

ACTIONWORKS ANTI BULLYING WORKSHOP AT ALLEYN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

Actionwork presented their Anti Bullying Roadshow this morning to a rapt audience of all our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils. This amounted to nearly 200 pupils in total. They engaged immediately with the "Professor" who set the tone for an extremely well presented show. The combination of humour, puppetry, question and answer sessions, competitions and hard hitting video footage ensured that the pupils stayed focused throughout and the forest of hands that shot up to offer suggestions was testament to their total involvement.

Understanding what bullying actually means was clarified using the children's responses in a competitive setting. This certainly encouraged participation, as did the tricky situation of how to respond to bullying when you see it happening. When approached in this creative way there was no lack of forthcoming responses. The lights, the music and the engaging team of Andy and Tom, proved to be a winning combination. They managed to achieve a great atmosphere where the children felt confident enough to respond but at the same time they remained well controlled, not always an easy thing to do!

After the break, Andy ran the very large workshop brilliantly. Here again, the opening activity was so effective, involving total involvement from all the pupils as they grappled with task of performing their drum beats at the correct time. That they maintained their concentration throughout the morning was so impressive and indicative of the very high standard this company achieves in its workshops.

I would recommend Actionwork wholeheartedly and look forward to inviting them back to Alleyn's Junior School again.

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