



The Priory School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We had fun taking part in Anti-bullying Week and lots of us remembered to wear odd socks on Monday to celebrate our differences. The theme this year is 'United Against Bullying' and the children were reminded of the acronym STOP. It helps the children to understand that bullying is **Several Times On Purpose**, rather than one off arguments with friends. It also reminds them that to stop bullying they need to **Start Telling Other People**.



During this term all the children have explored how to stay safe online. Being bullied online is an increasing issue for children.

- They may be deliberately excluded from a game, by their friends.
- Criticised for how well they play.
- Other players may swear or use abusive language over voice chat or messenger.
- They can be trolled or tricked into giving up their Avatar Rewards.
- Children may type something online which they wouldn't dream of saying to someone's face, not understanding that it is just as hurtful.



If your child is experiencing bullying in online games, tell them they can talk to us or contact ChildLine. Please show them the blocking and reporting functions in a game. A really useful website for parents is net-aware where you can search for specific advice about how to support your child with games and apps. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk> it's in partnership with the NSPCC. In school, we also use the 'think u know' website which is very informative for parents with younger children. (<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos>).



Just one more message in this week's short newsletter. We are hoping to start filming a number of our Advent Calendar films *next week*, so please remember to wear full uniform when you are not in your PE kit.

Mr Ruffle

School Mission Statement

"Inspiring a generation to learn, flourish and achieve in a caring, Christian community"