

Summer 2023

All Together Now for 2023-24!

As another successful year of **School Linking** draws to a close with classes visiting one another across the county, could your school be part of next year's 'All Together Now' project in Lancashire?

School Linking brings together children from somewhat different backgrounds, encouraging them as part of a year-long curriculum-rich link to explore key questions about themselves and others in our Lancashire community:

- *Who am I?*
- *Who are we?*
- *Where do we live?*
- *How can we all live well together?*



Pupils from Bretherton, English Martyrs and Barnoldswick schools enjoy activities at Burnley Youth Theatre

The project costs £100 and includes CPD for participating teachers—a full day in November and a morning in February—enabling them to get to know each other and plan their link, but also to learn about the project and the suggested programme and resources it has to offer, used successfully up and down the country under the overall guidance of *The Linking Network*.

The format for interaction between classes in Lancashire's *All Together Now* project includes information exchange (including "curiosity questions" and answers), a live digital link-up, a joint visit to a neutral venue (activity costs funded for classes) and ultimately visits to one another's schools in the summer term.

50 classes from 23 schools have linked in the 2022-23 project—if you'd like pupils from your school to be involved in next year's, you can complete an 'Expression of Interest' form and send any queries to james.orme@lancashire.gov.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!



The Linking Network



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EAL Funding is Changing!

Reception-age pupils to be eligible from 2023-24

In a National Funding Formula change effective 2023-24, EAL pupils in Reception will attract funding for their schools.

This means that, subject to a pupil's language on the October DfE Census being recorded as (known or believed to be) other than English, your primary school can now receive an annual payment in respect of every EAL pupil in his/her first 3 years of UK education, for each of those years. For example, if an EAL pupil joins your Reception class in September 2023, and stays on roll until Year 2 at least, for each of these 3 years you would receive a payment which is currently worth £565.

Of course, pupils joining the education system at an older age still qualify for this payment to schools; for example, a child arriving in the UK at the beginning of Year 6 would attract the payment of £565 to her primary school, and then two further years in which her secondary school

would be eligible to receive payments currently worth £1530 per year.

Funding is not ring-fenced for EAL pupils but it is expected that schools will be able to demonstrate how funding has been used to benefit the EAL pupils on their school roll.

Top tip!

Are you finding that some EAL families are declaring English their language spoken at home?

This could be down to the perception that English is a “better” answer on an admission form... or that perhaps that first language ability will not be celebrated in the school/wider community.

So, as well as assuring families that you value their language and culture, it could also be worth adapting your form to ask about “languages spoken other than English”, or providing multiple lines to include any and all languages spoken.

Windrush 75 Resources For Schools

22nd June is **Windrush 75** day, and The Linking Network have joined forces with the Windrush 75 Network and British Future to provide primary and secondary schools with resources to celebrate.

Resources include lessons, assemblies and video interviews featuring members of the Windrush generation sharing their experiences with students, as well as guidance for how schools could arrange similar events with local community members who arrived as part of the Windrush generation.

Visit <https://thelinkingnetwork.org.uk/teaching-resources/windrush/> to learn more!



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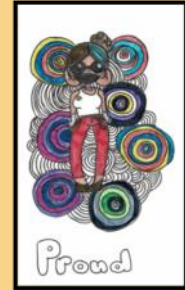


Pride of Lancashire

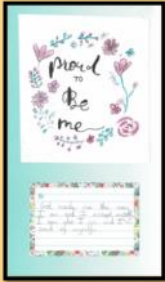
Amongst other celebrations, June is also Pride Month, a month dedicated to celebrating and exploring LGTQIA+ communities and issues. Our team decided to help Lancashire schools celebrate our respect for these communities with a competition where schools could submit art work produced by their pupils on the subject of "We are Proud..." – we left the media and interpretation of the brief intentionally open so that schools could explore what Pride means to them...



...and you folks really surprised us with your enthusiasm and creativity! Our email box filled up, and we had more entries than we ever anticipated! You shared dances, pottery unicorns, poetry and paintings. We had animations sketches and more besides! All of the entries were superb, but we narrowed it down, and eventually we were struggling to choose between four schools whose entries were all excellent but for different reasons...



So finally we decided that although we'd only intended to award one prize, we'd announce a winner and three runners up, to allow us to recognise the phenomenal entries from the three schools who narrowly missed out on the top spot...



So, without further ado, we are proud to announce that **Baxenden St. Johns Primary School** are the winners of our 2023 Pride competition! Baxenden's entries were outstanding and impressed us with the creativity of the different media they used. Baxenden St. John's win £20 of books from the Stonewall LGTQIA+ friendly [book list](#).

The three runners up were **Sir Tom Finney Community High School**, **Ribby with Wrea C of E Primary School** and **Royal Cross Primary School**, all of whom came really close to being in that top spot, and will each receive £10 of books from the Stonewall book list. All the entries will be on our website (<https://bit.ly/EIED-Team>) as soon as we get them uploaded.



Well done to everybody else who entered – Your entries were all great and we enjoyed all of them!



Happy Pride, Lancashire!

Online Study Centres

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.

For queries please contact:
apu.chowdhury@lancashire.gov.uk; 07771 338879.

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Study Centres in Preston

Our study centres offer additional out of school support for pupils from Year 3 to Year 11. Sessions are staffed by qualified tutors. **Study sessions are free!**

Sahara Centre Preston Saturday 10am – 2pm	St Stephen's Primary School Preston Saturday 12pm -2pm
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For further information please contact Neetal Parekh on: Neetal.parekh@lancashire.gov.uk



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Refugee Week: 'Compassion' 19-25 June

Every year during Refugee Week, we celebrate the contribution of refugees and people seeking sanctuary in our communities. In many schools across the country, teachers help children and young people to develop an understanding of refugee experiences that they will carry with them into their adulthood.

'**Compassion**' is the theme of Refugee Week 2023. It is an invitation to explore and understand the meaning of compassion and to show how this translates into the action we take in our communities.

There are so many ways schools can get involved in Refugee Week – from holding assemblies and dedicated lessons to taking part in creative activities.

As part of Refugee Week 2023, Lancashire pupils are invited to join the project in creating a Lancashire poster inspired by the theme of '**Compassion**'. Share with us your understanding of compassion, and how you, individually and as a school community, express your compassion for others.



What to do

Make an image using paint, crayons or photography, or write a poem or a story on the theme of 'Compassion' as described above. You can use words or images.

We would like schools to send all of their entries electronically via images (initials of pupil and school included in the email please) to izabela.zalewska-ratajczak@lancashire.gov.uk. Please email us the best quality photograph you can take, in JPG format.

We will combine the top ten entries to create a virtual poster made by Lancashire children, which we can share with you and display in multiple settings. All the entries will be displayed on our website. Prizes will also be given for the best 3 entries.

The deadline for all entries is Wednesday 28th June 2023.

For more information on activities for Refugee Week, please visit: <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

Congratulations!

The following schools are celebrating their Equality Badge achievements:



Cop Lane Primary

Religion and Belief Equality Badge
Race Equality Badge



Bradley Nursery

Religion and Belief Equality Badge
Race Equality Badge



Sherwood Primary

Religion and Belief Equality Badge



Broughton High

Religion and Belief Equality Badge
Race Equality Badge



Up Holland High

Sexual Orientation Equality Badge
Sex Equality Badge



Acorns Primary

Race Equality Badge



Oswaldtwistle St Mary's

Religion and Belief Equality Badge
Race Equality Badge



Haslingden Primary

Race Equality Badge
Socioeconomic Equality Badge

Read about **Lancaster Girls' Grammar's** achievements on page 6!



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International Women's Day 2023

(from the experience of Jessica Hind, Ethnic Minority Education Access Officer)

On Wednesday 8th March, we held an international women's day at the ELLIE Centre, Barden Lane Burnley, inviting 18 partner agencies and women-owned businesses. The event ran 0900-1400 in the Atrium of Burnley Campus. Our team seek to create a space that is welcoming and informative for the community- we therefore thought this event would be a great opportunity to do this.



The team and I were passionate about this event. I felt it was so important to provide a service (albeit for a day) in which women could attend and speak to agencies/partners relevant to them face-to-face. I sought partners which covered the variety of needs/challenges I felt women face daily, to provide a united approach to wellbeing and to create an environment which was welcoming, safe, supportive, and fun. I also wanted to support local businesses, specifically run by women, by inviting them to showcase their products.



Alongside this, in our faith centre, we ran some ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) taster sessions/assessments in partnership with WEA- to promote our upcoming courses which will run at the centre.

An unexpected success of the event was the networking opportunities that occurred, all the agencies invited (all represented on the day by women) were able to chat, talk about their services and how they could work together to better serve the community. Several agencies thanked us, stating the event had introduced them to other partners whom they hope to work with in the future.



My plan is to continue this event every year and look to grow footfall and outreach with every year we do- So keep your eyes peeled for the next one!

Alongside this, Neetal created a lesson plan specific to the topic for East Lancashire schools- The students loved the lesson activities and panels.



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Congratulations to Lancaster Girls' Grammar School

on Achieving the Lancashire Equality Mark

Lancaster Girls' Grammar School have been awarded the Disability Equality badge, their final Equality Mark badge, which means they now have the full Lancashire Equality Mark. They are the second high school to achieve this and this is the culmination of 3 years' work by the whole school community. Particular areas of strength at this school have been student voice and empowerment; the Equality Diversity and Inclusion Team of students have led in all areas of equality and there is a culture in school that values and respects all voices. On this final visit, it was great to see how students leaving the school were 'passing the baton on' to younger students and that the EDIT team would continue its great work.

If you would like to find out more about the Lancashire Equality Mark or other support, advice or training for equality, please email us at equalityanddiversivity@lancashire.gov.uk.

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

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 Website - www.lancashirepreventpartnership.org.uk

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

If you spot any stickers, graffiti or leaflets, please take a picture and send it to our mailbox.

01254 585260

prevent.team@blackburn.gov.uk

www.lancashirepreventpartnership.org.uk

Lancashire Police Prevent Team concern@lancashire.police.uk. If it is urgent dial 101 or 999 and ask for the Prevent Team.



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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.

EAL Cluster Meetings

EAL CO-ORDINATORS MEETINGS SUMMER 2023

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

June 2023

Focus: Lancashire EAL Mark

Our Coordinators Meetings this term focus on the EAL Mark's self-evaluation process to develop a whole school awareness and approach to enable schools to have an effective and efficient way to support English Language development..



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

Primary & Secondary EAL Network (Limited to 15 participants only)	Online	Monday 12th June 3.45—5:00pm
Face-to-Face Primary & Secondary EAL Network	The Exchange, Burnley	Thursday 15th June 2.45—4.15pm
Primary & Secondary EAL Network (Limited to 15 participants only)	Online	Tuesday 20th June 3.45—5:00pm
Face-to-Face Primary & Secondary EAL Network	The Exchange, Preston	Wednesday 21st June 2.45—4.15pm

To book your place, visit

<https://clickquestion.lancashire.gov.uk/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=893470>

(short link: <http://tiny.cc/EALjune23>)



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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 link below to book.

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

2023-24 Courses

Course Title	Date	Time
Equality Network Meeting (Autumn and Summer: Dunkelhalgh Hotel, Accrington; Spring: Corpus Christi High School, Preston—TBC)	27/09/23 08/02/24 15/05/24	1315—1600
How to Integrate and Teach International New Arrivals Including Refugees and Asylum Seekers (County Hall, Preston—TBC)	07/11/23	1300—1600
Teaching and Learning Strategies for all EAL Learners (County Hall, Preston—TBC)	28/11/23	1300—1600
Leading EAL Provision Across Your School (5-part online course)	05/12/23 09/01/24 29/01/24 16/04/24 & 21/05/24	1300—1600
Teaching Assistants and EAL: Effectively Supporting EAL Learners (County Hall, Preston—TBC)	07/12/23 18/01/24 & 29/02/24	1300—1500
Assessment, Setting Targets and Tracking Progress for EAL Pupils (2-part online course)	12/12/23 & 19/12/23	1545—1700
EAL or SEN: Language Barrier or Learning Need? (County Hall, Preston—TBC)	16/01/24	1300—1600
Using the Early Talk Boost Intervention to Boost Children's Language Skills (Inspire 2, The Exchange, Burnley)	06/02/24	0930—1500
Developing Academic Language for Advanced EAL Learners (2-part online course)	20/02/24 & 05/03/24	1600—1730
Improving outcomes for EAL children in Pre-School Settings and Reception Classes (Early Years Centre, Fairfield Nursery School, Accrington)	22/02/24	1300—1600
Using Talk Boost Key Stage 1 Intervention to Boost Children's Language Skills (County Hall, Preston—TBC)	07/03/24	0930—1500
Getting EAL Parents and Children Reading Together (Primary) (County Hall, Preston—TBC)	21/03/24	1300—1530
How to Integrate and Teach International New Arrivals Including Refugees and Asylum Seekers (The Exchange, Burnley—TBC)	30/04/24	1300—1600

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