

Autumn 2022

What Are You Doing for Black History Month 2022?

October is here and that means... well, lots of things: Diwali, conkers... but most definitely it means **Black History Month**, and there's plenty going on in Lancashire this month.

You can find out about a number of events in Preston (and other nearby places) by visiting the Preston Black History Group at prestonblackhistorygroup.org.uk including film showings, a public reading of Lola Jaye's *The Attic Child*, and book launches including "England is My Home—Windrush Lives in Lancashire".

Our colleague Seb will confirm that Bamber Bridge is an exciting village, but did you know about *The Battle of Bamber Bridge*?—you can read all about it at the website.

And **your school**? What are you doing for *Black History Month 2022*? Send us an email or a Tweet to let us know!

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DIG DEEP, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

We Have a New Name!

Eagle-eyed readers will already have noticed it at the top of the page: our service (formerly the 'Ethnic Minority Gypsy Roma Traveller Achievement Service') shall henceforth be known as the **Education Improvement—Equality and Diversity Team**. We have new contact details too! Please see the box immediately below.

Contact Us || Education Improvement—Equality and Diversity Team

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Healing in Refugee Week 2022

As part of Refugee Week 2022, Lancashire pupils were invited to join the *Education Improvement – Equality and Diversity Team* project 'Healing' by making an image using paint, crayons, photography or by writing a poem or a story on this theme.

We were delighted to receive 119 entries altogether: 84 posters and 35 poems! All of them will be displayed on our website and the top ten entries have been incorporated in the 'Healing' poster shown.

It was very difficult to choose a winner this year, but we felt that **Arfa Ayub** (below) from **Bradley Nursery School** captured the spirit of “sanctuary” for everyone, celebrating diversity and human rights best. She won 1st place in the best poster category in our 2022 competition.



Well done too to **Alessia De Molfetta-Page** from **Holy Family Catholic Primary School**, who claimed 2nd place, and **Primet Primary's Sarah Jabeen**, who took third place.



1st prize winner **Arfa Ayub** of Bradley Nursery School

Finally, our special congratulations to **Idahosa Irabor** from **The Cathedral Catholic Primary School** for winning 1st place in the best poem category for primary school children and **Eniola Afuye** from **Lancaster Girls' Grammar School** for winning 1st place in the best poem category for high school students in our 2022 competition.

You will be able to read their poems on our website shortly.

Thank you to all who took part in our Lancashire project!



Olivia life to the max!

In recent issues we have shone a light on some of the successes of young people within our diverse Lancashire communities. In this issue we hear from Olivia, an inspiring young woman with irresistible drive and determination from an Irish Traveller background.

“My name’s Olivia Gavin and I’m from a large Irish traveller family. I’m writing this to speak about my achievements over the past 18 years. In 2008 I started primary school at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School, where I completed my SATs exams and achieved the highest grades that I could. In 2015 when I finished primary school, I went on to start high school at Longridge High School. This was unusual for an Irish travelling girl to go to high school, but I wanted to go because I wanted to learn. Nobody else in the travelling community has succeeded with school as the systems aren’t right for them to do so; therefore, a lot of them are treated unfairly and many go on to get engaged and have babies and start their lives at a very young age. However, outside of school I enjoyed playing football and really enjoyed it, so at 14 I decided to complete my football refereeing course so that I was able to make some money whilst still being in school. This helped me to feel more independent as I had my own money, I could have more freedom in what I did when I went out with friends.



“In 2020 I was preparing for my GCSEs when Covid and lockdown hit. Despite the situation, I still came out of school with all my GCSEs. I got 8 GCSEs in total. I achieved grades A in English and Maths and grade B in Science as well as getting Bs and Cs in RE, French and Health and Social. With these qualifications I was able to enrol into a good college in Preston. Once lockdown was over and we were allowed to return to schools and college, this was when I started at Newman College.



“During college, when I turned 17 I started to learn to drive and just 4 months later I passed my driving test first time. I was so proud of myself for doing it first time; this also meant that I had my own freedom and as I’m still refereeing it opens up my opportunities to be appointed to better games as I have my own form of transport to the games. As well as this over the 2 years I spent at Newman I studied for 3 A-levels, Level 3 Sport diploma and Criminology which I have recently received my results for and, with all the hard work and effort I put in, I came out with better results than I expected. I achieved two distinction stars which is the highest grade possible, as well as a B in Criminology. This provided me with enough UCAS points to go onto university to study for my dream career. At the moment I have just begun a sports therapy course at UCLAN and after the three years I hope to go on to succeed very far in life.”



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Hippings Have a Happy GRT Month

This June we went along to spend some time during GRT History Month at Hippings Methodist Primary School in Oswaldtwistle.

We were joined by a Traveller parent, and together led assemblies in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Feeling 'crafty' and curious in equal measure, Key Stage 2 made Bow Top Wagons and kept us busy with their many questions.

We then moved on to Key Stage 1, where the children enjoyed making Crown Derby plates, paper flowers, horses-on-sticks and colouring sheets.

A great time was had by all!



Online study sessions are ongoing. These offer additional out-of-school academic support for pupils from Year 3 to Year 11, and are free of charge.

To register: <https://forms.gle/SPDAacq7n5KmUio79>

Further information will be given to registrants.

Any queries, please contact: apu.chowdhury@lancashire.gov.uk
07771 338879.



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Meet Zainab Syed!

Our new EAL Consultancy & Support Teacher

“Hello! My name is Zainab, and I am very excited about my new role within the team. Having worked as a tutor in various establishments I am delighted to have been appointed as one of the consultants in this superb team- I hope to bring my skills, experience, and knowledge to the team as well as gain much more from the very experienced members that I will be working alongside. Working with different schools and

settings within Lancashire is something I am looking forward to doing. I have a wealth of experience teaching in many schools and across key stages as well as working within community settings to facilitate children on their educational pathway.”



Gypsy Roma and Traveller Education Network—October Meeting

The next online GRT Education Network Meeting will take place online on Wednesday 19th October, 3.45- 5pm. We will welcome Riz Yousf from the School Attendance Team, who will deliver a session exploring the legal matters and issues which affect GRT families.

To book your place please visit <https://clickquestion.lancashire.gov.uk/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=891000>, where you can also reserve your space for the Spring and Summer meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact equality&diversity@lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire County Council Education Improvement
Gypsy, Roma and Traveller
Education Partnership Network

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**Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Education Network
Meeting October 2022**

You are invited to attend this Network of School and Education providers, which will be delivered online, and cover the following agenda item, plus relevant updates and suggested resources.

Attendance

Riz Yousf from the School Attendance team will deliver a session exploring the legal matters and issues which affect Gypsy, Roma and Traveller families, and where absences stand from a legal perspective.

Wednesday 19th October 2022, 3.45—5.00
via Microsoft Teams

To book your LCC Funded place please follow the link
<https://clickquestion.lancashire.gov.uk/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=891000>
If you have any questions please contact: ema.support@lancashire.gov.uk

Future Meetings for your diary

Thursday 23rd February 2023, 3.45—5.00—via Microsoft Teams

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Monday 22nd May 2023, 3.45—5.00—via Microsoft Teams

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Take the Pledge!

We'd like to let you know about the GTRSB Pledge for Schools, which is open to all phases of schools.

The Pledge is designed to support best practice in ensuring monitoring of data, inclusive practice, and the development of widening participation practice to support GTRSB pupils, potential pupils, their families and staff. There is no charge to take the Pledge.

To find out more, and to request a copy of the GTRSB Pledge for School Report, please email equality&diversity@lancashire.gov.uk.

The Gypsy, Traveller, Roma, Showmen and Boaters' Pledge for Schools

Improving access, retention, and outcomes in education for Gypsies, Travellers, Roma, Showmen and Boaters.

"Take the Pledge"



DON'T FORGET TO REFER EAL PUPILS FOR YOUR FREE VISIT

Our service offers funded advice visits for all international new arrivals, including asylum seekers and refugees, which are free to Lancashire maintained schools.

To arrange support, please complete the referral form under EAL on the Schools Portal.



CONTACTS FOR PREVENT CONCERNS

Lancashire schools - Prevent Lead – Afrasiab.anwar@lancashire.gov.uk
Website - preventforschools.org

WHO CAN HELP?

All Prevent Referrals:

✉ concern@lancashire.police.uk

For support, advice, training and all other enquiries relating to Prevent or Channel, please contact the Lancashire Prevent Team:

☎ 01254 585260

✉ Prevent.team@blackburn.gov.uk

🌐 <https://www.ipreventblackburn.org.uk/>

Channel advice and guidance

✉ Prevent.team@blackburn.gov.uk

Lancashire Police Prevent Team ☎ 101 and ask for the Prevent team. If urgent call 999. If you spot any stickers, graffiti or leaflets take a picture or report the location to stickering@Lancashire.police.uk. Please also CC your organisation's Prevent Lead.



 Lancashire
Prevent Partnership



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.

EAL Cluster Meetings

EAL CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS AUTUMN 2022

Updates • Briefings on policy and research • Network • Share best practice

November 2022

Focus: Reading with EAL Learners

Our Coordinators Meetings this term focus on how we can support our EAL learners to progress in their reading.



*The fee is £50, but each LCC school may reserve **one place free of charge.***

Primary & Secondary EAL Network	Online	Monday 7th November 3.45—5:00pm
Face-to-Face Primary & Secondary EAL Network	The Exchange, Burnley	Thursday 10th November 2.45—4.15pm
Primary & Secondary EAL Network	Online	Tuesday 15th November 3.45—5:00pm
Face-to-Face Primary & Secondary EAL Network	The Exchange, Preston	Wednesday 16th November 2.45—4.15pm

To book your place, visit

<https://clickquestion.lancashire.gov.uk/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=893206>

(short link: <http://tiny.cc/EALNov22>)

ETHNIC MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT TRAINING FOR SCHOOLS

We run a program of courses for school staff in conjunction with LPDS. There are courses for all key stages and staff groups. Please click on the links below to book.

Visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds/courses/?subject=EAL> to book a place!

2022 Courses

Course Title	Date	Time
Equality Network Meeting [Farington Lodge, Leyland]	05/10/22, 08/02/23 & 14/06/23	1315— 1600
How to Integrate and Teach New Arrivals, including Refugees and Asylum Seekers—Online	19/10/22	1300— 1600
Assessment, Setting Targets and Tracking Progress for EAL Pupils (2-part course) - Online [NEW DATES]	06/12/22 & 13/12/22	1545— 1700
Teaching Assistants and EAL: Effectively Supporting EAL Learners (2-part course) [County Hall, Preston]	29/11/22 & 11/01/23	0900— 1500
EAL or SEN? Language Barrier or Learning Need? - Online	30/11/22	1300— 1600
Leading EAL Provision Across Your School (5-part course) - Online	22/11/22, 07/02/23, 14/03/23, 09/05/23 & 13/06/23	1300— 1600
Teaching and Learning Strategies for all EAL Learners [The Exchange, Burnley]	07/12/22	1300— 1600

Watch this space for more courses!

Coming up in 2023...

Developing Academic Language for Advanced EAL Learners (2-part course)

Getting EAL Parents and Children Reading Together (Primary)

Improving Grammatical Accuracy

Improving Outcomes for EAL Children in Pre-School Settings and Reception Classes

Making your Curriculum Culturally Inclusive

Strategies and Resources for Effective EAL Provision in Mainstream Education

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