

South Derbyshire youngsters celebrate diversity with LGBT awareness week

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Youngsters from Granville Sports College got dressed up and took part in an array of activities for LGBT awareness

Pupils at a South Derbyshire school have donned all the colours of the rainbow to celebrate and raise awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender diversity.

Youngsters at Granville Sports College, in Burton Road, Woodville, spent the last week of February exploring a rainbow theme in honour of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender diversity (LGBT) History month, which took place in February.

It was the first time the school has paid homage to the LGBT community and the awareness week was planned and organised by pupils at the school.

All staff were invited to get involved by purchasing and wearing rainbow shoelaces or ties which they were given permission to wear all week, while youngsters got stuck in to a non-uniform day and rainbow cake sales throughout the week.



Staff and pupils donned their brightest clothes to raise awareness for the LGBT community

The week ended with the signing of No Bystanders pledge postcards, which stands against LGBT bullying, and will go towards the creation of a pledge wall in the school.

The money raised throughout the week will be used to purchase LGBT books and resources for the school library, where they will be used to raise awareness of LGBT issues and support LGBT members of the school community.

Event co-ordinator Katy Lawrence was delighted by the enthusiasm of staff and pupils.

She said: "This is the first time that the school has organised an event of this nature, and the pupils in the Sexuality and Gender Awareness (SAGA) group did an excellent job of planning and organising the week.

"We are proud to be an all-inclusive school that celebrates diversity, and the level of support demonstrated by the pupils and other members of the school community is a testament to their mutual respect and tolerance".
