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Dear Colleague,

Anti-bullying Week 19th - 23rd November 2012
“We’re better without bullying”

Following the success of last year’s Anti-bullying Week we wanted to write to you to share an outline plan for this year’s programme. Anti-bullying Week will be the 19th – 23rd November 2012.

We know that all schools and organisations for young people work hard to reduce and remove bullying. Nottinghamshire County Council is committed to supporting you to make this happen. Our aspiration for this year is that **ALL** schools will be involved in Anti-bullying Week in some way.

There are **3** ways in which you can be involved with centrally organised activities this year:

1. Poster campaign for all ages. Children and young people are being asked to create a piece of artwork that will form the centre of the poster campaign being rolled out countywide. The artwork can be completed by hand or electronically. Completed posters should be judged within the school or setting and the 2 finalists for each year group sent to the address above, marked ‘**ABW12 POSTERS**’ by Monday 19th **November**. Each poster should have the name, age, year group and school or group/club written on the back. The 22 posters (2 from each year group) will be published electronically for schools and settings to download and use. Winners and their families will be invited to the Showcase to receive a framed copy of their work.

2. Anti-bullying Showcase and Celebration event at the Mansfield Palace Theatre on **Monday 19th November**. It will be an afternoon of entertainment provided by Nottinghamshire children and young people, who will be singing, dancing, sharing videos, drama and poetry, all themed around the outstanding anti-bullying work happening in their own schools or organisation.

Tickets for the showcase are **free** and we would encourage all schools and other groups to join us from **12.45 (for 1.00pm start) to 2.15pm**. We are also looking for 12 performances, if you would like a 5 minute segment in the show or would like to book tickets to watch please contact Matt Rooney on the details above.

3. Spreading the message of your hard work by sharing examples of good practice from within your area. This way we can support you by generating positive media interest and PR for your school. If you have a story you’d like to tell please let me know by **Thursday 1st November**.

Additionally, there are many activities that you can arrange locally, including; workshops for parents, assemblies, non-uniform days, drama worksops, etc.

You can design your posters anytime from now as long as you get them to us by the deadline. You can also start work on other projects that you would like to share or have included in the Showcase. You could also enter the national anti-bullying competition run by the Anti-bullying Alliance. The deadline for this is **27 July 2012**. For further details and the entry form: www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk. (If you do enter the national competition don't forget to enter the local one too!)

If you have any thoughts or ideas about other ways of engaging with this year's Anti-bullying Week, please feel free to get in touch.

Together we really can stamp out bullying! I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

MATTHEW ROONEY
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