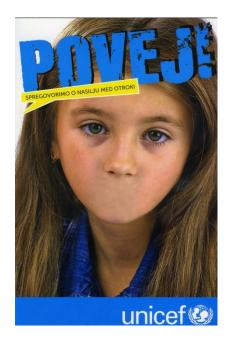
Anti - Bullying Project - Tell it!



As a result of the increase of violence and bullying among the pupils the anti-bulling project "Tell it" started at our school few years ago. It was organized under the patronage of UNICEF and with the collaboration of the institution Zaletalnica from Ljubljana.



The **aims** of the project are:

- to promote a safe school,
- to raise awareness and knowledge about the issue of bullying,
- to offer resources to assist teachers and school staff in reducing bullying within their own school,
- to create a plan for dealing with bullying in the school,
- to encourage the victims of bullying and intimidation to speak about it,
- to teach children how to solve problems without being violent,
- to increase pro-social activity and socialemotional skills among the pupils.

The project began with different workshops and lectures on bullying awareness for the teachers and other school staff. The teachers were given sample activities to implement into the classroom. The form teachers and the pupils decided on the rules to be observed in the classroom and at school, e.g. not to be physically or psychologically violent, not to encourage bullying.

A protocol of interventions in and outside the classroom was established. It comprises talking with the victim and the bully, a written description of the incident by both of them, meetings with the form teacher, school pedagogue, children's parents and the school principal, an educational

plan for the bully with all the activities to be followed by him, and if the process is not successful, the punishment.



The system of prevention and interventions shows positive results, because it often solves the problem of bullying at the beginning, but it requires a lot of teachers' extra time and work.





Our school was awarded the UNICEF flag symbolizing a safe place for children in the area.



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