

NORTH STAR 240°

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Head Teacher's Message

A highlight for me over the last two weeks was Children in Need when the school community joined together to raise money for this great cause. Students and staff joined in with the activities, worked hard to provide a well-stocked cake stall and behaved well, as expected. Well done to the Student Council and Mrs Walsh for organising.

We have recently had anti-bullying week and you can read about this below. Ms Evans-Bentley led an excellent assembly in which we all reflected on how small negative behaviours build up and how positive behaviours have a restorative effect. Thank you Ms Evans-Bentley

With just two school weeks to go this term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and to stress the importance of ensuring that your child attends every day in full school uniform so that we can end the term in a positive way. I look forward to seeing you at the celebration assembly which will be held on 15th December at 11am.

School Health Nursing

As you may know, our school nurse visits on a Wednesday and is available to talk to parents and/or students about a range of concerns. If you would like to talk to the school nurse please contact your child's tutor. More information can be found at www.sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-nursing-service

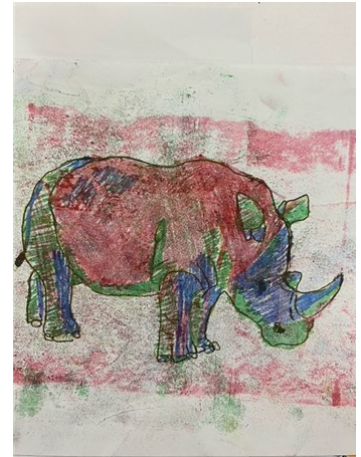
And finally, a reminder that 6th December from 15.30 – 17.15 is our Parents Evening and all parents and carers are invited into school with their child to meet teachers and tutors to discuss the progress being made so far in this academic year.

Our Christmas Meal is Wednesday 13th December.

Ms Grayson

Art at North Star 240°

Year 9 have been learning to how to Mono Print in the Art room this week.



They have been busy turning their Creature based drawings into these stunning prints.

Well done to them all – some fantastic results!



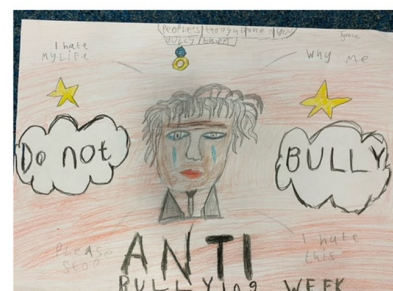
Anti-bullying

Here at Northstar 240°, during the week commencing Monday 14th November we celebrated 'anti bullying week'. Staff and students were encouraged to wear odd socks to acknowledge and celebrate us all being different, with the students given the chance to design their own odd socks.



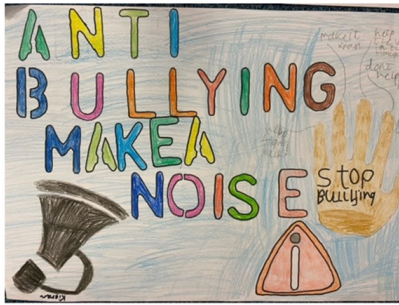
In line with our PSHE curriculum, the police also visited the school and ran workshops on bullying. They covered the different types of bullying, how the act of bullying makes other people feel, the laws related to bullying and when it becomes a crime.

Within art lessons students had the opportunity to participate in the design their own 'anti-bullying poster competition', with the top three being showcased in and around the school to help reinforce our anti-bullying policy. A massive thank you to Mrs Lamkin for all her hard work and to everyone that entered.



Year 7 student

What is bullying?



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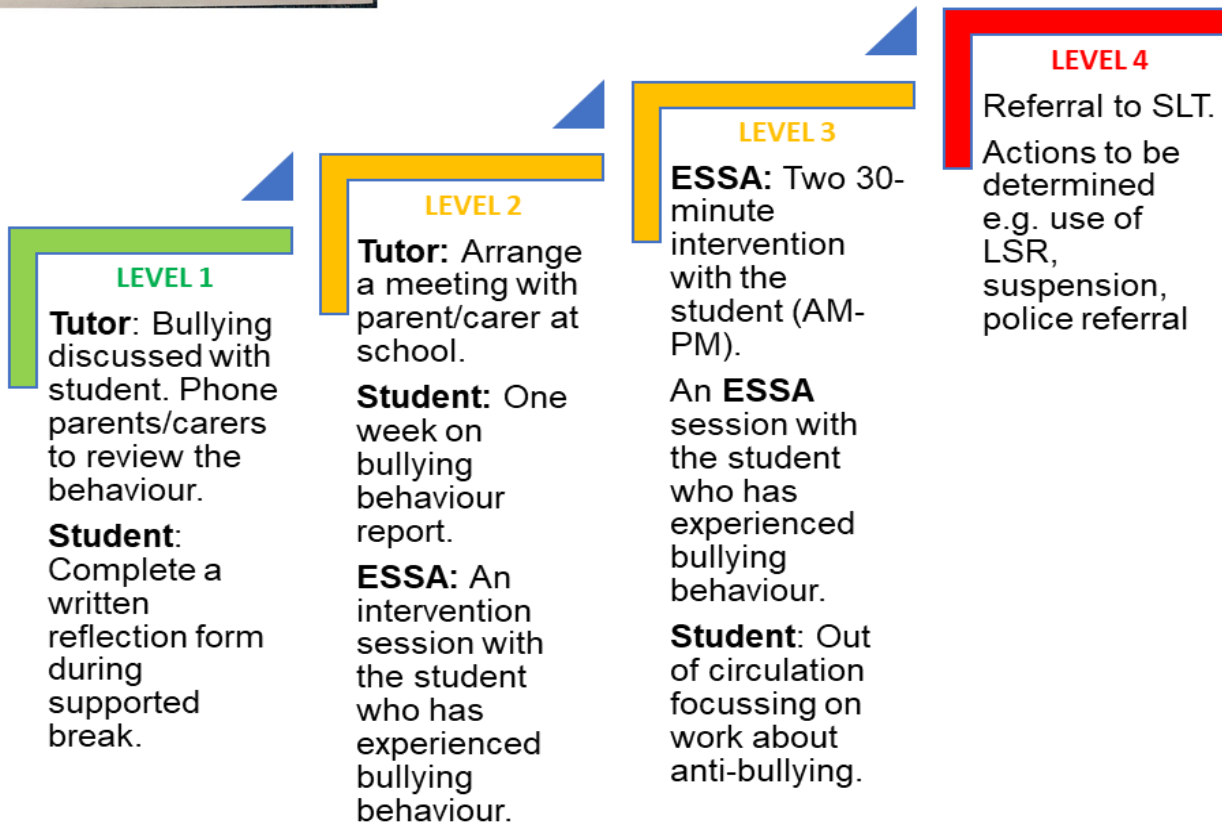
Year 9 student

The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as ‘the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or a group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.

Bullying can take on many forms, but may be;

- physical,
- verbal,
- emotional or
- a combination of the above.

Here at Northstar 240°, we take incidences of bullying very seriously. Once an incident of bullying has been recorded, using the above definition, we use our stepped approach to help tackle any concerns or issues.



We are currently in the process of recruiting ‘anti-bullying ambassadors to help reinforce our anti-bullying policy within school.

- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are passionate young people who will stand up to bullying behaviour and believe they can change things for the better.
- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors believe that bullying behaviour is not acceptable and should not be part of everyday life at school.
- Meetings will take place termly to discuss strategies and ideas surrounding our Anti-Bullying school policy.

If you have any questions surrounding our anti-bullying procedures then please contact the school.

Catering at North Star 240°

This term in KS3 we have had a skills focus on 'rubbing in'. This is a key skill in baking and the students have made many dishes that they hope you have enjoyed trying, including rock cakes, tomato and basil tarts and cheesy scones. There are lots of recipes you can try at home. The BBC is particularly good.



Last week it was **Children in Need** and many of you will know that the students were very busy making lots of lovely cakes with Mrs Hawkes! Students from all year groups participated in the project. Some made the cakes and biscuits and others decorated them before the big sale.



On Thursday 16th November Student Council fundraised for Children in Need. Students had great ideas and we held a cake sale, a treasure hunt, a karaoke and basketball competition. Before the bake sale, students Jahmariey, Harley and another student got everything ready themselves – the tables, the presentation, collected a float and got into teams to sell. Raf and Riley came to help sell at breaktime as well; the queue was huge and there were lots of happy customers!

Throughout the day, each tutor group paid a donation to take part in a treasure hunt with hidden Pudsey Bear clues around the school. Alfie helped organise each group. Students had to work as a team to solve the clues and stay together. The fastest team were the year 11s who made it round the school finding 6 clues in just under 3 minutes! Mrs Walsh has warned them that they should now never be more than three minutes late to a lesson ever again...

At lunchtime, Mrs Lamkin and Mr Mitchell put on some fun activities in the music room and sports hall. Staff and students alike could be heard belting out tunes from Queen to Shawn Mendez but the star of the show was Amber who won for her beautiful singing of Adele's "Easy on me". For the sport option, the winner of the basketball shoot was Tyreese, who didn't miss a shot!

Well done to all the students for taking part and helping to raise money for this worthy charity, and a special thank you to the staff and students who contributed their time and efforts in helping with the various activities. The events of the day combined with the non-uniform day on Friday raised a brilliant £90.01.