



Wise Up School Awards 2017

...celebrating the work of Warrington's schools in raising awareness of the message to stop bullying and report hate crime



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The Wise Up initiative is led by the **Warrington Hate Crime and Incident Partnership Board**, supported by **Warrington Borough Council** and **Cheshire Police**. The scheme was launched in 2014 to promote awareness of hate crime in schools and to reward actions to combat bullying and hate crime.

The **2017 Wise Up School Awards** took place on Wednesday 15 February 2017 at the Gateway where the Mayor of Warrington made presentations to pupils. 19 Warrington schools were acknowledged for their fantastic work in tackling bullying and hate crime. The Police and Crime Commissioner, David Keane attended the event and addressed the audience. Councillor Jean Carter, Executive Board Member for Children's Services also attended the event.

All of the schools that entered demonstrated that they understood the importance of creating a safe environment in their school, where children can be free of bullying, especially those who may have a disability, be from another ethnic background or religion, have a different sexual orientation (LGB) or were transgender or gender non-conforming.

This booklet highlights the excellent work they do in tackling Hate Crime. Good practice includes having school policies on tackling bullying and hate crime, school assemblies, anti-bullying weeks, celebrations of diversity and building, and an understanding of equality into the curriculum.

Statement from Steve Peddie, Hate Crime Partnership:

"At a time when, sadly, hate crime – most of which is committed by adults – is again on the increase, we are proud to support the work of our younger citizens who are setting an example of tolerance and openness to all of us. A big thank you to them and to our Warrington school teachers for supporting the Wise Up campaign and our anti-hate crime message"

Statement from Cllr Jean Carter, Executive Board member for children and young people's services:

"Hate crime and bullying can have a very damaging impact on children, families and communities, so it's really heartening to see so many schools taking part in this initiative, It's a fantastic scheme and there are some really impressive projects being undertaken in Warrington schools which we want to celebrate

All schools in Warrington have robust policies in place to tackle hate crime and bullying and it is vital that tackling these issues continues to be a high priority to protect our children."

Warrington Hate Crime & Incident Partnership brings together Warrington Borough Council, Cheshire Police as well as health services, schools, colleges and the voluntary sector. It aims to tackle hate crime by raising awareness of the issue, encouraging reporting of incidents, and supporting victims.

Hate crime occurs when someone is targeted because of their race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability. Further information can be found at www.warrington.gov.uk/info/201136/crime_support_and_prevention/380/hate_crime

Here are some snippets of what the schools shared with us.

Do you know what a hate crime is?

- ...people judging others by their skin colour
- ...treating people badly because of the way they look
- ...when people pick on others because they think they are different
- ...hate crime can involve name-calling, cyberbullying or sometimes physical attacks
- ...when an individual is judging you by your race, religion, sexuality or appearance and is prejudice towards you because of these factors
- ...a type of bullying where people are targeted because of their race, religion, sexuality or disability

Do you know how to report bullying or hate crime?

- ...tell a trusted adult or a teacher
- ...call ChildLine
- ...report it to my mum/dad or carer
- ...tell a teacher, the police, friends, - someone you trust
- ...use a dedicated email address for students
- ...pastoral leaders or student support
- ...ChildLine, Beatbullying, Anti-bullying Alliance, NSPCC or Kidscape
- ...peer mentors, pastoral care, head of house

Do you understand how bullying and hate crime affects the victim?

- ...won't concentrate on school work and can be really upset
- ...might not want to come into school
- ...feel really lonely and sad
- ...scared, anxious, alone and worried
- ...depressed and neglected
- ...feel like the world is against them
- ...can affect people emotionally and mentally
- ...people may harm themselves

Beamont Academy High School

Beamont High School have a 'bully busters' team that is promoted in the school. This highlights how students can report bullying and Hate Crime. TV screens are used to display messages about bullying.

Students can learn about tolerance and British values through their RESPECT programme. This takes place during tutor times where they follow a timetable of activities. Students are encouraged to use a dedicated email address if they see or experience hate crime.

At the school there are 3 pastoral support workers who are there to also support students.

During anti-bullying week they held assemblies and the Police went into the school to talk about e-safety. Counsellors from 'KOOH' also went into the school.

Bridgewater High School

At Bridgewater High School there are 80 anti-bullying ambassadors who raise awareness of bullying issues. Ambassadors are involved in a wide range of activities including delivering PSHE sessions to other students, planning events, delivering school assemblies and coming up with new ideas to help raise the profile of hate crime.

Ambassadors designed a survey that is due to be sent out to all pupils. Information from this survey will show them where they need to do more work. Results will be reported back to senior staff and safeguarding governors at the school.

At this year's anti-bullying Conference balloons and stickers were designed and handed out to pupils. Throughout the day pupils were given advice on where to seek help and suggest improvements for the schools anti bullying work. The local Police and Wolfie also attended the conference.

Looking ahead some other ideas they have come up with is a graffiti wall, launch of a new reporting system and revising their anti-bullying policy.

Brook Acre Primary School

Brook Acre Primary School take part in anti-bullying week and organise many events. Visitors such as the Police go into the school to raise awareness.

Within class each week they look at different themes and during PSHE students talk about issues relating to bullying. Pupils also watch video clips to show examples of hate crime and bullying

Christchurch CE Primary School

Christchurch held an anti-bullying week; activities included designing posters, competitions, awareness of cyber bullying and an anti-bullying song. The school also created friendship benches to create happiness and friendship.

Charity markets and cake stalls were held to raise money. Competitions included designing a 'speak bauble' at Christmas and a badge competition.

Adrian Derbyshire visited the school and spoke to children about his experiences and anti-hate messages. The school council produced an anti-bullying booklet for all children and parents.

Croft Primary School

School council members designed and created posters for an anti-bullying display in the school hall. In addition the school has an anti-bullying policy and have created a booklet for parents and pupils. Visitors also come into the school to make students aware of other cultures.

Great Sankey High School

Great Sankey High School took part in anti-bullying week and organised a wide range of activities to raise awareness of bullying and hate crime. The school offers many resources where a young person can go to if they are being bullied

Students came up with inspirational quotes to tackle bullying which were displayed on plasma screens around the school. Assemblies were held and they also followed the national themes exploring identity/hate crime and transgender issues.

The school had a presentation about the terrorist attacks in Paris. The students discussed how hate crime and Islamophobia hate crimes had increased. Students talked about what a hate crime is and how it can affect people.

Looking ahead they are busy designing posters for the Cheshire Police Hate Crime poster competition taking place in December.

Locking Stumps Primary School

This school has an anti-bullying policy and they raise awareness about bullying and hate crime through assemblies and workshops. During anti-bullying week they did an assembly on David and Goliath.

The Wise Up team and Stay Safe team have showed videos and acted scenes to highlight the different types of bullying. The Wise Up team also meet every week to discuss events.

In PHSE they work on different ways to prevent bullying. Their website is available to all children and can use a 'blow the whistle' button if children have any worries or concerns about bullying. Each term the school has different buddies to help children at lunch time. They also hold fund raising events and have raised money for a buddy bench.

Newchurch Community Primary School

Newchurch Community Primary School took part in anti-bullying week and raised awareness of issues surrounding bullying through assemblies, parent open mornings and stimulating lessons in the classroom. Some of the issues discussed were racism, stereo-typing and disability awareness.

Activities were also held for example making friendship bracelets, designing t-shirts and writing poetry.

Ravenbank Primary School

At Ravenbank Primary School they have lessons on bullying and hate crime. During these lessons they have watched You Tube clips, made posters and played games with red hats.

Visitors for example from the NSPCC are invited into the school and they use assemblies to talk about bullying.

St Gregory's High School

This school has an anti-bullying team and work hard to promote anti-bullying and hate crime. During anti-bullying week they designed a 'telling box' where students could post messages to celebrate good things that happen in the school and also any worries that they may have.

Drama students worked together and show cased a small piece in worship and Cheshire Police were also invited to extra assemblies.

Annual questionnaires are also distributed to all students and the results compile important statistics to measure the impact of the work the school does. The questionnaire also gives the opportunity for students to express any concerns they have, or if they are interested in becoming an anti-bullying ambassador.

St Lewis Catholic Primary

During anti-bullying week students wear something blue to raise money for ChildLine. Assemblies are also held and visitors go into the school to talk about anti-bullying and hate crime.

St Peter's Catholic Primary

Every year St Peters Catholic Primary School celebrate anti-bullying week through a variety of initiatives. They have organised workshops in each class and whole school assemblies with Altru Educations.

During anti-bullying week students can wear something blue to raise money for ChildLine. The anti-bullying policy is reviewed by all staff.

E-safety officers from Year 5 trained at Walton Hall on all aspects of e-safety. The school invites PCSOs, NSPCC into the school to talk about cyber-bullying, stranger danger and anti- social behaviour.

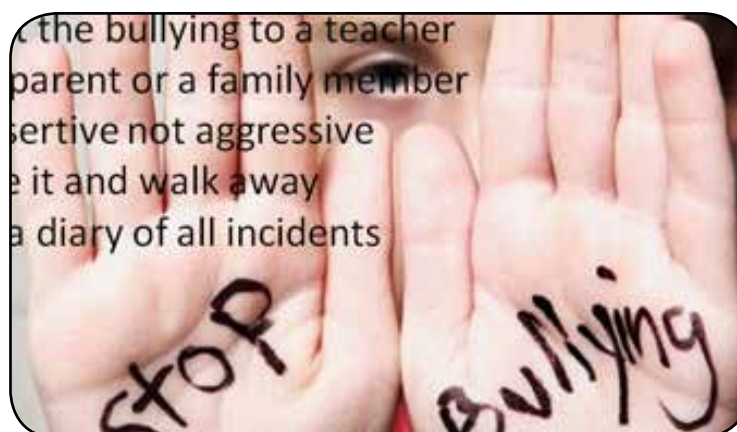
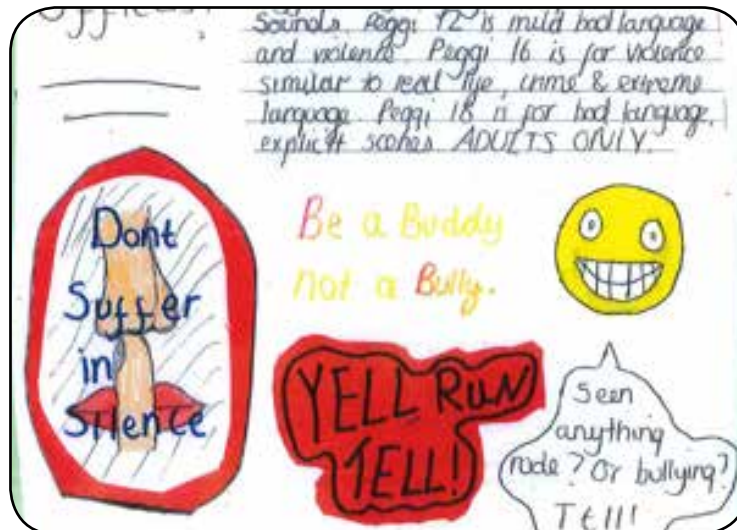
St Stephens Primary School

At this school they have safety officers and a worry box. In Drama they have explored different types of bullying by using cards and putting them in order of seriousness, each group then took turns to act them out. They also used role play and picked out key words.

Students have also worked in groups to create posters displaying what to do if they witnessed or experienced bullying. Friendships wreaths were also made to show the qualities of a good friend.

Do you raise awareness about bullying and hate crime in your school?

The Wise Up Awards evening highlighted how the schools raise awareness about Hate Crime. The images below showcase some of the brilliant work they do! (Images were selected at random)





Sir Thomas Bonker Church of England High School is an inclusive school that strives to create an environment where children feel safe and supported.

Our mission statement is 'Through God, we care' and this is reflected in our daily practice through Christian values.

By developing such a caring ethos built on respect, students have a clear sense of what is right and what is wrong. They have the knowledge that in our school we will not tolerate bullying of any kind, including prejudice based bullying on grounds of race, religion, gender and sexual orientation. Addressing such issues is something that the students themselves take very seriously. This was highlighted in a recent event where our Youth Commission Officers led on the delivery of a 6-Week Live lesson led up by Mr Robert of the Diocese Youth Commission. Such student involvement is not uncommon according to Head Roy Kirtner who says "School Ambassadors are taking a lead role in supporting younger students if ever there is a problem. It is not just down to the teachers." Deputy Head Sir Thomas Berry said "We do what we can to make sure that we resolve things quickly so everyone is happy in our school. Both Arthur and Tom are now in Year 11 and look like to reflect upon the journey of the school symposium."

Make a NOISE about bullying

fantastic, the teamwork is unbelievable. It is like we have our own special community, it's like a different place!"

Help and just some of the strategies that we adopt to ensure we reduce the risk of bullying:

- Providing a caring community in which students are encouraged to work together
- School Ambassadors in place to support the work of the school in preventing bullying
- Assemblies delivered by our skilled professionals or other professionals to encourage students to reflect on the issues surrounding Anti-Bullying Week, e-Safety Week and similar initiatives to reduce the risk of bullying through various mediums
- Students can also report any incidents via the online confidential reporting system called SHARP (School-Help Advice Reporting Portal) which

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St Thomas' Primary

St Thomas' Primary School hold assemblies on anti-bullying and these have included talks from the local PCSO. The take part in anti-bullying week and each pupil received a certificate of attendance.

Posters about bullying and hate crime can be seen around the school.

School safety and school council officers have attended a Power for Good Conference.

Stockton Heath Primary School

Stockton Heath Primary School has a policy on bullying and hate crime. During anti-bullying week they held assemblies and talks on safety and anti-bullying. They have worry boxes in the school are these are monitored and actioned.

Representatives from different communities have attended the school for example from the disability partnership, and Muslim and Christian communities. During disability awareness week the children learnt about different disabilities and played wheel chair rugby.

They have a whole school behaviour system in place and use a traffic light reward. The school also has a safeguarding team and children know who they can approach for home life as well as school life support.

Thelwall Junior School

This school takes part in anti-bullying week and link lessons to PSHE. As well as junior safety officers and e-safety officers they also have a buddy system for younger pupils.

Promotional materials include newsletters and posters, they have also made a film about bullying and hate crime.

Thomas Boteler High School

At Sir Thomas Boteler High School there is an anti-bullying website system called "sharp" where young people can report bullying anonymously. This means that bullying is closely monitored and victims are given support to overcome it. This has meant that bullying at Thomas Boteler has become less frequent.

Bullying is seen as a major priority to make sure students understand how important it is to be aware of other people's feelings and how using certain words of behaviours may cause offence whether intentionally or unintentionally. All students are taught that "everybody is equal", some students act as advocates for the more vulnerable students.

Useful contacts

Warrington Speak Up

The Gateway
89 Sankey Street
Warrington
01925 246 888

Warrington Speak Up is a community reporting centre.

Let's Stop Hate Crime - Warrington Hate Crime Strategy

Warrington Borough Council and Cheshire Police, working in partnership with partners from across the voluntary, public and private sectors are working to develop zero tolerance to hate crime in communities and supporting victims to a better and safer future.

Further information about the Hate Crime and Incident Partnership Board, progress in delivering the action plan, agendas and minutes of meetings can be found on the Warrington Together website www.warringtontogether.co.uk

Other ways to report hate crime

If you are a victim of, or witness a hate crime, as well as your school, you can also report it to the police on 999 or 101. Visit your local police station or local hate crime reporting centre. You can find a list of all centres in Warrington, and also report incidents online, at the police service site.

https://secure.met.police.uk/hatecrime_national/



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