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President Macron is today showing his support for the victims of school bullying on National Anti-Bullying Day. The Head of State spoke this morning on his Twitter account on a video. He announced the launch of a mobile app to allow victims to send a screenshot of a situation in which bullying is taking place. Today, nearly one in ten children is bullied at school.

Mr Macron will then deliver a speech this afternoon to close the 103rd Congress of Mayors. This year 10,000 elected officials have been meeting since Tuesday at the Porte de Versailles in Paris. The Head of State promised last night to an audience of a thousand mayors at the Elysée Palace, that he would continue to support them.

A government promise to provide €100 to 38 million French people to cope with the rise in fuel prices, was scrapped yesterday by the Senate. In its place, senators voted for an increase of €150 in activity bonuses or an allowance of €150 for beneficiaries of minimum social benefits. The National Assembly may however restore the €100 compensation as promised by the Prime Minister Jean Castex.

The Senate is currently examining laws on animal abuse with the aim of banning the use animals to perform in circuses in the medium term but also and above all, to reduce the abandonment of domestic animals. Each year in France, nearly 100,000 animals are abandoned by their owners.

Secours Catholique is sounding the alarm on poverty in France. According to the association's annual report on the state of poverty, more than a quarter of their beneficiaries regularly go without meals for a whole day. This situation particularly affects households without resources, single parents and people living on their own.

And finally to women's football where the Parisians, who are leaders of their group, play an away game against Real Madrid for the 4th day of the group stage of the Champions League. Kick-off is at 9 p.m tonight.