



# NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2015



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

## National News...

### Anti-bullying Week 2015

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have announced that the theme for Anti-Bullying Week this year will be 'Make a Noise about bullying', with the **#antibullyingweek**, so get your thinking caps on nice and early for ways your school/setting can take part!

ABA will be working in partnership with **Wicked** to share the Make a Noise about bullying message through a prestigious and inspirational competition for children and young people in schools and colleges in England.

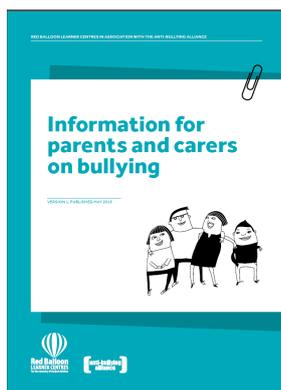
Schools and colleges are invited to submit entries on behalf of their students in six categories.

One winner in each category will win tickets to see **Wicked** at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London, and will win one of the following prizes dependent on the category entered: Individual – up to 4 tickets; Group – up to 10 tickets; School - up to 300 tickets. The competition closes at 5pm on Wednesday 30th September. For more information on how to enter, including the terms and conditions, visit: [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/abw](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/abw). For more information about **Wicked** visit [www.wickedthemusical.co.uk](http://www.wickedthemusical.co.uk).

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**NOISE**  
about bullying

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

**WICKED**  
THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WITCHES OF OZ



### Information for parents and carers on bullying

The Anti-Bullying Alliance and Red Balloon Learner Centres have worked in partnership to produce 'Information for Parents and Carers on Bullying' (pdf document). The guide includes advice on supporting children with bullying issues, information on bullying and the law, and guidance on how to make a complaint about bullying. Follow the link below for this document and for further information:

<http://www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/parents-carers/>

## Local News...

### Beyond Bullying Awards



We currently have 15 new schools working towards the award and 9 schools renewing theirs after 3 years. We are now taking names of schools wishing to work towards the award for the new academic year 2015/2016. For more information, or to register your interest, please contact Caroline Harbison: [caroline.harbison@leics.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.harbison@leics.gov.uk) / 01163055124 or Sue Bosley: [sue.bosley@leics.gov.uk](mailto:sue.bosley@leics.gov.uk) / 01163055125.

### Addressing homophobic, biphobic and transphobic (HBT) bullying through sex and relationships education (SRE).

For pupils to feel safe to learn it is vital that they develop core relationship values and skills and have an age-appropriate understanding of family diversity, human sexuality and gender identity. Schools' actions to address prejudice-based bullying are also something that Ofsted may ask about.

We are working with the Sex Education Forum and Healthy Schools to provide a number of FREE training opportunities for Leicestershire schools. The first two dates are June 17th (secondary) and June 30th (primary). Please see the flyer on our website for more information or to book. Places will be limited to two per setting and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. <http://www.beyondbullying.com/trainingcoursesandconferences.html>

### Leicestershire to become an Anti-Bullying Alliance SEN/D champion area.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance will work with Leicestershire County Council and Leicester City Council from 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016 on a programme, funded by the Department for Education, to establish champion areas at reducing the bullying of disabled children and those with SEN in schools. Free sessions for schools, the wider children's workforce and parents/carers will be available from September. Please keep an eye on our website and on Twitter for updates: [@BeyondLcc](http://www.beyondbullying.com)

### Follow us on Twitter!



We are very pleased to have our own Twitter account @BeyondLCC so please find and follow us for up to date information and news.

## Training

### Peer Support Training for Primary Schools

10th June 2015

Research shows that often the first person a child turns to for support is a friend. As such, many schools now have some form of peer support in place. 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 training with the children.

For further information and/or to book a place on this training, please visit our website:

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