



School Awards 2016

A celebration of initiatives to combat bullying and hate crime in Warrington

All of the schools featured in this document have won “Wise Up Awards” in 2016. These are awards given by Warrington’s Hate Crime and Incident Partnership Board which promotes awareness and understanding of hate crime in schools and rewards actions to combat bullying and hate crime.

Sir Thomas Boteler C of E High School

At Sir Thomas Boteler 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.

Students are frequently reminded of how important it is to be aware of other people’s feelings and how using certain words or behaviours may cause offence whether intentionally or unintentionally. **All students are taught that “everybody is equal”.**

Future actions include an inter students group where victims of bullying and hate crime can go to in private.

Bridgewater High School

At Bridgewater there are 70 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 for other schools and delivering school assemblies.

A competition was held for pupils to make a video on the theme of bullying, publicity included posters and mugs. Performing arts students created a short film about bullying called “make a noise” this was entered into a national competition.

In April 2015 Bridgewater held its second Anti-Bullying conference. Throughout the day pupils were given advice on where to seek help and suggest improvements for the schools anti bullying work. Adrian Derbyshire came to speak at the conference and he also spoke to 150 year nine pupils as part of the raising expectations day.

Chapelford Village Primary School

Chapelford held an anti-bullying assembly where they looked at a number of celebrities who had all been bullied at some point in their lives and how they had gone to achieve great things by believing in themselves and not letting the bullies win.



Chapelford designed anti-bullying posters and have undertaken training with Stonewall to address homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying. They are currently working towards a Stonewall award.

Buddy benches will be installed in playgrounds to encourage children to play with pupils who may be feeling left out or lonely.

Chapelford are “one big family with a loving school which supports rather than judges”.

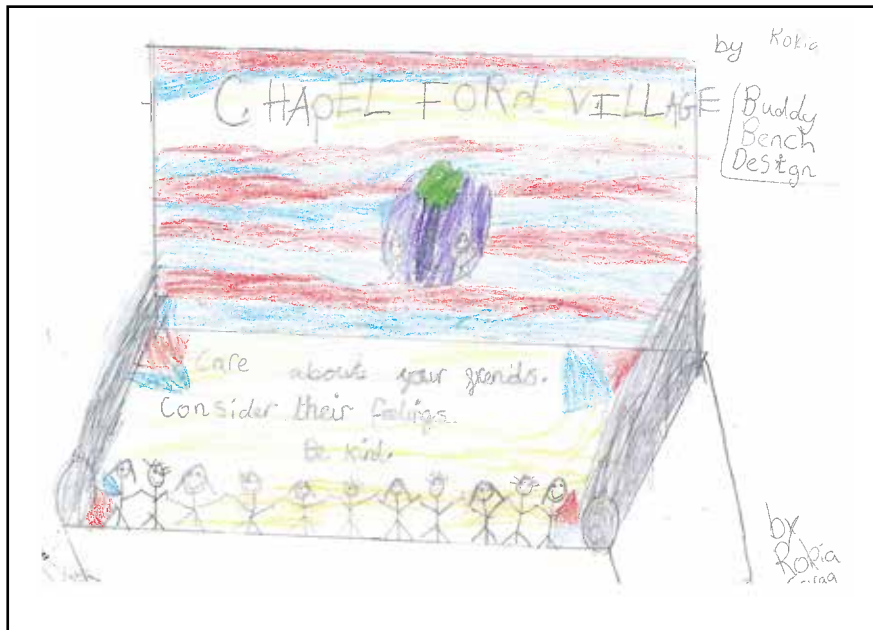
Buddy Benches



The buddy bench is going to help people in our school because when they feel lonely or left out they could sit on the buddy bench and someone could go over and play with them. What is when we painted the backrest wood logos and made it into a tree we could put the tree next to the buddy bench.

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Great Sankey High School

Great Sankey have worked in Partnership with Barclays Bank to make a noise about bullying. Every student took an anti-bullying selfie which were displayed on TV screens around the school. This was to show bullies how many people were against bullying.

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.

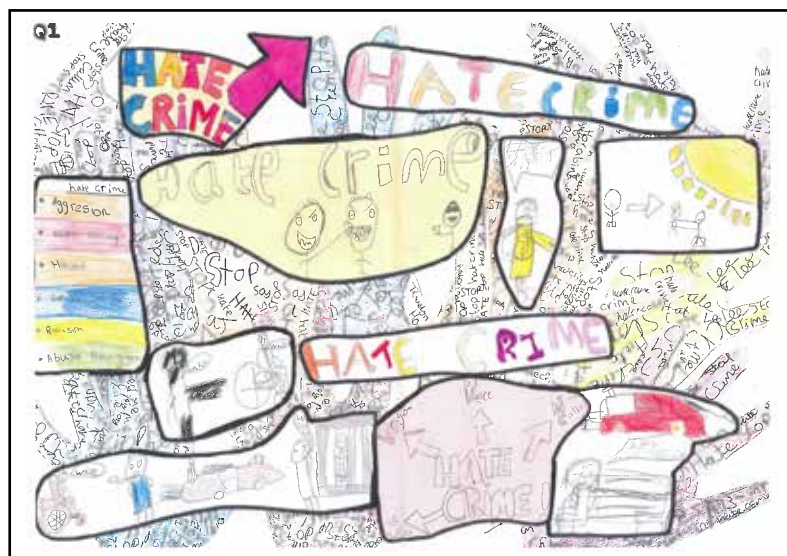
One year 11 student took part in the making of a video to raise awareness about anti-bullying work. The video premiered at a One Direction concert in Cardiff.

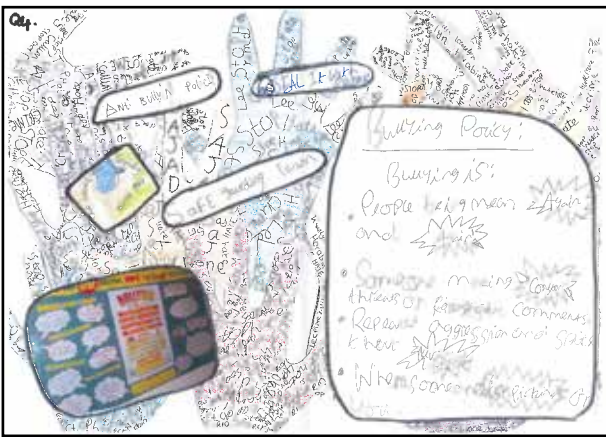
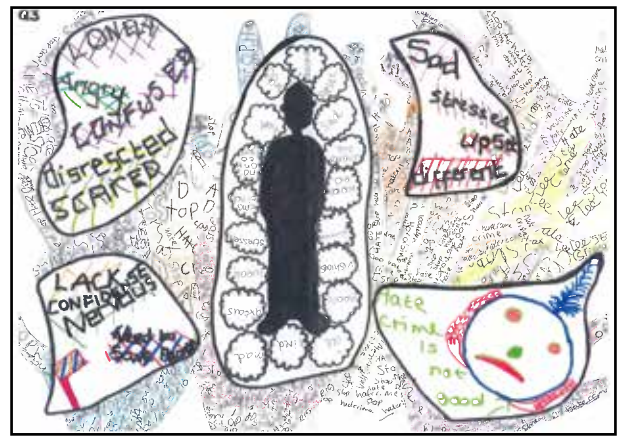
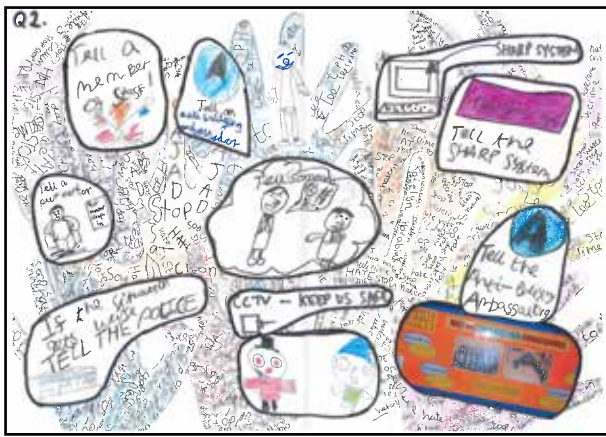
St Gregory's Catholic High School

At St Gregory's the moto for Anti-Bullying week is **"It's cool to be kind"**. There is an annual anti-bullying survey. In 2016 this showed a significant drop in the number of students who said that they were been bullied compared to the previous year.

There are anti-bullying ambassadors at St Gregory's who are responsible for delivering the message **"One Family at St Gregory's. We each have a responsibility to look after each other"**. Ambassadors wear badges and speak to pupils and also potential new pupils and their parents at an open evening.

St Gregory's has a safeguarding display which includes literature on hate crime. The school made a play and song which was entered into GMTV Anti Bullying competition. Other initiatives included a workshop, anti bullying challenges, anti bullying wristbands and a book of anti-bullying messages which were shared with local primary schools.





Newchurch Community Primary School

The whole school went outside to spell out one of the schools values - **Respect**.

Each year the school has an Anti-Bullying Week. Events included a tableau of negative words in the school outdoor amphitheatre which was then used for children to "leave behind" negative words they had experienced.

Children celebrated diversity by creating their own video of Michael Jackson "Back or White" using all the children in the school. Children have made and sold car stickers, badges, bracelets and t-shirts with anti-bullying messages. All proceeds were donated to the NSPCC. Friendship benches have been introduced and an anti-bullying song is used in assemblies.

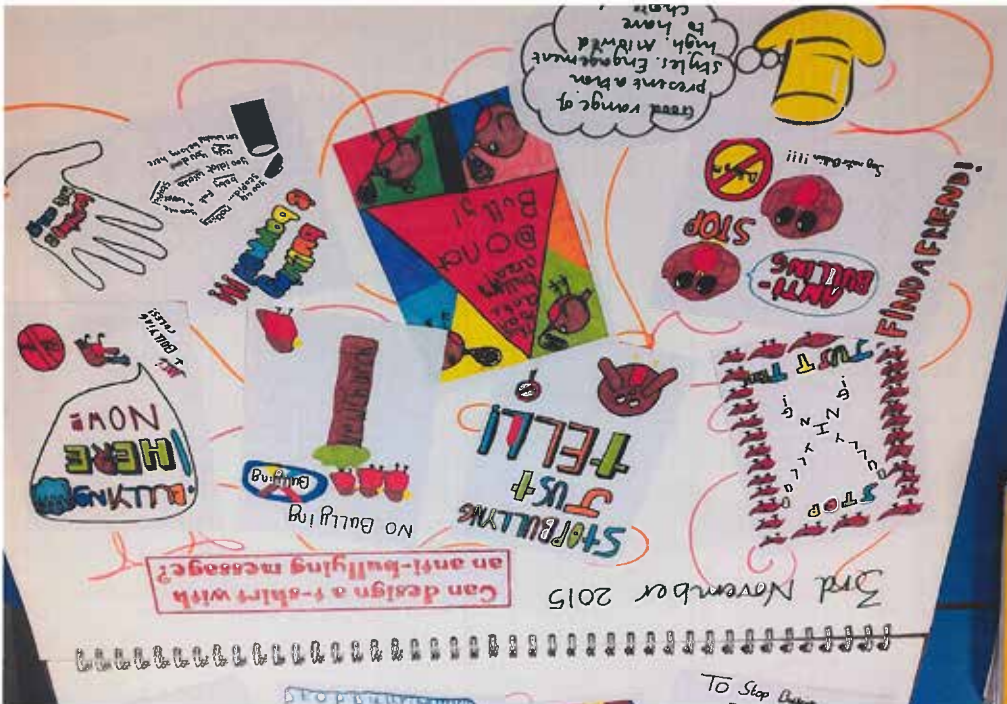
Children were helped to understand what it felt like to have a disability by using a wheelchair to do their daily tasks and impaired their vision by using blindfolds.

A multi-faith week called "Rainbow Nation" is planned which will look at different religions, cultures and traditions.





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Christ Church C E Primary School

Christchurch held an Anti-Bullying week, activities included posters, awareness raising of cyber bullying and an anti-bullying song. The school also held “beat the bully” sessions with a Taekwondo coach.

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. A friendship and forgiveness assembly was held which included issues such as bullying and hate crimes.



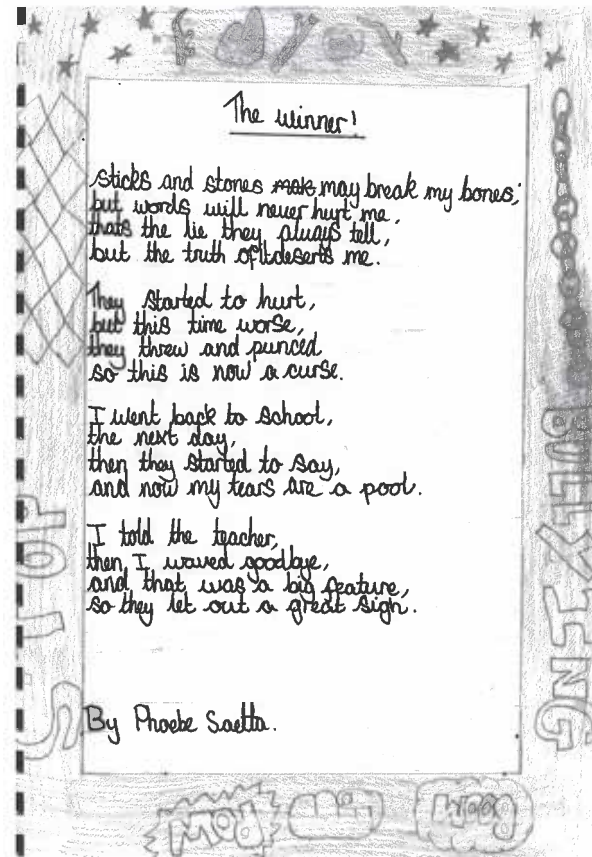
Birchwood High School

Birchwood have introduced a breaktime buddy's scheme which provided a safe haven for students who found it hard to make friends. Other initiatives included 25 peer mentors and anti-bullying ambassadors. A one minute video was entered into GMTV 'actions against bullying' competition.



Thelwall Community Junior School

At Thelwall children wrote poems about bullying. Other initiatives included visits from a Police Community Support Officer to discuss bullying



Grappenhall Heys Community Primary School

At Grappenhall children and teachers are “**proud of working together to stop bullying and hate crime**”. Worry boxes have been introduced in each classroom where children can share their worries and concerns. These are read by teachers and actions taken to resolve the concerns. There is a buddy bench in the playground where children can go if they are feeling lonely or if they have experienced bullying.

St Stephens Catholic Primary School

Children at St Stephens performed an anti-bullying play. Other initiatives included “stamping out bullying for 20 seconds”, anti-bullying prefects and a worry box. On the playground pupils help children who are lonely and let them join in with their activities.



St Paul of the Cross Primary School

St Paul's have had an anti-bullying assembly and have completed work on what bullying is and ways to deal with it. A Police Community Support Officer came to the school to talk about issues around bullying and hate crime.

Locking Stumps Primary School

In the past year the school has had many PSHE lessons about bullying and racism. The school held a mentoring programme for vulnerable children. The school has social groups where children can discuss their emotions and problems.

Broomfield's Junior School

Initiatives included school assemblies, school council/SEAL mentors and theatre groups.

New Horizons School

New Horizons developed story books for young children on how to deal with bullying. These would be shared with primary pupils as a form of peer mentoring. The school has researched hate crime and learned how to report it and displayed posters around the school. Group mediation sessions are held to deal with matters before they lead to potential bullying. In religious studies children studied different religions to support tolerance for all.



St Bridget's Catholic Primary School

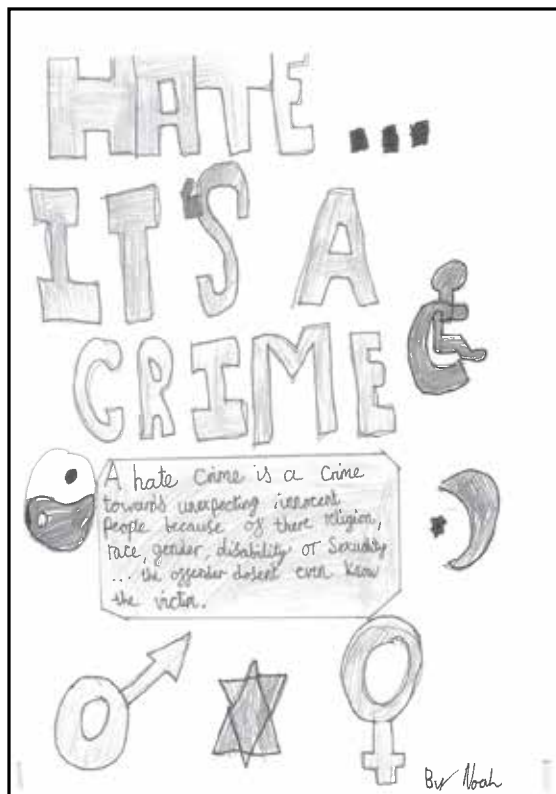
A theatre production was held and hate crime champions were created. Other initiatives included a badge competition and an anti-bullying surgery.

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.

Ravenbank Community Primary School

Ravenbank has developed anti-hate crime posters. Anti-bullying assemblies are held and children have learnt about homophobia.



St Lewis Catholic Primary School

St Lewis designed posters and has designed musical instruments to encourage people to make a noise about bullying. Other initiatives included role play and talks about bullying

Future Tech Studio School

Initiatives included school assemblies and activities to raise awareness of hate crime and what to do about it.

