anti-bullying-week-2017.html>

We love to hear what schools are doing during Anti-Bullying Week so please email/tweet us and we will re-tweet and possibly even feature schools on our website and newsletter!

Stonewall resources for Anti-Bullying Week

This year, Stonewall have also produced resources around the theme 'All Different, All Equal'.

For primary schools, they have developed a lesson plan based on the book 'Are you a boy or are you a girl?' By Sarah Savage and Fox Fisher, and for secondary schools they have created an assembly which schools can use as is or adapt. You can find the resources here: <http://www.beyondbullying.com/anti-bullying-week-2017.html>



Local News...

Anti-Bullying Week Competition

We are excited to be holding a competition this year for Leicestershire Schools.

We would like young people to design a poster to advertise Leicestershire's Anti-Bullying Team website and Twitter account.

The winning poster (or elements from a number of winning entries) will be used as promotional material at events to help spread the Beyond Bullying word!

For more information, please follow the link to our website: <http://www.beyondbullying.com/anti-bullying-week-2017.html>

Surveys

We are asking Leicestershire schools once again to take part in our annual Anti-Bullying Week surveys. Following feedback on previous years, we have edited and reduced the survey to try and encourage more schools to take part. The surveys are online and should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. This year we are opening the target age ranges to KS2 and KS3 so we hope you will find the time to take part. These surveys enable us to gather anti-bullying data across the county and as we send each school their own data and that of the county as a whole, it is a great way for you to gather data and compare year on year. The links will be live on our website soon so please keep checking! <http://www.beyondbullying.com/anti-bullying-week-2017.html>

Training

'Celebrating Difference and Diversity; Preventing and Tackling Homophobic, Biphobic and Transphobic (HBT) Bullying'

We are supporting some free training during Anti-Bullying Week for Leicestershire County Council's wider children's workforce (staff who work directly or indirectly with young people, schools and families). This will take place on Thursday 16th November 2017. Bookings can be made by emailing sue.bosley@leics.gov.uk.

Lead Anti-Bullying Governor training.

Wednesday 15th November 2017

This training has been developed in response to anti-bullying lead governors requesting specialist input and support to effectively undertake their role as lead anti-bullying Governor. For further information and/or to book, please complete and return the booking form on our website: <http://www.beyondbullying.com/news.html>

'No Outsiders' pilot project

This academic year, we are very excited to be working with Leicester City Council on a pilot called No Outsiders. The pilot involves 4 county and 5 city primary schools and the aim is to help them teach children about the Equality Act through age-appropriate picture books. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project and you can find out more about No Outsiders here: <http://www.equalitiesprimary.com/about-us.html>



Don't forget we have our own Leicestershire anti-bullying Twitter account [@BeyondLCC](https://twitter.com/BeyondLCC)

We try and follow as many Leicestershire schools as possible and encourage you to follow us back for up to date information, advice and training dates. We will also do our best to re-tweet good anti-bullying news stories so make sure you tag us!