A 40ft-long anti-bullying petition made of fabric was paraded through the streets and the Grand Pier of Weston on Friday, backed by the town's MP, John Penrose, and North Somerset Council chairman Roz Willis.

The petition was organised by Weston organisation Actionwork and anti-bullying charity I Power I, and was taken to 10 Downing Street on Monday.

Actionwork and a teenage management crew from I Power I have been campaigning for the past two years for the government to do more to tackle bullying.

After constantly writing to the Prime Minister but only getting replies saying he feels the government is doing enough, they then involved Mr Penrose.

The MP tabled an early-day motion to 'provide intensive anti-bullying training for all new teachers as part of their teacher trainin[illegible] current teachers through inten[illegible]

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It was the first time the annual [illegible]ence, which started in 2003, has be[illegible] in the town and 700 people heard p[illegible]ations, plays and songs from s[illegible] young performers, youth groups, [illegible] groups and other organisations.

Some came from as far afield as [illegible] Korea, California and Europe.

There were also anti-bullying e[illegible] researchers and practitioners inf[illegible] delegates about their work as [illegible] sportsmen and celebrities talking [illegible] their experiences of bullying.

A drama group and dance co[illegible] from Worle School performed, as w[illegible] drama group from Wyvern School.

Westhaven School Year 9 pupi[illegible] Griffiths, won the final of the I P[illegible] national song-writing competition [illegible] Barcode on the Monday of the [illegible]ence, with his song Picked On.

And Broadoak School year nine [illegible] Chantelle Williams won the [illegible] Somerset slogan competition with [illegible]