

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – 19.11.21.

AUTUMN TERM TWO Anti-Bullying Week.



Our school council work this half-term has been linked into Anti-Bullying week. We have delivered a school council act of collective worship this week to all the infant and junior classes. In this we thought about what bullying was (and wasn't), how we stand up to it in our school and the way this fits into our Wardley values.

There was lots of good discussion with the children about the difference between being mean to someone and bullying them. The children decided that the big difference between the two is that being mean to someone is a one off event that is not repeated again and again. Bullying someone means that it is happening repeatedly and it is not stopping. We talked about how important it is to stand up against bullying and that no matter what anyone says, it's never your fault if you're being bullied. We looked at how important it is to stand up for yourself and others by telling an adult about the problem.

This is part of our Wardley Way – to show friendship and respect to others and have the courage to do the right thing.

The school council then helped to carry out a safety questionnaire with the children. There were four questions for the children to answer on the survey:

1. Behaviour is good in my school. *149/149 of the children surveyed (100%) thought it was - with 70% strongly agreeing with the statement.*
2. Behaviour is good in lessons. *149/149 of the children surveyed (100%) thought it was - with 66% strongly agreeing with the statement.*
3. The school deals well with all types of bullying very well. *149/149 of the children surveyed (100%) thought it did - with 77% strongly agreeing with the statement.*
4. I feel safe when I am in school. *149/149 of the children surveyed (100%) felt they were - with 85% strongly agreeing with the statement.*

It is really good to see from the survey that all the children feel safe within our school, that they see problems are dealt with by the school and that behaviour in the school is good.

As well as the work that we did with the classes, the junior children also took part in a drama workshop about bullying from BTales - a Christian theatre group. All the children we spoke to felt that these were really helpful and gave them a better understanding of what bullying is and how to deal with it. We also all enjoyed odd socks day which showed that it is good to be different. Take a look at the school website to see some photos of our odd socks!

The Y6 autumn term school counsellors,

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