

# Super Safeguarding Newsletter

April 2017



It has been really interesting this term for the SCiES team to hear all about the activities that you have been doing in your Safeguarding groups; we have loved visiting schools to either help you set up a group or to be updated on how busy you have been.

## **Act Now Conference Reunion**

The i-care group were delighted to be invited to the Act Now reunion Conference on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate the huge success of the ActNow2016 Safeguarding Conference that was held at Wychwood Park in the summer term.

The event, held at St Peters Church Hall in Sandbach was hosted by the Cheshire East SCiES team and the group were all presented with certificates by Kate Rose, Principal Manager for Safeguarding in Cheshire East.

This conference gave us the opportunity to discuss what we thought went well, the memorable issues and to voice our views on how we can improve next year's conference. It was another great chance to remind ourselves about the key speaker who



challenged our attitudes to stereotypes as well as meet up with students and staff from other schools.

We have discussed our future plans within Middlewich High School and are looking forward to working with the SCiES team in planning the conference for 2017.

At the end of the summer conference, we all made a pledge of one thing that we would do to spread the message to others and we made a clock that will be



given to key members of the community. We were able to present one of these clocks to our headteacher, Mr Simpson and will be inviting two other people to receive a clock and to tell them more about our work in safeguarding.

Last but not least, the lunch provided was delicious and we were able to start our Christmas celebrations by pulling crackers and amusing ourselves with the jokes.

The i-care group look forward to attending next year's conference and contributing to its ongoing success.

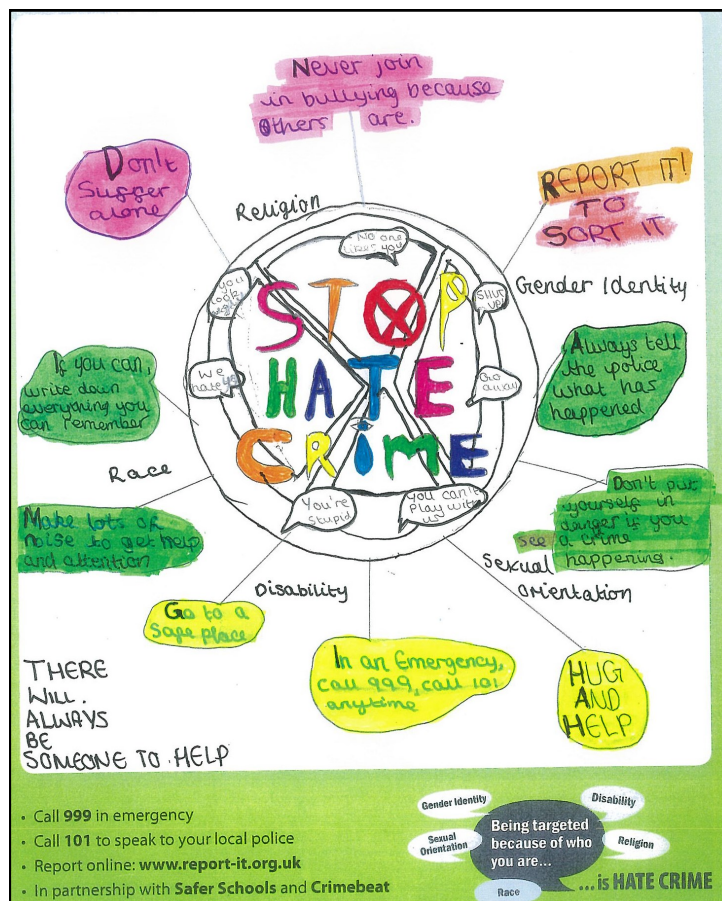
**The i-Care Group, Middlewich High School**



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## Not in Our School– Hate Crime Awareness Poster Competition 2017

Cheshire Constabulary has been working alongside local schools to increase knowledge about hate crime with the help of pupils. The force launched its “Not in Our School” poster competition asking young people to design a piece of artwork that would help prevent hate crime within schools and the community they serve.

The Cheshire East winners are printed here. Well done to all of the winners, the posters are fantastic. The winners are from the following schools:-

- Underwood West Academy
- St Vincent De Paul Catholic School
- The King's School in Macclesfield

## You're Safe With Us

After reports of post-referendum hate crime - initial figures from the National Police Chiefs' Council showed a 57% rise in reported incidents - a Twitter user encouraged people to wear a safety pin to show solidarity with immigrants living in the UK.

The **safety pin**, worn visibly to others **became a symbol in the fight against racism** in the wake of the Brexit vote.

**Enrichment groups** worked with Mrs Underhill, using wire to recreate and celebrate the patterns from different ethnic and religious groups living in the UK.



Each student made a safety pin to symbolise their own tolerance and support of immigrant groups and to show that **'You're safe with me'**. **We extended the message on behalf of the whole of The Macclesfield Academy to say 'You're safe with us' and 'You're safe here'.**



'On the Bexton School Council this year, we have made some changes to the lunchtimes so that the juniors can go last and get seconds (if they are still hungry), instead of the infants. We have also changed break time and now we run clubs like athletics, reading and netball. In each class we have also made worry boxes. If you are upset or worried about something, you can put it in the box and the teacher can see it.

My favourite thing we have done is going to the Town Council chambers and meeting the Mayor. In the future, we plan to make a friendship bench for if you are lonely at playtime.'

**Evie, School Council Secretary.**



## **Ideas?**

Have these articles given you any thoughts about what you could do in your Safeguarding group?

Don't forget to let us know about all of the things that your group have been up to so you could feature in our next edition of Super



## **PARENTS ONLINE SAFETY BULLETIN**

Supporting Parents and Pupils Through the Dangers of the Digital World

Sandbach High School have recently launched a Parents Online Safety Bulletin. The purpose of this is to help keep parents updated on information surrounding the digital world. Things are always changing and it is hard to keep on top of it. The aim of the bulletin is to give a snap shot of what is new and give reminders.



## Safeguarding Assemblies

Gainsborough School and Bollington St John's Safeguarding Groups have each written and presented assemblies in their schools to explain the work that they do as a group and to raise awareness of Safeguarding in the school. Below are examples of the presentations that they produced along with a photo of Bollington St John's presenting their assembly on World Book Day.

# How do we stay safe at Gainsborough?



**STAYING SAFE**

## WHAT WE DO?

- ◉ We meet to discuss to how we can make sure children are safe in school.
- ◉ We meet separately from the school council as we think safety is very important.
- ◉ We look at the following areas-
  - Internet Safety
  - Site safety
  - Anti- bullying
  - Keeping children safe outside of school- Fire Safety, Road Safety and Water Safety



Bollington St John's CE Primary School

Action: Let the SCiES team know what you have been doing to make a difference to safeguarding in your school so we can let everyone know about it



# Mablins Safeguarding Team

## What was the problem?

Some of the parents were parking unsafely (on the zig-zag lines, the bus stop, across the building site entrance, E.T.C.) around the school, which was a hazard to the pupils and any other people in the area.

## What did we do?

We created good and bad parking tickets to give to the drivers when they parked; we think it influenced them to park safely as some apologized or thanked us for the good ones. To help us with this incident, the local PCSO came to our school and was very considerate to us.



## What are we hoping to achieve?

We are hoping that the parents will be more careful when they park around/in our school and that we can get double yellow lines all down Mablins Lane from the Council because the drivers might be a bit more observant while picking up and/or dropping off their children.



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