



Hello

With Easter nearly upon us, a well-earned break is in sight. At Amazing People Schools, we understand that teaching requires strengths such as perseverance, determination and at times - true resilience. So making sure you take care of your own wellbeing is vitally important to prevent burn out. Make sure to find some time to practise 'self-care' this Easter break so you can return to the classroom refreshed.

To try and make certain aspects of teaching a little easier, why not use our ready-made resources in your classroom? Did you know we update our Primary and Secondary websites with new resources all the time? If you haven't looked at our teaching resource section recently, you might be surprised to find several new culturally relevant resources for you to use in your classrooms.

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### **Free Resources**



#### **Amazing People from the Middle East**

Celebrate the start of Ramadan with the release of our latest FREE resource, Amazing People from the Middle East.

Download it [here...](#)

#### **Conflict and Ukraine**

This special resource includes a range of practical activities for your students and provides positive methods for them to help the people of Ukraine. These activities allow students to take action, educate themselves, support others and protect their own mental health.

Download [here...](#)

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### **New Resources on the Website**

#### **Early Years and Foundation Stage**

We are so excited to be increasing our support to Early Years staff. As from 1st April, we now have an Early Years & Foundation Stage (EYFS) activity section live on our website.

Highlights include a Character Strengths Record (CSR) that helps teachers and parents identify and gather evidence for EYFS pupils from across the range of character strengths that the school chooses to focus on.

A Transition to Primary resource brings together the evidence in the CSR and uses it to prepare students for life in Year 1. Plus, the addition of the Amazing People Colouring Sheets – one teacher enterprisingly stuck some pictures of Michelangelo underneath a table – two boys who were at first reluctant to hold crayons, happily stayed colouring him in for a very long time.

We'd like to thank the early years staff at Cheam Fields Primary – Leo Academy, in helping us launch these resources.

## Secondary

Our Secondary School site also has a new **SEN** resources section which includes 'Wellbeing Workouts' for each of our Amazing People. These fun activities are for use after a character has been explored and encourages different strengths to be developed.

SENCOs may also be interested to see our new Colouring Sheets. These encourage mindfulness and creativity as well as asking students to consider actions they could take to increase their resilience, adaptability or gratitude.

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## What's happening on the blog?



### The importance of Black voice when learning about slavery in schools

The narrative of slavery has historically been taught from a one-dimensional perspective. However, in recent years it has become vitally important that we learn, as a society, to analyse, review and discuss this period of history from a variety of perspectives, looking at the good, bad and ugly of the design of slavery, through to abolition and freedom.

Read [here...](#)

### Celebrating Down Syndrome: Changing minds and raising awareness through positive action

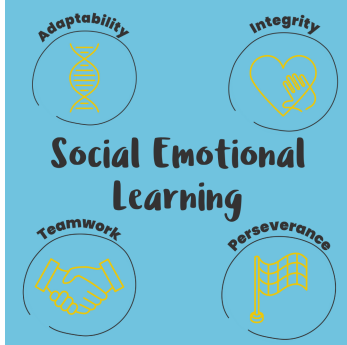
Entering the world of disability through the gateway of Down syndrome can be one of the most wonderful things that could ever happen to a person. There is often so much emphasis on the medical and educational complexities of a person with Down syndrome (medically known as Trisomy 21), that has led to a host of assumptions and stereotypes that are not true.

Read [here...](#)



### Social Emotional Learning – What is it and why it is essential?

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) entered the education spotlight as a promising approach to teaching and learning some years ago. Since then, policy makers have been strongly advocating for it and schools have readily adopted it. But what is the



rationale for implementing SEL into schools?  
Read [here...](#)

## What's Ahead in April?

Use our handy planner to make sure you don't miss any important events this month.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1-30 April - Go Blue for Autism Awareness Month	15-21 April - World Creativity and Innovation Week			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Martin Luther King Jr assassinated (1968)		International Day of Sport for Development and Peace				Encourage a Young Writer Day
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

[Download Planner](#)

## Global News Roundup

### Team Australia

Our Australian Team wishes all schools in Australia and New Zealand a happy and well-deserved Easter holiday. We thank you for your dedication in these challenging times and look forward to continuing to support you and your students' wellbeing in Term 2.

### Team UK

We are honoured to announce that our learning platform has been shortlisted in the **ERA Awards**, in both the Primary and Secondary categories for Resource of Equipment – ICT. Wish us luck!

### [Read about the finalists here.](#)

We recently ran a competition at the Schools North East conference, and are happy to announce that the winner is **Anne-Marie Whitten** from **St Aiden's Catholic Academy in Sunderland**. We are really looking forward to working closely with them this year.

As ever, it was wonderful to attend **BETT** and see so many innovative and exciting developments in education. We were delighted to spend some time on the Skolon stand and were able to show delegates our website. We also met some wonderful children from Queensbridge Primary School in Hackney who enjoyed exploring our Amazing People.



**Osiris World Education Summit** – Manjit Shellis and Selena Whitehead led a wonderful webinar for the World Education Summit, discussing how using diverse role models in the classroom can help build character and wellbeing. If you were a registered attendant at the WES, you can watch the webinar by logging in and following this [link](#).

**New Schools Announcements:** Our UK team are happy to welcome Bishopton Redmarshall CofE Primary School and Carterton Community College into the growing Amazing People Schools family.

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## Event

**4pm Thursday 7th April**

Free CPD Training – Developing a whole-school approach to character.

[Sign up here.](#)

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That's all for this month folks. We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter and remember – if you like what you see here, don't forget to sign up for a full access, free trial below if you haven't done so already!

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