

Lancashire Ethnic Minority and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Achievement Service Newsletter

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At the end of Autumn Term, three schools in Lancashire were awarded with a special status for developing a culture of acceptance and support. They were presented with a certificate in recognition of their achievement at a presentation ceremony by Paul Duckworth (Senior Adviser, School Improvement Service) and Jeff Morgan (The City of Sanctuary National Trustee in the North West) on behalf of the National City of Sanctuary movement and Lancashire County Council.



English Martyr's Catholic Primary School, in Preston, The Cathedral Catholic Primary School and Our Lady's Catholic College, both in Lancaster, are the first schools in the county to receive the status of Lancashire School of Sanctuary. You can read more about the Lancashire Schools of Sanctuary scheme and how your school can gain the award on page 2 of this newsletter.



WE ARE READING IN LANCASHIRE!

Your invitation to get involved
World Book Day 2018 to World Book Day 2019

The Lancashire-wide 'We Are Reading!' campaign aims to raise the profile of reading in Lancashire and help all of our pupils and students to achieve even better outcomes in the future. As part of a year of reading activities, schools are invited to take the **We Are Reading Pledge**:

The Pledge

During the year of reading, we are committed to:

- o Becoming a reading school
- o Seeking out every opportunity to improve standards in reading within our school
- o Encouraging reading for pleasure
- o Enabling children to read in depth in a wide range of subjects, deepening their knowledge and understanding across the curriculum
- o Working with other schools, our local library and other partners to promote reading as a life-long skill.



To receive the We Are Reading newsletter and to get involved all you need to do is sign-up to the reading pledge by e-mailing: wearereading@lancashire.gov.uk

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Schools awarded School of Sanctuary status help pupils, staff, parents and the wider community understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary. They also extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of the school community.

Welcoming displays around the school each focusing on a different theme i.e. art, architecture, language, cultures in all classrooms help children to settle in English Martyrs Catholic Primary School in Preston and in The Cathedral Primary School in Lancaster.

Pupils show consideration to anyone joining the school and not knowing much about the culture or the language.

In The Cathedral Catholic Primary Lancaster during multi faith and refugee week, they had visitors who spoke about their religion and beliefs, children learnt about different faiths in comparison to their own.

Negative myths surrounding refugees and asylum seekers have also been dispelled in the schools.

Our Lady's Catholic College Lancaster prepared a display about refugee crisis which pupils and staff visited and everyone had an opportunity to write a message of hope to a refugee, pictures drawn by of Syrian children were displayed as well.

Each school engages in positive and enthusiastic activities involving their own pupils and parents, and others from all over the world.

Our Lady's Catholic College Lancaster run a competition on the Refugee week theme "Different pasts ,shared future" where students presented artwork, poems and dramas representing this theme

We hope that there will be many more schools in the future, who can demonstrate the ethos of fostering a welcome environment to all new arrival and are keen to be recognised as a place of sanctuary.

Our service can help your school to achieve this. To take forward your aspirations for all your school community, including refugee and asylum seeker pupils and ethnic minorities, we can support you via projects, staff training and pupil mentoring to mention but a few areas. We can also signpost to local community members and organisations supporting inclusiveness.

Please contact izabela.zalewska-ratajczak@lancashire.gov.uk if you would like our help in developing a schools of sanctuary initiative at you school.

ARE YOU GETTING YOUR FREE VISIT?

Did you know all Lancashire schools are entitled to a free visit when an international new arrival starts at their school? This visit provides advice on strategies and resources for teaching EAL students and signposts to other resources and tutoring and training that may be helpful. This visit could also look at auditing your whole school provision for EAL and next steps to develop your school's practice further.

SUPPORTING EAL PUPILS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Learning English as an Additional Language is not in itself a special educational need, although it can become a barrier to learning if the pupil's language needs are not addressed. However, EAL learners can sometimes have a special need or an additional need, as any other pupil can.

In practice in the classroom, distinguishing between a language learning need and a special educational need can be very difficult. To support schools with this and for advice on EAL pupils already with an SEN, we have developed our SEN/EAL Toolkit.

This resource provide schools with a guide to help them ensure that their EAL learners receive the necessary support and that their EAL pupils who are not making expected progress reach their full potential. It gives a clear framework that will help schools put in place appropriate support for EAL learners and uncover any underlying problems that an EAL learner may be experiencing.

This toolkit covers: Learning Environment, teaching and learning strategies for EAL pupils, Suggestions for Assessment for EAL learners along with other helpful advice and checklists.

The toolkit is available for download from the Learning Excellence website on this link:

<https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds/publications.asp?subject=EMA>

Another area where children's needs can be hard to separate is behaviour and language. It is a fact backed up by lots of research that language difficulties are linked with behavioural difficulties. In fact, young people with language difficulties are overrepresented in Youth Offender institutions, which shows the negative impact language difficulties can have on a young person's life. If any EAL pupils in your school are having behavioural difficulties, please refer them on as appropriate through the usual route.

For primary school pupils where you are concerned about the risk of exclusion due to behaviour, you can request additional advice and support by completing the [Request for Advice and Support \(Primary\)](#) form under the e-Forms link on the left-hand side of the Schools' Portal home page. Scroll down to 'Children Looked After and Alternative Provision' to find the form.



Proficiency in English	Percentage at expected standard in reading
A	7.0
B	12.2
C	37.5
D	62.1
E	76.1

GAINING ACADEMIC ENGLISH HAS STRONG IMPACT ON KS2 SATS FOR EAL LEARNERS

Looking at results across Lancashire schools in KS2 SATs, it is clear that English language proficiency has an impact on reaching the expected standard. From the reading results shared here, it can be seen that it is not just gaining conversational language that has an impact but gaining more academic language is also important too. This upward trend is replicated in both writing and maths too.

PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

If you have any concerns about a child's or an adult's possible involvement in or exposure to violent extremism or terrorism, then speak to the team of dedicated Prevent officers for your area.

East Division

(Blackburn, Burnley, Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Pendle & Rossendale)

Telephone: 01254 353641/91

Email: gordon.mcgeechn@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

West & South Division

(Preston, Lancaster, Skelmersdale, Blackpool etc.)

Telephone: 01772 209733/830

Email: colin.dassow@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

Central Safeguarding Team based at Police HQ, Hutton
(public protection team of the Counter Terrorism Branch)

01772 413029

Email: concern@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

If out of hours and you have a concern that you feel needs urgent action then please call **999** or use the **Anti-Terrorism Hotline 0800 789 321**

SPOTLIGHT

[SCARF 2 - A programme of work that can be used to tackle prejudice](#)

A pack of lessons which address forms of prejudice including, but not limited to, disability, sexism, racism, Islamophobia and homophobia and can be incorporated into British Values, SMSC and PSHE areas of the curriculum across Key Stages 2, 3 and 4

[NEW Talk Boost KS2 NEW](#)

Talk Boost KS2 is a targeted intervention for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 who have delayed language development, aiming to boost their language skills to help them to catch up with their peers.

[NEW All Together Now - KS2 programme](#)

All Together Now is a school linking project, which supports schools in addressing Community Cohesion and British Values. All Together Now has been developed by Lancashire EMGRT Achievement Service and Community Faith Coordinator to provide schools with a set of resources and optional activities for them to explore their own and others' identities.

Find out more about these programmes on our website: www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/projects/ema

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ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE NETWORKS FOR SCHOOLS

We hold termly cluster meetings for EAL co-ordinators that provide guidance on good practice, give policy updates and serve as an opportunity to raise concerns, seek advice and network with other EAL staff.

Meetings run from 2.30-4.25pm. To book a place, go to:

<https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/questionnaires/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=733605>

Primary and Secondary CENTRAL	Moor Park High School, Preston, PR1 6DT	Mon 19 March 2018
Primary and Secondary NORTH	Bowerham Community Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 4BS	Tue 20 March 2018
Primary and Secondary EAST	Mount Carmel RC High School, Accrington, BB5 0LU	Wed 21 March 2018
Primary and Secondary EAST	Pendle Vale High School, Nelson, BB9 8FL	Thu 22 March 2018

Briefings on policy and research • Network • Share best practice

Bespoke Training

We offer bespoke staff training tailored to the needs of schools. Examples of previous sessions include:

- Introduction to Gypsy, Roma, Traveller Communities. This can be tailored to specific audiences (including health, education, councils)
- Differentiating for EAL learners in the classroom
- Learning and Teaching Strategies for EAL (tailored to different key stages)
- Practical strategies for TAs supporting EAL learners
- Improving the attainment of EAL learners
- EAL and SEN
- Assessment of EAL
- Talking Partners
- Accelerated Acceleratewrite
- SCARF 2
- Talk Boost Intervention Training (Early Talk Boost, TalkBoost KS1 and Talk Boost KS2)

ETHNIC MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT TRAINING FOR SCHOOLS

We run a program of courses for school staff in conjunction with LDPS. There are courses for all key stages and staff groups. Please click on the links below to book. The great majority of participants on our courses rate our courses as 5 out of 6 or above

To book on these courses go to:

<https://lccsecure.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds/courses.asp?subject=EAL>

Spring/Summer 2018 EAL Course Programme

Course link	Code	Key Stage	Date	Venue
Supporting EAL children in pre-school settings and reception classes	EAL140	Foundation	19 February 2018 9.30-3.30	Seven Stars Early Years Centre
Working with EAL learners in Secondary schools	EAL205	KS3; KS4	6 March 2018 9.30-3.30	Seven Stars Early Years Centre
Differentiating for Language Development to meet needs of all EAL learners	EAL 137	KS1; KS2	23 March 2018 9.30-3.30	County Hall Preston
Empowering EAL pupils to be effective writers and readers	EAL138	KS1; KS2; KS3	17 April 2018 9.30-3.30	County Hall Preston
Teaching and learning strategies for all EAL Learners	EAL406	KS1; KS2; KS3	16 May 2018 9.20-12.00	Seven Stars Early Years Centre
A whole school approach to vocabulary development	EAL139	Foundation; KS2	22 May 2018 9.30-3.30	Seven Stars Early Years Centre
Professional development for Polish speaking Teaching Assistants	EAL401	Foundation; KS1; KS2; KS3; KS4	12 June 2018 9.30-12.00	County Hall Preston

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