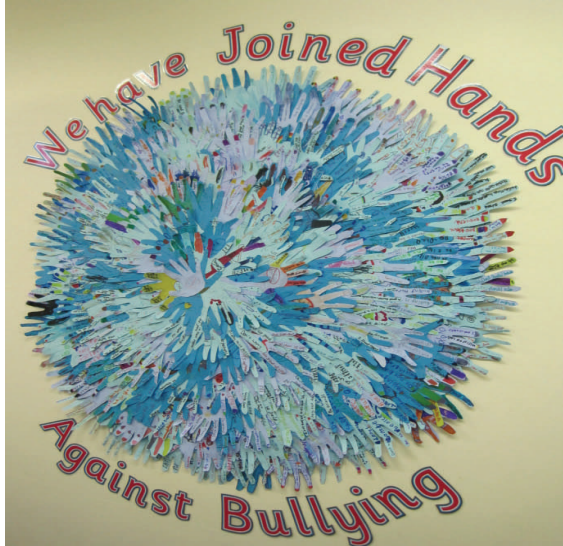


St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Anti-Bullying Newsletter



Stop and think - words can hurt



**Anti-Bullying Week
14-18 November 2011**

What is bullying?

'Bullying is systematically continued action taken by one or more children with the deliberate intention of hurting another child, either physically or emotionally.'



Anti-Bullying Week 2011

Last week's anti-bullying week was a great success. At St Augustine's lots of fun was had by all the children and they learned important messages in the process. On Monday and Tuesday the children took part in drama workshops with Steve Halliday Productions. Key Stage 1 loved working with Peter Puppet who had been bullied in the playground and Key Stage 2 learned some important messages about cyber and racist bullying. Key Stage two classes organised fun games, dancing and sports at playtimes and everyone had so much fun together. As well as learning about bullying and what we can do to stop it the children worked together to create an anti-bullying display.

What the Children said

Caitlin, aged 8, said. 'I learnt that there are lots of different ways people are bullied. I know if people are being bullied in our school the teachers will sort it out.'

James, aged 7, said. 'I loved working with Mr Halliday and Peter the puppet. Peter was being bullied at monster school and he came to hear our ideas about how to stop the bullying. Mr Halliday says bullying has stopped now at monster school.'



What to do about bullying?

Everyone at St Augustine's takes all bullying issues seriously. However there will be occasions where children will argue and fall out with each other, this is a natural part of growing up and resolving conflict with others. We want all of our children at St Augustine's to feel safe and come to school happy. Should your child be unhappy for any reason please see your child's class teacher.

Our school's anti-bullying policy is now on the School web site at: www.staugustinesprimary.org

Steve Halliday said 'I would like to congratulate all of the staff and children at St Augustine's for their anti-bullying week programme. I delivered a two day anti-bullying drama workshop to 300 children from reception to year 6 and I was very surprised at the knowledge they already had with different types of bullying and how to deal with it. The children seemed to be very informed on the support they could receive if bullied and understood that bullying wasn't about falling out and one off name calling. I have delivered workshops in many schools and never come across such polite and enthusiastic children. They are a credit to the staff, their parents and the local area. I look forward to returning to St Augustine's in the future.'