

Knife Crime KS2 Assembly and Workshop Programme

In 2023 Bigfoot worked in collaboration with the Federation of Heavers Farm and Selsdon Primary Schools in Croydon, South East London, to create a new assembly and workshop programme for KS2 pupils, using an early intervention approach to understanding key messages around the topic of knife crime, gang violence and keeping safe.

Following a successful run in London Primary schools, we are excited to tour Powerful Choices across the UK with limited dates in Manchester, Liverpool, East & West Midlands, Humber, North & South Yorkshire in the Summer Term 2024. (See tour schedule overleaf)

The programme supports pupils to:

- Consider how to keep themselves and others safe
- Recognise and manage risk and difficult situations
- Manage friendships and peer pressure
- Understand respect and how to have respectful relationships
- Understand the law around and consequences of carrying knives
- Explore the immediate and far-reaching consequences of knife crime and gang violence on the victim, the perpetrator, their families and the wider community
- Identify how to access support and who can help them
- Have difficult conversations with their peers and adults

POWERFUL CHOICES

New UK Primary School Tour



“Sometimes it’s a choice that just feels...Bad. And I don’t know what to do...”



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The Assembly

Pupils participate in a 45 minute interactive assembly, in which a narrator introduces them to the fictional story of 11 year old Gabriel, who has recently struggled with making some difficult choices about the friends he is spending time with. He has been feeling pressure to join in on some behaviour he finds uncomfortable, especially as his friends have started talking about knives, and he knows the pressure will only get worse. Sometimes Gabriel finds it hard to talk about his worries to the grown ups in his life; he doesn't know where to start and he doesn't want to let them down.

As Gabriel considers these decisions, suddenly a Magical Phone appears! It has the power to provide messages and advice from the future, from the important trusted grown ups in Gabriel's life. In one message Gabriel will hear from a future where he chooses to stay in the group, and in the next message he'll hear from a future where he makes a different choice. This will help Gabriel choose what to do, perhaps?

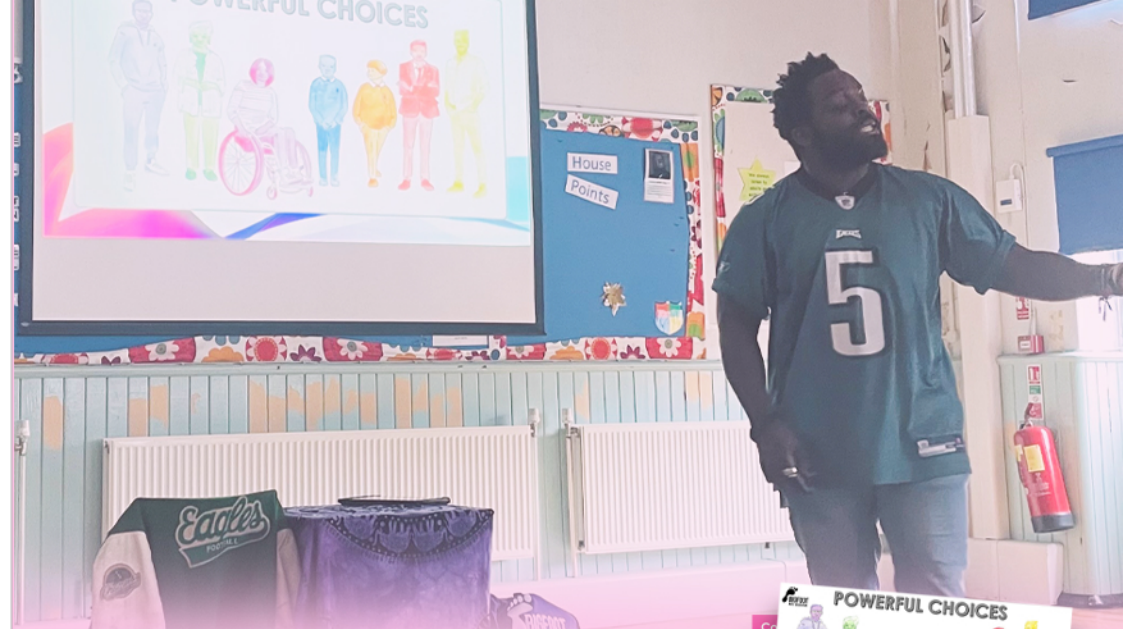
The assembly is a safe and creative opportunity to introduce sensitive issues and subject matter and is an excellent starting point for future conversations about choices and consequences. Pupils are encouraged to reflect upon and discuss key issues throughout, working together to explore the various choices Gabriel has to make. The assembly includes spoken word, brilliant character illustrations and voiceovers, bringing the story to life.

The Workshops

The assembly is followed by up to **4 x 1 hour workshops, for Year 5 and 6 pupils**. The workshop gives pupils the opportunity to explore the key issues raised in the assembly in more depth, consolidating their understanding of the laws surrounding and consequences of knife crime. They will work together to explore some of the situations raised in the assembly, using various drama skills to consider character choices and consequences. Pupils will be encouraged to consider how to have positive, respectful relationships with their peers.

Activities will also explore how to have difficult conversations with adults and how to access support, especially as pupils prepare for their transition to Secondary school.

"Let's share our experiences, Let's use our big voices, Now that we're choosing life, Making powerful choices."



The programme is accompanied by a comprehensive **Teacher Resource Pack**, enabling the programme to as beneficial and impactful as possible.



COSTS

A 45-minute assembly is designed for a maximum of 120 students.

1 assembly: £495 (9am or 2pm only)

2 x assemblies: £595 + VAT (9am & 10am or 1pm & 2pm)

1 assembly followed by up to 4 x 1 hour workshops: £695 + VAT

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Summer Term 2024 UK Tour Schedule

Greater Manchester

April 15th – April 26th

Liverpool, Sefton & St Helen's

April 29th – May 10th

Hull & Humber:

May 20th – May 24th

Bradford & Leeds

June 3rd – June 14th

Rotherham & Sheffield

June 17th – June 28th

Birmingham & Coventry

July 1st – July 12th

Leicester

July 1st – July 5th

Nottingham

July 8th – July 12th

What schools have said:

The workshop addresses some important moral decisions that some young people might have to face. But it is so much more than just that; it empowers children to believe in themselves and make 'powerful' choices every day.

Penwortham Primary School

The Powerful Choices programme is brilliantly designed, superbly delivered and highly impactful. Our children gave it the highest evaluation rating yet recorded - 10/10 for delivery, 9.7/10 for content and 9.5/10 for effectiveness. Many, many thanks. All children said that they were now better informed and prepared for the challenges of knife crime and gangs.

Eastbrook Primary School

The workshop was a fantastic way to approach difficult subjects with Year 6 children. Adrian the facilitator was fantastic with children and staff alike. The children could not speak more highly of him. He put them at ease, was professional and had clear boundaries.

Orchard Primary School

