

# Sticking Plaster



- Earle Dickson invented the first adhesive bandages in 1845 to protect his accident-prone wife from small cuts. They were given out free to boy scouts to put in their first aid packs which helped popularise them and were even sent to the moon on the Apollo mission in 1969.
- Often in school it can feel as if we're only offering temporary, sticking plaster solutions and not really changing anything.
- Few of us are in a position to change anything significant in today's world and adding a plaster can feel a bit tokenistic – but it can make a real difference to the individual involved.
- It means someone took the time to listen and to care. It may be a small gesture, but small things matter – and enough small things can add up to a big thing.
- If you get the opportunity to offer someone a 'sticking plaster' it may mean more than you realise.

***'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.'*** Mother Teresa