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Dear Parents,

Anti-Bullying week (16th-20th November)

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and as we do each year, we will be acknowledging this with the children in school. The Anti-Bullying Alliance's theme for this year is, 'Break the Silence'. The aim is to encourage children, young people, and adults to start open conversations about bullying, listen, speak up safely, and take action together.
Anti-Bullying week links closely to our Learning Characteristics and the importance we place on the children demonstrating that they are being ready, respectful and safe in school.
Anti-Bullying Week also gives us an ideal opportunity in our Rights Respecting School capacity to promote Article 19 - The right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body and mind. Our Catholic social teaching principles of Human Dignity and Solidarity are also recognised through the importance of respecting and caring for each other.

Odd Socks Day

The Anti-Bullying Alliance are hosting their annual Odd Socks day on Monday 16th November and we're going to take part. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their uniqueness. The day sends an important message to the children that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us promote Anti-Bullying week in a fun and positive way. There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion. All they have to do to take part is come to school on Monday wearing odd socks with their school uniform, it couldn't be simpler!

We hope that as many of our school community will take part, arriving at school wearing their odd socks. The staff are joining in and we will keep an eye out on the gates for any parents who choose to join in the fun too!

Kind regards

Mrs Martin and the School Council