

BRIDGE ROAD SCHOOL

FOCUS OF THE WEEK

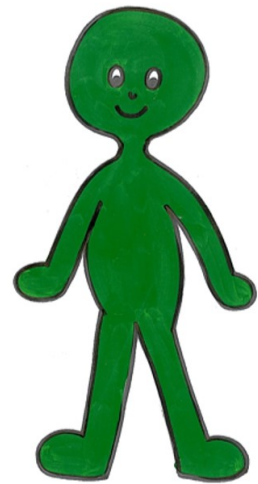
Follow Your Own Path

It's funny how easily children ignore you when you ask them to clean their room or finish their vegetables, yet they cannot seem to ignore the talkative kid in the classroom. Ignoring you or their elders is not acceptable, but sometimes children need to practice their selective hearing skills to keep out of trouble or avoid situations that are distracting them in class. Even though you know your children are perfectly capable of ignoring certain things, you can help them practice that skill to use in certain situations.

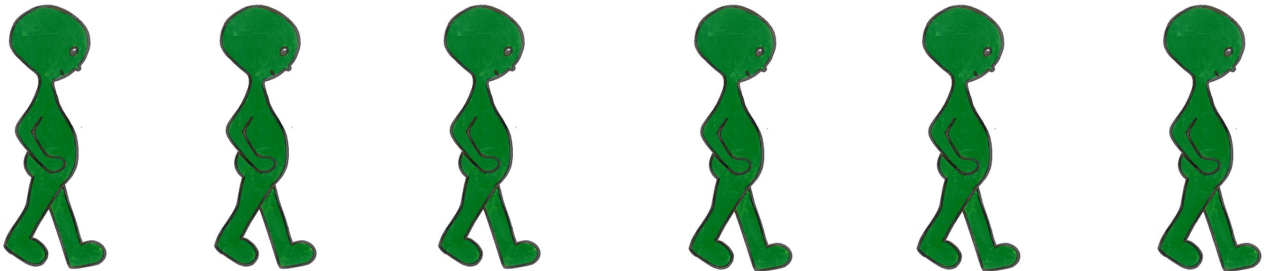
Walking Away

At Bridge Road School we teach students to ignore negative behaviours by walking away. We teach them that they do not have to confront or become distracted by others' negative behaviours on the playground. We encourage students to turn around and walk away from a negative situation and to think about what strategies they can use to avoid the bad behaviour.

Ike Individual



Ike says
"We are all individuals **follow your own path.**"



Ignoring Teasing

If ever a student is put in a situation in which another person is teasing them in a hurtful manner or bullying them, they need to know that ignoring this person is far more effective than reacting violently. It is also important that they notify a member of staff immediately so that the situation can be dealt with.



Teaching Students to Think First

Ignoring negative behaviours is not always easy, but if students take the time to think about the negative behaviours of others, it helps. Sometimes they can be tempted to join in when other children are behaving negatively, especially when the child is a friend. However by teaching students to stop and think about the consequences of this negative behaviour it helps them to ignore it rather than participate. If they understand that negative behaviours result in negative consequences, they are far less likely to want to join in.