



NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2015



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

National News...

Anti-bullying Week 2015

This year's campaign theme is 'Make a Noise about bullying' We now have FREE assemblies for primary and secondary schools on our website.

Also, the Leicestershire anti-bullying surveys are now LIVE on the website, to be completed by years 4 and 8. They will remain live until 4th December, after which your school will receive your own results back and also those for the whole county to enable you to make comparisons. Keep checking the page for further information and resources:

<http://www.beyondbullying.com/anti-bullying-week-2015.html>



Make a NOISE about bullying

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

The Anti-Bullying Alliance also have Anti-Bullying Week ideas and resources on their website:

<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/>

Whatever you are doing in your schools to raise awareness of bullying during Anti Bullying Week, please let us know as we love to hear what's going on in Leicestershire and share good practice on our website/Twitter feed. We might even come along to some of your events!

Email us at caroline.harbison@leics.gov.uk or telephone 0116 3055124

You can also follow **#antibullyingweek** for more inspiration and to help the week trend on social media.

Stonewall School Champions programme

Stonewall are a national organisation who campaign for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Leicestershire County Council have been working closely with Stonewall for the past few years to help our schools tackle homophobic, bi-phobic and transphobic bullying. Schools that take part on Stonewall's Train the Trainer courses automatically receive **Stonewall School Champion** status. By becoming a School Champion, your school will receive benefits such as age appropriate resources, seminars for staff and support and guidance from Stonewall's Education Team in preventing and tackling HBT bullying. For further information, please visit <http://www.stonewall.org.uk/get-involved/education/primary-school-champions-programme> (primary) or <http://www.stonewall.org.uk/get-involved/education/secondary-school-champions-programme> (secondary).

Local News...

Leicestershire climb the Stonewall Education Index ladder!

We are delighted to have come 9th in the Stonewall Education Index programme for 2014/2015.

Last year Leicestershire County Council made it to number 10 so we are aiming higher every year and hope to improve on this ranking in 2015/2016...watch this space!

Beyond Bullying Awards

16 Leicestershire schools successfully gained the Beyond Bullying Award last academic year so very well done to all! We hope all the hard work will continue to have a positive impact on the experiences and education of all the children and young people involved either directly or indirectly. We held our celebration event at the National Space Centre on 1st July where staff and pupil representatives from all the successful schools received their certificates and participated in some interactive feedback from the year.



2014/15 Beyond Bullying award schools with BBC Radio Leicester

Going forward into the new academic year, we have 22 schools signed up to work towards our award and we look forward to working with them all.

Training

Lead anti-bullying Governor training, 19th November 2015

This training has been developed in response to anti-bullying lead governors requesting specialist input and support to effectively undertake this role.

For more information on the above training and to book a place, please visit:

<http://www.beyondbullying.com/trainingcoursesandconferences.html>

Leicestershire have been involved in piloting some free training around homophobic, bi-phobic and transphobic bullying through SRE.

We have also been working with the Anti-Bullying Alliance over the past few months to provide free training to schools, parents and the wider children's workforce around bullying and SEND. These courses were all well attended and feedback has been positive. Thanks to all who attended and we hope you find the learning and materials useful in your settings.