Welcome to our new Anti-bullying newsletter where we will keep you all up to date about what's going on in school. We just wanted to remind you all who our school buddies are that help stamp out bullying at Brickhouse.

- KS1 buddies: Elliot, Amelia, Ella-Mai and Yusuf
- KS2 buddies: Molly, Harley, Jaili, Karolina, Lincoln, Miah, Aayat and Harry

It is our job to be a buddy to all the children on the playground and ensure everyone has a friend they can play with or talk to.

We also have a steering group that meets termly to discuss all things anti-bulling. The group is made up of Y5 and Y6 buddies, Miss Gaymer, Miss Roberts and Mrs Griffin (Parent members) and Mrs Polito (lead governor).

What can you do if you are worried about bullying in school?

- Talk to a teacher or member of staff about any worries or concerns
- Around school there are 'SAY NOW' boxes where all children can put a concern or worry they have about bullying or being bullied. These will then be emptied and appropriate staff can work with the child

What if I think my child is being bullied?

If you are concerned, then do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff who will pass on your concerns to the Headteacher/Deputy Head. Remember sometimes we are not aware that it is going on and we need to be made aware by you (the parent).

What Happens Next?

The Headteacher/Deputy Head will investigate the matter by talking to the child who feels they are being bullied first. (This is to ensure they have all the facts necessary to undertake an investigation).

Useful websites:

Anti-Bullying Alliance for Parents: http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/parents-carers/anti-bullying-tool-for-parents/

Anti-Bullying Alliance for Children: http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/children-young-people/

Anti-bullying quality mark: As a school we have been working very hard for nearly 2 years to achieve the bronze award. We are nearly there so please look out in the next newsletter where we will hopefully have exciting and good news about this.