



Children for Peace

in aid of **The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust**



For immediate release

'A Bit of Fun' at the Peace Centre

The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust is due to run its annual anti-bullying programme, 'A Bit of Fun' next week.

This year the programme is supported by Barclays Bank PLC who have kindly provided £13,500 towards the costs. This generous funding has allowed us to build our resources and greatly develop the content and style of programme we offer.

"At Barclays, we are committed to communities and we are delighted to support the Tim Parry and Johnathan Ball Trust with their 'A Bit of Fun' project. The project tackles the very real and difficult issue of bullying and I am sure it will benefit many children preparing to make the transition into Secondary School. This is a great opportunity for us to help make a real and lasting difference to Children in the local community"

Rachel Herbinson - Regional Community Manager - North West, Barclays Bank PLC.

In its 5th year this highly successful anti bullying programme will run for a 2 week period with over 1200 young people participating. Aimed at Year 6 pupils in their final year of primary school and any young person attending a special school, the programme is designed to equip young people with a variety of practical techniques and coping strategies with which to effectively deal with instances of bullying when they arrive in secondary school.

The fortnight kicks off on 27th June and runs until 8th July. Once again, the Waterfall Theatre Company will perform their play "a Bit of Fun" which deals with bullying issues and their consequences in school. Following the play there are workshops which include poetry, posters, a bullying web-quest utilising the IT suite and the performers will talk to the young people about the issues raised in the play. Participants are encouraged to talk about bullying and its consequences and given ideas on how to avoid being bullied or what to do if they or someone they know is being bullied at school.

International Volunteers facilitate the workshops and will offer a wide and varied insight into bullying in different countries and cultures. The volunteers will also be available in the afternoons to visit local schools.

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