



# NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2016



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

## National News...

### Anti-bullying Week 2016

This year's campaign theme is 'Power for Good'. The key aims are to support children and young people, parents/carers and school staff to use their **Power for Good** – by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible.

Keep checking our website in the new term for more information and ideas on how your school can take part: [www.beyondbullying.com](http://www.beyondbullying.com)



## Local News...

### Leicestershire climb the Stonewall Education Equality Index ladder!

We are delighted to have climbed 3 places to come 6th in this year's Stonewall Education Equality Index programme.

Stonewall's Education Equality Index showcases local authorities that excel at celebrating difference, preventing and tackling homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying in schools and supporting LGBT young people within their local communities. Councillor Ivan Ould, Leicestershire Council cabinet member for children and families, said: "Securing a top 10 spot for three years in a row is a reflection of the high-quality work of the anti-bullying team. Through innovative and effective approaches, we're working with schools to improve children's lives. and I'm really pleased the team is continuing to receive national praise."

We were very proud to hear the announcement at Stonewall's Education Equality Index on 8th July and enjoyed hearing from Gok Wan, who spoke about his experiences of being gay in Leicestershire, where he grew up.



## Beyond Bullying Awards

22 Leicestershire schools successfully gained the Beyond Bullying Award this year so very well done to all! We hope all the hard work will continue to have a positive impact on the experiences and well being of all the children and young people involved either directly or indirectly. We held our celebration event at the National Space Centre on 29th June where staff and pupil representatives from all the successful schools received their certificates and participated in some interactive feedback from the year.



We already have a good number of schools signed up to work towards our award in the new academic year and we look forward to working with them all. If you would like to register your school or find out more information, please email [sue.bosley@leics.gov.uk](mailto:sue.bosley@leics.gov.uk) or [caroline.harbison@leics.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.harbison@leics.gov.uk).

We will be holding a briefing event for new schools starting the award from **2.45-5pm** at **County Hall** on **Wednesday 7th September 2016**.

## Training

### Lead anti-bullying Governor training, 13th October 2016

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

### Peer support training for primary schools, 3rd November 2016

If you are looking to introduce a peer support scheme in your school or re-develop an existing scheme - this course will give staff the skills and tools to undertake the training with the children.

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

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

## Other news...

We are hoping to organise a conference during Anti-Bullying Week in November around equalities and homophobic, bi-phobic and transphobic bullying so keep an eye out for updates!