



## Assembly: Stone throwing

<b>Year group:</b>	Y3 – Y6
<b>Key subject:</b>	Citizenship
<b>Cross curricular:</b>	N/A
<b>QCA scheme of work:</b>	Developing skills of participation and responsible action. Knowledge and understanding about becoming informed citizens.
<b>Useful resources:</b>	Track off DVD: Module: Vandalism: A bit of fun?

### The assembly plan

#### Aims

This Y3 – Y6 assembly responds to a stone throwing incident that has taken place on the local railway.

#### Introduction

Start by showing the pupils the video *A bit of fun?* from the Trackoff resource DVD. Pause the video at the point where the two boys run away, and before the driver tells about his experience.

Allow the pupils to reflect; then ask:

- Are the two boys just having a bit of fun?
- Do they know what the potential consequences of their action could be?

## Main presentation

Tell the pupils that the video was filmed with actors and no stones were actually thrown at trains.

Then introduce the local incident. You may be able to use newspaper cuttings, news websites or the British Transport Police Media Centre:

<http://www.btp.presscentre.com/>

You may also be able to invite to the school a local BTP Officer or a railway company's Community Liaison Officer.

Discuss with the pupils circumstances and consequences of the local incident:

- Were people hurt?
- Were the perpetrators caught? If yes, what kind of consequences will they face?

Ask the pupils:

- Why do you think children and teenagers throw stones at trains? (They may think it's fun; they may just want to see what happens; they may not understand how badly they could hurt other people).

Conclude by telling the class that now they *do* know how dangerous it is, and what the potential consequences are.

## Summary

Recount the local incident, and recap:

Throwing stones at trains is extremely dangerous and could cause serious injuries to the driver or passengers.

## Additional notes

This assembly is suitable for any primary school. Teacher adjustments can be made to adapt it for a single class.

## Extension/shortening tip

- Invite a British Transport Police officer to give a talk at the assembly. Contact details are provided at:

<http://www.trackoff.org/SchoolVisits.aspx>