

St. Joseph's Primary School, Killough

Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to inform you that your child/children will be learning about anti-bullying during this term as part of the NIABF Anti-Bullying Week (13-17 November). This year's theme is 'All Equal, All Different, All Together' and aims to encourage children and young people to encourage and celebrate respect and kindness in diversity.

NIABF is an inter-agency body, made up of over 20 regional statutory and non-statutory organisations, all committed to ending the bullying of children and young people. NIABF is hosted by National Children's Bureau, and is funded by the Department of Education.

NIABF, working together with colleagues in the Education Authority and Stranmillis University College, has developed a campaign pack which includes presentations, activity plans, project briefs and ABW17 themed posters. The resources and activities available to support Anti-Bullying Week aim to encourage the development of personal skills and provide an opportunity to understand the nature and complexities of bullying behaviour and how schools work collectively with parents and carers to end bullying. The activities also highlight key issues in relation to bullying behaviour to both the school and wider community.

Your child/children may have questions about some of the topics and themes that will be explored in class. For more information we would recommend visiting the Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum (NIABF) website <http://www.endbullying.org.uk/> and consulting the Parent/Carer Toolkit.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs F Macfarlane

Principal