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Anti-Bullying Newsletter – December 2017



Welcome to our December Anti-Bullying newsletter!

Here at Howley Grange we have had a busy half term educating and promoting Anti-Bullying. Policies have been reviewed, buddies have received training, our Digital Leaders have worked with students from Newman College on a cyber-bullying project and the whole school has taken part in Anti-Bullying Week. Read on to find out more information about our exciting activities.

Anti-bullying policy

Our Anti-Bullying policy has been reviewed by the Anti-Bullying steering group and is now available to view on our school website. You can also see the Anti-Bullying policy written by our buddies for children.



The 'Anti-Bullying Buddies' have now completed their training and have been out on the playground wearing their hi-vis jackets. They have been organising games, looking after children who have hurt themselves, giving company to those who are feeling lonely and helping to sort out any arguments between friends.

Here is how the Buddies feel they have been supporting their peers...

"After the training, I feel more confident to talk to and help people."

"I have helped children who have fallen over or had arguments with their friends."

"I feel that after the training I had, I have the skills to help other children"

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Creativity In Action

Following their recent training, the anti-bullying buddies visited classes and also digital leaders and taught them about how to be proactive in preventing bullying. The digital leaders then worked with a group of trainee teachers from Newman University as part of 'Creativity in action' week to create a short animation, which required them to apply their knowledge about anti-bullying.

The digital leaders created Anti from junk before incorporating him into their animation. All scripts, voice overs, editing and directing was completed by the children themselves. A really powerful story that we can learn from. Three cheers for Anti -the anti-bullying robot, who now lives outside of Miss Lewis' office awaiting any bullying concerns.



Anti-Bullying week

We had a brilliant anti-bullying week! We started the week with assemblies led by Miss Lewis. The Anti-Bullying buddies visited each class to introduce themselves and do some fun activities. Each year group then continued the anti-bullying theme by completing a variety of art projects. We finished off the week by wearing odd socks to show that we are all different but all equal.



Useful links for Anti-bullying:

Anti-Bullying Alliance for Parents:

<http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/parents-carers/anti-bullying-tool-for-parents/>

Anti-Bullying Alliance for Children:

<http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/children-young-people/>

Our Online Safety page:

<http://www.howleygrange.co.uk/parents/esafety-for-parents.html>



More information on our progress towards the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark will be available next half term.



We are aiming for bronze – watch this space!

If you have concerns that your child may be being bullied, please contact your class teacher immediately, so that we can tackle the problem and ensure all our pupils are safe and happy.