

Welcome to our new RE newsletter!

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Due to the new and exciting developments taking place in Religious Education around the county we felt it was time to dust off the cobwebs and resurrect the RE newsletter. We hope you like our first attempt.

Hopefully by now you will have all discovered our new website and are enjoying using the curriculum support materials to deliver some exciting RE lessons in line with our Field of Enquiry. If by chance you haven't yet explored the online resources then the link is <http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/re/> Your

RE subject leader should have the password.

We are currently in the process of developing some exemplification materials to support assessment in RE for Years 2 and 6. When these materials are posted on line, they should help with internal moderation prior to submitting end of year data to the Lancashire SACRE.

Data is requested via the Portal so check that your account is set to Religious Education (log on, go into Account Management, scroll down to your name, click edit and find Religious Education). Keep your eyes open from June!

Spotlight on RE Around the County:

Lea Community Primary School

Members of the Lancashire SACRE had a special

experience when they visited Lea Community Primary in March 2017. This involved visiting a Y6 lesson as pupils investigated beliefs and religious traditions



related to the Christian period of LENT and then joining the audience for the performance of a multi-faith Passion Play linked to the teachings of Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Interesting discussions with pupils from years R – 6 showed that all knew and understood the school's values.

If you are doing something

exciting in RE or would like to share your approach to delivering the syllabus

please contact: advisory.support@ancashire.gov.uk

Escape To Safety Multimedia Refugee Exhibition

@ the Faith Centre

Burnley Campus, Barden Lane

Monday 26 June – Friday 30

To book your school/class for a session on myth busting, exploring diversity, challenging stereotypes and to build tolerance and respect in an interactive way contact:

Afrasiab.anwar@lancashire.gov.uk

or gov.uk

Tel: 01282 682275

**FREE to All Lancashire Schools (Years 6-11).
Limited places.**

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Useful Websites

Have a look at some of these websites, they're full of useful information and exciting ideas. Why not pass them on to your colleagues?

www.retoday.org.uk
www.natre.org.uk
www.reonline.org.uk
<http://pof.reonline.org.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>
<http://www.cleo.net.uk/index.php>

Holi Fun at Brunshaw Primary School

Children in the Brunshaw Primary Nursery classes learnt about the Hindu festival of Holi recently. The staff at the nursery wanted the children to learn about this colourful festival in a fun, multi-sensory way. A parent drew their attention to some short clips on Cbeebies (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-holi>) and they used them as a starting point for the activities.

The 3 and 4 year olds enjoyed joining in with making laddoo, a traditional Indian sweet, making pretend laddoo out of various malleable materials, dressing up, painting, retelling stories and finally, throwing powder

paint. The staff knew it was going to get messy so warned parents in advance and the children all turned up in old clothes for the day. They got to choose 2 primary colours of powder paint and put generous spoonfuls into plastic cups. They then got to go outside and throw it at some old sheets which had been hung up outside.

Right at the end we threw water on the paint and even got some colour mixing out of it! Most of the paint went on the sheet – but not all! There were some very colourful, but very happy, children who went home that night!

Visit to the Gujarat Hindu Society, Preston

For its January meeting, the Lancashire SACRE was invited to meet at Preston's Gujarat Hindu Centre and Mandir (Temple) where our host was SACRE member Ishwer Tailor. After a guided tour of the magnificent Temple, its art and its shrines, we were also able to attend the midday puja (worship) and - for those able to stay - a generous lunch was served. We were also able to learn more about the practice of Hinduism, a religion which does not seek to convert others.



Our business meeting was conducted in one of the suite of rooms which the Community Centre can offer, and we were told a little of the huge but successful effort, made over twenty five years, to raise funds and achieve the construction of this splendid building - opened in 2002 - and its facilities. It does great credit to the eight hundred or more Hindu families from across Lancashire for whom this is now their focus. Our visit proved an excellent study of "faith in action", and a wonderful example of how one faith can reach out to those of other faiths and none, in service to humankind.

Peter Martin Chair of Lancashire SACRE

Summer Term Festivals

23.4.17 – St George's Day - Christianity
 24.4.17 - Yom Ha-Shoah (Holocaust Day) Judaism
 10.5.17 – Wesak – Buddhism
 12.5.17 – The Night of Forgiveness – Islam
 14.5.17 – Lag B'Omer – Judaism
 25.5.17 – Ascension Day – Christianity
 27.5.17 – Ramadan – Islam

31.5.17 – Shavuot – Judaism
 4.6.17 – Pentecost – Christianity
 18.6.17 – The Night of Power – Islam
 21.6.17 – World Humanist Day
 25.6.17 – Ratha Yatra – Hinduism
 26.6.17 – Eid-UI-Fitr – Islam
 8.7.17 - Asalha Puja – Buddhism
 27.7.17 - Chokor - Buddhism

Special RE: A Day Conference in Wolverhampton

Do you work at a Special School and feel a bit lost with RE? On 4th July Anne Krisman, a national expert in RE and SEND, is running a day's conference exploring good practice in RE.

Lat Blaylock, Editor of RE Today, is hosting the event and the special guest is Manni Kaur, a specialist in teaching children with autism. Cost is £120. To book your place and for more information, contact:

Charlotte.Harding@wolverhampton.gov.uk

British Values Audit

How does your School promote Fundamental British Values?
 How prepared are your pupils for life in modern and diverse Britain?
 Does your school demonstrate the values through the life and ethos of the school?
 What are the strengths and /or areas for development around this duty for your school?

To carry out a self-review contact the Faith Centre:

Afrasiab.anwar@lancashire.gov.uk

R.E. Quality Mark

Are you proud of the RE provision in your school? Do you want it to be recognised?

Do learners in your school have high quality RE?

How does RE contribute to whole school improvement?

Do you need to self-evaluate the quality of RE teaching in your school?

Take a look at the materials on:
<http://reqm.org/>

Students discuss the importance of RE with Seema Kennedy – MP for South Ribble

Tarleton Academy: Seema Kennedy with Saleha Patel (Teacher of RE) and Lesley Gwinnett (Headteacher)



importance of GCSE RS and how they saw it has having relevance to their lives as young adults.

On 3rd March, Seema Kennedy, MP for South Ribble visited Little Hoole Primary School and Tarleton Academy to see what high quality RE looks like in the classroom. She saw RE from EYFS through to Y6 at a school which values the impact RE can have on the education and lives of their students. Seeing students working with their teachers, looking through their books and talking to pupils, it was clear how much they enjoy their lessons and value what they have learned.

At Tarleton Academy, a group of Y10 and Y11 students met with Mrs Kennedy to discuss the



Little Hoole Primary School: Seema Kennedy with Sarah Fleming (RE Coordinator) and Daniel Stammers (Head)

The Westhill Awards

The Westhill/NASACRE Awards encourage schools to engage with diversity through projects which will generate compelling learning experiences in RE for young people, relevant to today's context. Each year grants of up to £4,000 have been awarded to support suitable projects submitted by schools through their SACREs. The Awards develop creative engagement

among young people and build up a bank of ideas and good practice for others to use in their own ventures, to the benefit of their locality and society more generally.

For information on how to apply and to see successful past awards see:

<http://www.nasacre.org.uk/westhill-nasacre-awards>

RE Conference October 2017

After the great success of last year's Agreed Syllabus RE conference, we are pleased to announce that there will be another in October 2017.

Lat Blaylock from RE Today will again be the keynote speaker, combining inspiration and practical ideas for teaching RE. There will be a selection of seminars available for both primary and secondary, including ideas for assessment, creative RE and teaching Islam at GCSE.

Look on the RE website and [Learning Excellence site](#) for details.

Student Voice Debate on Religious Education

Earlier this year, a group of students from Broughton High School attended a national debate on Religious Education at Westminster. Inspired by this, they were keen to help organise a similar event for Lancashire SACRE and relaunch the pupil voice group. Secondary schools from across Lancashire were involved and gathered at County Hall to debate current issues in RE, including the importance of religious literacy and the right of



withdrawal. This was a genuine pupil voice debate, with a range of views expressed; however, the overwhelming view was that in the modern world, a good knowledge

and understanding of the different faiths and beliefs that exist in society will benefit young people both now and in later life. As one student said: "If we don't know about each other's religious beliefs how can we ever tolerate, accept and hopefully understand the actions of other human beings."

The Chair of Lancashire SACRE, Mr Peter Martin, said "the debate produced remarkable responses from the young people, who had been prepared for the event by their teachers, but who had to rely on their own wits, words and wisdom to conduct themselves in a strange environment, on their feet and in the company of strangers. Their behaviour and manners were exemplary".

Many thanks to the schools involved and to their teachers who clearly put a lot of time and effort into preparing their students for the debate:

- Ashton Community Science College



- Broughton High School
- Clitheroe Royal Grammar School
- The Hollins Technology College
- Marsden Heights Community College
- Millfield Science and Performing Arts College
- The Rhyddings Business and Enterprise College
- Unity College.

For more information visit <http://religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/young-ambassadors/news/2017-04-05/yas-from-broughton-high-school-participate-in-lancashire-re-debate>

NATRE affiliated local group

The Central Lancs network (secondary) meet 4 times a year to support one another and share ideas and resources. Our meetings are relaxed and friendly - newcomers are always welcome. We usually meet in schools, but occasionally at places of worship. Some

meetings have a specific focus such as GCSE or assessment, others are run 'Teachmeet' style with everyone bringing along a resource to share.

If you would like to be added to my mailing list and receive information about these

meetings, please let me know: email harrisj@broughtonhigh.co.uk or @JoanneH_RE on twitter

See here for more information about NATRE affiliated local groups <https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/local-groups/>

Lancaster University is offering a series of free teachers' conferences on Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism in the Summer Term. The theme throughout all three days is 'Teaching Religion through Primary Sources' and will address recurring topics on the GCSE and A Level specifications. Each day will operate as a separate conference - you can attend a single day or any combination of days.

Monday 10th July: Islam

Tuesday 11th July: Buddhism

Wednesday 12th July: Hinduism

- enhance your knowledge of Islam, Buddhism and/or Hinduism
- discuss topics relevant to the new GCSE and A level specifications
- meet other teachers from around the country who teach the same topics

- No conference fee
- Meals provided
- Free accommodation (limited spaces available, so sign up soon!)

To book a place, please contact Katherine Young: Tel: 01524 592710 or email: k.young1@lancaster.ac.uk

The RE Update: a day course for every secondary RE teacher

Date: 06 July 2017, 9:30am-3:30pm

Location: Manchester

Cost: £205 (discounts available for NATRE members)

This wide-ranging new course from Lat Blaylock of RE Today Services will present fresh classroom ideas and materials to meet the needs of teachers of RE around some key current issues in the subject, including:

- RE, SMSCD and British Values
- GCSE learning ideas for Christian and Muslim

belief

- Current thinking on KS3 Assessment + Achievement
- Building the status of the subject in your school.

The course runs from 9.30 – 3.45, and is designed for all teachers of RE from NQT to subject leader, in all kinds of school.

Click here to book your place: <http://www.retoday.org.uk/courses/the-re-update-secondary>

Needing Help?

Finding the Agreed Syllabus a challenge?
Not sure how to assess in RE? Needing to increase subject knowledge of a specific religion? Need to raise the profile of RE in your school?

Contact: advisory.support@lancashire.gov.uk

