



# Children for Peace

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## **5 year olds take 'Tiny Steps for Peace'**

Children at St Bridget's, Cinnamon Brow, Oakwood Avenue and Woolston Community Primary Schools will be taking 'tiny steps for peace' next week as they learn how to live and play peacefully together.

Educational peace charity, The Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust, set up in memory of the two boys killed in the 1993 IRA attack on Warrington, are working with the 5 and 6 year olds to tackle prejudice.

The Trust has developed an innovative educational programme which encourages young children's personal and emotional development and the inclusion of others regardless of ethnicity, culture or ability.

The 'Tiny Steps for Peace Project' focuses attention on identifying similarities as well as differences and aims to reduce the level of aggression, bullying and violence in the playground, classroom, and wider community.

The format of the programme consists of drama, play and discussion. This is followed by a structured circle time programme, delivered by the children's class teacher, to explore these issues further; it also promotes empathy, consideration and acceptance of others.

Teachers in participating schools stated that the programme not only impacted upon their children's attitudes but has also influenced their teaching by providing a clearly structured and thorough programme for citizenship education.

Project Leader, Kerry Hosken, said: "All our work is based on the belief that we can find non-violent ways to solve conflicts that arise out of individual or community differences. Through educational programmes such as this one, we aim to break down prejudices and encourage young people to be more accepting of others. These programmes do work and they are making a difference. By working with children at this age we can teach them skills which will help them throughout their life."

The sessions have been sponsored by United Co-operatives Limited.

**Date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Time: 9am**

**Location: Oakwood Avenue Primary School**

**Photographers Welcome**

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