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Black Cat and The Garage

Rita Adair from the Anti-Bullying Alliance has teamed up with the Black Cat Theatre Company and the Garage Theatre, Norwich to bring you an exciting programme of drama for schools which coincides with the National Anti-Bullying Awareness Week (21st - 25th November 2005). The Black Cat Theatre Company has designed performances called Bully 4 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 at the Garage are designed specifically for KS1 children.

Monster in the 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.

Sam and Charlie's stories

The second session is Sam's story which deals with name calling and Charlie's Story which deals with physical bullying and what to do if you witness someone being bullied. These are followed by role play situations and the eventual resolution to the stories.

Red Hair and Freckles

This is the story of Tommy Top who starts a new school after his family move to a new town. 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 bear and to his amazement it turns out to be a talking bear. The bear (George) 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.

Dates and Times

All of the above playlets will make up one performance and there are two performances on Tuesday 22nd November 2005. The morning performance begins at 9.45 am and finishes at 12.00am. The afternoon performance begins at 12.30 pm and finishes at 2.45 pm. We anticipate that the performances will be a total of about two hours fifteen minutes allowing for refreshments and a toilet break half way through.

Contact Information

This is a free event and we anticipate a high demand for seats. If you would like to reserve seats please contact Heather Haycox on heather.haycox@norfolk.gov.uk or Irene Hoare (telephone: 01603 458191) for a booking form. There is a maximum number of 30 seats per school. Successful bookings will be confirmed.

All queries should go to Rita Adair, ABA Eastern Regional Coordinator on

01603 455531

The Garage

The Garage is at 14 Chapelfield North, Norwich

If children are arriving by coach please arrange for them to be dropped off and picked up in the layby outside the Theatre Royal or near the Assembly House car park. It is then a short walk to the Garage Theatre. Any queries about dropping children off should go directly to the Garage (01603 283382).