Anti-Bullying Week 2011

18 October 2011

Anti-Bullying Week, 14 - 18 November 2011

Please pass this information on to your school's Anti-Bullying Lead, PHSE Lead, Pastoral Lead and Heads of Year.

Dear Collegues,

Our slogan **Stop and think - words can hurt** challenges children and young people to stop and think about the language they are using in their face-to-face and digital communications.

With just one month to go here are10 ideas to help your school make Anti-Bullying Week 2011 the best ever!

1. <u>Download your free briefing pack</u> from the Anti-Bullying Alliance website. Filled with information about tackling verbal bullying the pack includes information, ideas for practical activities and further resources presented in separate, easy to download PDF briefings for School leaders and teachers, Governors and Youth workers.

2. Get students, staff and carers to wear an <u>Anti-Bullying Week</u> <u>2011 sticker or pin badge</u> to show your whole school community is serious about tackling bullying.

3. Make sure every computer in has an <u>Anti-Bullying Week logo</u> screensaver or desk top background.

4. Encourage places where students spend time out of school (local shops, libraries, leisure centers) to display the <u>Anti-Bullying</u> <u>Week 2011 poster</u> Stop and think - words can hurt.

5. Get students working together to agree a top ten rules charter for positive communication. For more information <u>see briefing pack</u> pupil activity 4.

6. Give every student a copy of the <u>Anti-Bullying top tips z-fold</u> to cut out and keep for reference.

7. Inform and involve parents and carers using the information in our <u>tailored advice leaflet</u>. You can download and copy the whole document or use it to create copy for an Anti-Bullying Week section in your school newsletter.

8. Liaise with your school council about blue themed ideas for getting the whole school community involved in launching the week on <u>Blue Monday</u>.

9. Create opportunities for students to use language in a positive way - for example using poetry, rhyme and song to address issues of bullying and prejudice.

10. Join the <u>ABA School and College Network</u> now to ensure you receive your free printed copy of the Anti-Bullying Week Briefing Pack and discounts on Anti-Bullying Week merchandise. The network has been created to meet the specific needs of those working in the education sector throughout the year. Benefits including monthly e-bulletins and some free resources.

We hope you find these ideas useful. Look out for more information on planning for Anti-Bullying Week after half-term.

Look out for updates from the Anti-Bullying Alliance

Between now and mid-November we'll keep you informed so you have everything you need to get your school ready for Anti-Bullying Week 2011. <u>Register your e-mail</u> <u>address</u> and receive a free downloadable poster version of the Top Tips Z-fold for children and young people.

About ABA

The Anti-Bullying Alliance is a unique coalition of anti-bullying organisations with over 130 members. ABA works all year round to reduce bullying, and to create safer environments where children and young people can live, grow, play and learn.

Visit the <u>ABA website</u> now to find out more about our work.

The Anti-Bullying Week Shop is open for business!

ABA has s specially designed range of products to help you promote anti-bullying activities in your school during antibullying week and throughout the year.

You can order the following online or by phone, fax, e-mail or post from the <u>ABA</u> <u>shop</u>

- Anti-Bullying Week Pencils
- Poster and sticker packs
- Anti-Bullying Alliance pin badges
- Special offer primary pack

Support ABA

Although Anti-Bullying Week is no longer funded by Government we know how much schools and colleges value the campaign. Help us to keep it alive by:

- Purchasing <u>ABA merchandise</u> (all profits help fund the week)
- Using Anti-Bulling Week to <u>fundraise for ABA</u> in your school.
- Joining the <u>ABA School and College</u> <u>Network</u>

Best wishes

Sue Steel Coordinator, Anti-Bullying Alliance

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