

The performance the Kids on the Block

Today the children in the class saw the play The Kids on the Block. The show is available to all children in the 2nd grade in primary schools in the country and is intended to make it easier for children to tell about abuse that they may experience. The message of the play is: You will get help if you tell.

The kids on the Block is a show where puppets are used to educate children about abuse and the importance of children speaking up. The puppets talk about their own experience. Jóhanna tells about how her mother's boyfriend touched her inappropriately and what help she received after she spoke up. Stefán tells his friend how his mother hit him and how they both got help after he told his teacher.

By using puppets to talk to and answer questions about this sensitive issue, it is often possible to reach children better. A study counsellor, social worker, nurse or psychologist from the school are present at each performance.

The puppeteers are Helga Arnalds Sólveig Guðmundsdóttir and Alexia Björg Jóhannesdóttir. For more information about the play, please contact Helga at helga@tiufingur.is.

You can find information on children's welfare on the website of 112: <https://www.112.is/en/childrens-welfare>

We also want to point out that information about all child protection committees can be accessed on the website of the National Agency for Children and Families at the following address: <https://www.bofs.is/english/about-us/>

The Ministry of Education and Children finances the performances but the National Agency for Children and Families manages the project.



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