



Anti-Bullying Parents' Gazette.

Anti-Bullying week at St Joseph's: 29th January- 2nd February



At the end of Anti-Bullying Week, we want to raise awareness across the whole school community, to share highlights and key messages with you. **Delivering Cyber-Bullying Messages: Keeping children safe online.**



We recognise the increasing role that technology and social media plays in the lives of children. Our safeguarding responsibility, is to respond to the potential for tragic consequences linked to various forms of online bullying, as well as embracing the many advantages that technology brings our children. The Parent's Survey indicates that this is an area of growing parental concern.

We addressed children's knowledge gaps and delivered key messages, through a highly effective One Day Creative workshop across Key Stage 1 and 2, as **one part** of our work on this. This entertaining, drama performance delivered many important messages about anti-bullying and cyber-bullying, in a memorable and accessible way. Key messages such as, 'what to do if a stranger asked for your personal details?' were addressed in a sensitive, child-friendly way, receiving rave reviews from the children: "It taught me some great tips on how to use the internet safely so this will help me in the future. I think it was a great play!" (Katie Y6)



We started the week by wearing Odd Socks to school and attending our School Council led assembly, serenaded by Bruno Mars '**You Are Amazing Just the Way You Are.**' The song's message reinforces that each of us is valuable, distinct and unique and that our differences should be celebrated. This key message was underlined by our School Council's role play, based at the 'Exactly The Same School', What a drab world it would be if we were all exactly the same! We pledged to make a positive impact on someone today.



Each year group continued this discussion with further work in their classroom, making friendship sticks, film clips, drama, producing anti-bullying posters and class promises.

A key word across school is **S.T.O.P!** for three different reasons:

"**Stop** it, I don't like it!" asserting your wish for someone to stop.

"**Several times on purpose**" our definition of bullying actions.

"**Start telling other people**" warn the bully that you will tell another person.

Useful anti-bullying clips can be found on BBC Newsround website.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13906808> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/24983350>

Useful websites for parents include: www.beatbullying.org/ www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk

Please see the school website for further information including our Anti-Bullying Policy and always feel free to contact class teachers or Miss Milivojevic or Mrs Ward, if you have any concerns.