

### **Alcohol Awareness Week (AAW) & Schools Poster Competition 2009**

Blackburn Community Council organised a number of events for AAW which ran from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October. An Information stall was provided within the Mill Centre with advice and assistance being provided by Community Action – Blackburn, NHS Lothian, West Lothian Health Improvement Team, Access2Employment, Business Gateway and the Whitburn & Blackburn Locality Planning Officer. A performance of the play 'Acceptance' was also provided by Lisa Nicoll at the Community Centre.

The annual school poster competition was the centre piece for the week long event and a big thank you is extended to Blackburn, Murrayfield and Our Lady of Lourdes Primary school's pupils for the marvellous entries for this, our third, poster competition. There were 298 entries received which gave the judges, Helen Davis, West Lothian Youth Action Project, Shona Haggart, Housing Officer, Agnes Sinclair, Library Services and Chris Connor, Manager of the Happy Valley, a really difficult task in selecting the winners.

This years themes were what the children liked about Blackburn, what they didn't like and what we could do to make Blackburn a better place to live. To view the posters please click on the winners name below:

[Primary 1 - Emma Parker, Murrayfield Primary](#)

[Primary 2 - Kieran Owens, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary](#)

[Primary 3 - Sarah Jane Barkhouse, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary](#)

[Primary 4 - Julia Kaczmarczyk, Our Lady of Lourdes Primary](#)

[Primary 5 - Fiona Graham, Murrayfield Primary](#)

[Primary 6 - Olivia Graham, Blackburn Primary](#)

[Primary 7 - Ryan Dodd Blackburn Primary](#)

Each winner received a £20 gift card for Asda, a goody bag from the Library and a Certificate from Lothian and Borders Police at their Presentation on Friday 9th October. Blackburn Community Council would like to thank the children for taking part and the staff, judges and Community Action - Blackburn for all of their help and support.

