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Dear Parents

Today, the children in Years 5 & 6 were lucky enough to receive a presentation from Growing Against Violence. This is something which we have been trying to arrange for some time as part of our commitment to safeguarding and due to the growing gang culture in Croydon. The presentation was quite hard hitting and the children had lots of questions which they asked the facilitator.

Below is some information taken from their website which can be found at http://growingagainstviolence.org.uk/

GAV works for public benefit to reduce the impact of gangs, peer on peer abuse and both gang and group behaviour on the lives of young people and, by extension, their families and communities. It is based upon on principles of 'protection', 'prevention' and 'partnership'. It seeks to protect young people at risk of association with gangs, crime, violence and exploitation; prevent their entry into gangs, gang life and abusive relationships by allowing them to make informed decisions; and works through partnerships of trust and confidence with schools and young people themselves to address these issues. It does this work through the provision of public health and public safety programmes, delivering evidence-based preventative education sessions to students. Such programmes are intended for the benefit of young people, their parents, schools and the wider community, and are conceived and delivered in partnership with police and other organisations.

We apologise for not informing you sooner about the presentation, however the company did not confirm until late yesterday that they were able to come.

Best wishes,

Caroline Barriball & Samantha Sandle