

**School Council Report to the Governors**  
**September 2014**

**Anti-Bullying Charter Mark Application**

During the summer term of 2013- 2014, we were successful in our application for the Bronze stage of the Anti-bullying Charter Mark. The children worked extremely hard with creating and collecting all the evidence that was needed to complete the application and were very proud of the finished result. A small group of children had the very important job of going to the Infants school so that we could exchange assessments and each school mark the others' applications. We were equally impressed with their work and both schools achieved the Bronze award. At the current time, we are waiting to be invited to a celebration awards ceremony that we are very excited about.

**Healthy Living Day 2014**

Another successful healthy living day was delivered in the summer term, with the school council members taking on the role of teachers for the day to teach the rest of the school about healthy eating and further awareness of anti-bullying. The members of the school council worked incredibly hard planning and delivering the sessions, truly taking ownership over the day more than ever. They had a clear lesson plan for each session with learning objectives and success criteria, and created detailed and attractive IAWB slides to accompany each lesson. These were the final sessions that took place on the day:

- **Healthy Smoothie making-** children were placed into small groups and given a choice of 4 different fruits and either natural yoghurt or milk to create a new smoothie and taste it. They then had to create a group persuasive advert for their smoothie and act it out. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and we found it to be very positive for those children who do not enjoy eating fruits because they saw that they could make a very healthy and tasty smoothie as an alternative. As result of the success of the session, we have used fruit bar profits to buy 3 smoothie makers in the hope that they can be made and sold as part of the fruit bar stock.
- **Anti-Bullying Tree Planting-** this activity involved a brief circle time session where children discussed a time when they have been made to feel inadequate or their feelings hurt by another person, expressing how this made them feel. They then wrote this on a small piece of paper and worked as a class to bury the paper in soil and planted sunflower seeds over the top. We choose sunflower seeds as we felt they were an excellent symbol for something beautiful being created in order to eradicate the nasty things that have happened previously. Unfortunately, with the particularly hot weather towards the end of the summer term and everybody going away from the summer, the sunflowers have not grown very well and will need to be re-planted!
- **Anti-Bullying/ Healthy Eating Comic Strip Creating-** in this activity, children combined the 2 focuses for the day and asked the children to create a comic strip where the characters are healthy and unhealthy foods. The healthy foods must come up against the unhealthy foods and eventually triumph over in a good vs evil battle. We were really impressed with the quality of the artwork produced in the comic strips and are going to try and create a school comic book of the some of the best examples.
- **Physical fitness-** we were very excited to welcome the BFit company back into school for the exercise portion of the day. The children completed and thoroughly enjoyed a range of different activities that they would not usually come across in everyday PE lessons, including Boxercise, Zumba and resistance training.

#### Next steps for the academic year 2014- 2015

- **Application for the Silver award for the Anti-Bullying Charter Mark-** when studying the next stage of the award, we realised there were only a few more steps that needed to be taken to achieve this next award. We have planned to create an anti-bullying book induction book to be placed in each classroom in line with the Investors in Pupils booklets, so that children can be up-to-date at all times with Anti-bullying practices in school.
- **Anti-bullying Mentor training-** this workshop is being run by the Diana Award Committee and the aims of the workshop are to train young people to take the role of mentor in schools in order to stop bullying incidents occurring and give children an even greater voice. We are hoping to take a group of year 5 and year 6 members of the new school council to take part in this training in October and give them the ownership of running the Buddy counselling system that they have planned.
- **Continuing fund raising through the running of the fruit and toast bars-** we are planning on creating incentives for children to continue purchasing from the fruit bar in particular as popularity seemed to dwindle in the summer term. We are going to run Fruit of the Week votes and possibly serving a larger variety of snacks including cereal bars.