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Black Cat and The Playhouse

Rita Adair from the Anti-Bullying Alliance has teamed up with the Black Cat Theatre Company and the Playhouse Theatre, Norwich to bring you an exciting programme of drama for schools which coincides with the National Anti-Bullying Awareness Week (19th - 23rd November 2007). The Black Cat Theatre Company has designed performances called BULLY4 YOU with the support of ChildLine.

Taking real life case histories, BULLY 4 YOU uses role play, forum theatre and performance to explore the effects and solutions to each situation portrayed. The performances are designed specifically for KS1 & KS2 children.

KS1 performances include: Monster in the Box, Charlie's story and Tatty 'ead. KS2 performances include Sam's story, Alex's story, Charlie's story (pitched for KS2 audience) and Ella's story.

Monster in a Box

The session opens with a short 20 minute play called Monster in a Box. The play focuses on Becca who is bullied by her younger brother Jamie. Whilst tidying up for her Gran she comes across a friendly monster in a box called Boo and finds out that he too is being bullied. Together they become friends and work together to find a solution. The play is followed by discussion to gauge the children's understanding of the play and its issues.

Charlie's story

This is a real life story which shows children what they can do to help someone. It's about friendship and being aware of other children's feelings in school and how to help someone if they are bullied.

Tatty 'ead

This the story of Tommy Top who starts at a new school after a family move. He is a bully and starts to be nasty to other children until one day they decide they have had enough of his behaviour and they give him a taste of his own medicine. Tommy retaliates by taking a girl's toy dog and to his amazement it turns out to be a talking dog. The dog tells Tommy how nasty he is, and the play ends with everyone making up. The emphasis of this story is teaching children not to join in with bullies, what to do if they are being bullied and the importance of realising that we are all different but that is not a bad thing.

Sam's story

This story deals with name calling and how children can sort out bullying issues themselves without having to tell a grown up.

Alex's story

This story deals with a girl bullied by a group of girls and shows how it can get worse by keeping it to yourself. The simple act of telling someone can help resolve the issue quickly and effectively.

Ella's story

Looks at bullying by mobile phone and how to deal with nasty texts and calls.

Dates, times and cost

Monday 19 November for KS2 10am
Tuesday 20 November KS2 10am
Thursday 22nd November KS2 10am
Running times: KS2: 120 minutes

Monday 19 November KS1 1pm
Tuesday 20 November KS1 1pm
Thursday 22 November KS1 1pm
KS1: 90 minutes

All tickets £3.50

Booking information

To book, please ring the Playhouse Box Office (based at the Theatre Royal) on **01603 598 598**

Any queries should go to: Caroline Richardson, General Manager,
Norwich Playhouse on 01603 612580 or
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