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Welcome to the July edition of the Dudley Schools Anti-Bullying Pledge Scheme Newsletter, signposting you to a range of national, regional and local anti-bullying initiatives and resources.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2015 theme and video launched

Anti-Bullying Week in England is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and will be from **16th - 20th November 2015**. The theme is **'Make a Noise about bullying'**. [The video](#) which has been created by the *Anti-Bullying Alliance*, hosted by the *National Children's Bureau*, with support from *Barclays*, paints a vivid picture of the effects of bullying, and encourages all children and young people to stand up and **Make a Noise about bullying**.



**What can schools do to protect children from online radicalisation?** Only too often in recent months we have heard news reports about young people being radicalised via the internet and becoming involved in conflicts abroad. The UK Safer Internet Centre has been following these developments closely and has discussed with schools the dangers that are posed to children exposed to political extremism on social media. We know schools find this a difficult subject because they are not sure about what they can do in these situations and where to look for support. David Wright, the UK Safer Internet Centre Director at South West Grid for Learning authored an article in *Leader*, the Association of School and College Leaders' (ASCL) online magazine entitled *'Extreme measures'* in which he outlines the issue, and provides useful step-by-step guidance on what schools can do to protect young people from radicalisation. You can find the full article [here](#).



### Make a Noise about bullying and win tickets to see the classic musical, *Wicked*

The Anti-Bullying Alliance is excited to be working in partnership with *Wicked* to share the **Make a Noise about bullying** message through a prestigious and inspirational competition for children and young people in schools and colleges in England. To enter the competition schools need to send us a video clip where their students **Make a Noise about bullying!**

This could be a song, poem, rap, musical piece – or even a collective shout out in an assembly – the more creative, the better. The video clip should be no more than 2 minutes long – and doesn't have to be filmed professionally – it can even be filmed on a phone! [Read more...](#)

Evidence shows that disabled children and young people and those with special educational needs (SEN) are significantly more likely to be bullied or victimised than their peers. The **Ofsted 2015 Handbook** says during inspections school inspectors will look at measures the school has in place to tackle bullying of disabled pupils and those with SEN and the use of derogatory language related to disability. Only schools that do this well will be judged outstanding. **This programme will support you to achieve this and to evidence your activity to Ofsted.** [Book here](#)



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