

# Newsletter



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

The charity EACH launches the long awaited Reach Teaching Resource: a toolkit for teachers and youth workers to challenge homophobic, sexist and cyberbullying. The Resource includes:

- Practical strategies, activity ideas and guidance for teachers and youth workers to challenge homophobic, sexist and cyberbullying
- A DVD containing 13 short films
- A visibility pack: posters and other awareness-raising materials.

To preview the resource, click [here](#)



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Congratulations to Leasowes High School on gaining accreditation through the Dudley Schools Anti-Bullying Pledge Scheme. We now have over thirty schools participating in this **free** programme. For more information on joining the scheme and accessing the toolkit, contact [Lynda.kesterton@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:Lynda.kesterton@dudley.gov.uk)

Do you see more cyberbullying and risky online behaviour among children and young people? Bullying Intervention Group can help you get to grips with this complex problem. For details of a new accredited training course click [here](#).



**NEW!** BIG are proud to offer a new Level 4 certificate in Anti-Bullying Mentoring of Young People. This is the first course of its kind. [Information](#)



**Tracy Beaker creator receives more letters about bullying than ever before**

One of Britain's best loved children's authors has revealed that she was bullied at school and praised children nowadays for being willing to talk about the problem. Jacqueline Wilson, who did not tell anyone about her own experience, said she receives more letters from children who are bullied than ever before. Jacqueline's 100th book was published this year. Her trademark theme is young people struggling with less-than-perfect lives, covering topics such as bullying, divorce and alcoholism.



Dates for the Diary:

**17<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-Bullying debates in Council Chambers

**18<sup>th</sup> November** – Training at Himley Hall

**19<sup>th</sup> November** – Resilience and Assertiveness Programme at Saltwells

Do you have a contribution for the next newsletter? Can you share your experience / good practice? Email [Lynda.kesterton@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:Lynda.kesterton@dudley.gov.uk)

