



Hello!

We are starting this new term with a brilliant new addition to our amazing people line up. **Soichiro Honda** is now LIVE on both our Primary and Secondary platforms. Find out more about his profile and how to integrate this into your teaching and learning below.

Additionally, with exam and transition season fast approaching, bringing with it increased pressure for both staff and students, we wanted to support our school community with two incredible **FREE** events in May.

Firstly, in partnership with **HeadteacherChat**, we are releasing an exclusive webinar for senior leaders: '**How Teaching About Character Can Help Pupils With Transition**'. You can sign up for exclusive first access to the webinar [here](#).

Secondly, we are very excited to bring you the next event in our series of live sessions for schools in association with **Virtual Soccer Schools**. During **Mental Health Awareness Week**, another superstar **Premier League** footballer will join us for an exclusive Q&A session streamed live into classrooms around the globe. Your school can sign up [here](#).

Finally, we are happy to share the exciting news that we have been selected as **Education Resource Award (ERA) finalists** in the **Primary Resource or Equipment ICT category**. Please keep fingers and toes crossed for us as we await the results. As a small team with big dreams, this nomination means the world to us.

NEW

Introducing Soichiro Honda

Develop Kindness and Creativity with Soichiro Honda

Literacy Activities Soichiro Honda

experience engineer who created a motorcycle and automobile engine

The following think, sort, collate through teacher facilitation and feedback of activities are designed to increase literacy and writing skills and contribute to thinking.

- Comprehension Questions (based on passages from the story)
- Question Honda's social interaction and relationships with other people
- Students have used for initiative and expressive literacy

Soichiro Honda (1906 - 1991)

Soichiro Honda was the free-thinking founder of the Honda Motor Company.



Soichiro Honda

1906 - 1991 - Japanese engineer who created a motorcycle and automobile engine

Take my quiz. All the answers are in My Story.

5 key dates you should know

- 1906** Born in Shizuoka, Japan
- 1937** Established manufacturing company Tokai Soki Heavy Industry
- 1948** Founded the Honda Motor Company Ltd
- 1964** Honda was recognised as the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles
- 1991** Died in Tokyo, Japan aged 84

[Download my full timeline](#)
Read my story

My Story

Soichiro Honda
1906 - 1991

Soichiro Honda was the free-thinking founder of the Honda Motor Company. Honda is a world-wide company known for producing high-quality, dependable and fuel-efficient motorbikes, cars and trucks. He built his own business and believed that success was possible for those with only a basic education, if they worked hard to achieve their dreams. Read his story to discover the character strengths he used to overcome challenges and difficulties.

At school, my teachers did their best to educate me, but I was not interested in traditional education. Machines and how they work fascinated me.

In 1914, I saw a motor car for the first time. The sound of the motor and the smell of the oil changed my life forever. A few years later, I cycled 20 kilometres to an airfield to see an American pilot fly a plane. When my father found out what I had done, rather than being angry, he was more impressed by my initiative.

Little could my parents or I guess that my interest would make us a fortune.

I left school at 15 with no qualifications and headed to Tokyo for work. In 1922, I got an apprenticeship at a well-known garage. The owner noticed me, and began teaching me how to repair cars, deal with customers and take pride in my work.

Six years later, I completed my apprenticeship and returned to my hometown as a master mechanic. I was 22 when I started my own auto repair business. I also began building and racing cars.

The next year, in 1929, the stock market in the US crashed. Around the world, there was no money and many businesses closed. Few people could now afford to buy or keep a car, but by cutting costs and working hard, I kept my business alive. In 1935, I married Sachi, a schoolteacher, and later, we had a son.

Then war broke out with China. Japan was in a state of 'national emergency', and it appeared that the sport of racing cars was dead in our country.



Soichiro Honda was the free-thinking founder of the Honda Motor Company. Honda is a global company known for producing high-quality, dependable and fuel-efficient vehicles. **He left school at 15 with no qualifications** and went on to build his own business, believing that success was possible for those with only a basic education, if they worked hard to achieve their dreams. Honda is an incredible role model who demonstrated **optimism, perseverance and self-control** throughout his life.

On both our **student and teacher platforms** you will find Honda's story in **video, audio and written format**, allowing students of all learning preferences to access the material. Students can then go on to complete an **interactive quiz, collecting the exclusive Honda accessory for their avatar and unlocking a collector's card**. Teachers can support this work with a range of resources that can be printed off and used to **extend learning and develop character strengths**.

Log into the learning platform to explore his resources [here](#). If you don't have access to our site, you can start your free access trial by clicking [here](#).



Primary Resources



Secondary Resources

[Free Access Here](#)

Upcoming Events

Discover how developing key character strengths can help both staff and student wellbeing by signing up to our FREE events below...



Coming Soon!

Headteacher Chat x APS Special

Join Lucy from HTC and our Education Team Manager, Selena Whitehead as they discuss how best to support your students at times of transition.

[Sign up to exclusive first access](#)



Friday May 19th 9:30am

VSS x APS Mental Health Awareness Week Special

Join us for the next in our series of incredible collaborations with Virtual Soccer Schools, where we will bring another superstar Premier League footballer into your classroom to talk with your students about positive mental health and wellbeing and how

character strengths are vitally important to support this.

[Register your school or class here](#)

Global News Roundup



BETT 2023

Our team has been popping up all over the place this month. BETT was absolutely buzzing this year, bursting at the seams with amazing teachers, great content, new edtech and brilliant ideas. And, of course, robots! The huge potential of AI was the talk of the show but it was also interesting hearing about how it can be safely

managed in schools so they truly benefit.

We were thrilled to be on our new partner Skolon's stand and love how safe and easy their brilliant platform makes accessing content in schools. We're so excited about working with them over the coming months to get Amazing People Schools into more schools in the UK and beyond.

World Literacy Summit

Did you know that 570 million adults around the world still lack basic reading and writing skills? Amazing People Schools is a proud supporter of the World Literacy Foundation, and as you may know have been actively involved in WLF's Youth Ambassador programme.



We're supporting their mission to eradicate illiteracy by 2040. Our Education Team Manager, Selena Whitehead, ran a workshop on Oracy at their annual summit at the University of Oxford earlier this month. The summit was attended by truly Amazing People from right across the globe and it was uplifting to hear about the work of providers who are joining up to support them in this essential mission.

We'll keep you updated about our partnership in the coming months but don't forget our platform has many literacy and oracy resources linked to our Amazing People that you can download now.

What's happening on the blog?

Earth Day – 5 Trailblazers From The Past and Present Your Students Need to Know About

We value people from the past for their ground-breaking achievements and celebrate the leaders of the future for their enthusiasm and passion for



change. On Earth Day, why not share these five amazing people with your students and see if you can inspire your young people to take action to help preserve our planet, just like this collection of amazing people.

[Read Here](#)

Monthly Planners

Click to download your monthly guide on how to embed Amazing People Schools into your classroom.



May 2023




June 2023

AMAZING PEOPLE Schools						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 David Livingstone died (1873)	2 Leonardo da Vinci died (1519)	3 Star Wars Day	4 International Firefighters Day World Password Day	5 Europe Day	6 The Coronation of King Charles III	7 Eve Peelin born (1919) World Athletics Day
8 World Red Cross/Red Crescent Day	9 World Day of the Girl	10 World Day of the Girl	11 Eat What You Want Day	12 Florence Nightingale born (1820) International Nurses' Day	13 World Fair Trade Day	14 Mary Seacole died (1882)
15 International Day of Families	16 International Day of Living Together in Peace	17 International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia	18 Walk Safely to School Day	19 World Day for Cultural Diversity and Development	20 World Day for Cultural Diversity and Development	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity and Development
22 International Day for Biological Diversity	23 World Turtle Day	24 Lillian Gilbreth born (1879)	25 Madam Q Walker died (1935)	26 Australian Schools National Sorry Day	27 Rachel Carson born (1907) National Day of Thanks	28 World Day of the Girl
29 World Hunger Day	30 International Day of UN Peacekeepers	31 Caroline Chisholm born (1806)	May 1-21 Elizabeth Blackwell died (1910) Last Day of Autumn	May 15-21 National Volunteer Week	May 22-27 International Arts Education Week	May 31 National Family Reading Month


Use our planner to connect vital character strengths and wellbeing resources with key dates to help students thrive!

Complimentary trials available for all schools [click here!](#)

May Planner



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1 Helen Keller died (1905)	2 International Children's Day	3 Mabo Day	4 International Day of Innocent Victims of Aggression	5 Cancer Survivors Day	6 World Oceans Day	7 Best Friends Day
8 World Day Against Child Labour	9 Emmeline Pankhurst died (1928) World Blood Donor Day	10 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	11 "House Divided" Speech delivered by Abraham Lincoln (1858)	12 International Day of the Girl	13 World Day of the Girl	14 International Day of the Girl
15 Juneteenth (Slave Liberation Day) (1865)	16 World Refugee Day	17 Winter Solstice	18 World Rainforest Day	19 Alan Turing born (1912)	20 International Day of the Girl	21 World Day of the Girl
22 Helen Keller born (1880)	23 International Asteroid Day	24 June - LGBTQ+ Pride Month	25 June 12 - 18 Men's Health Week	26 June 25 - July 1 Helen Keller Deaf/Blind Awareness Week	27 June 25 - July 1 Helen Keller Deaf/Blind Awareness Week	28 June 25 - July 1 Helen Keller Deaf/Blind Awareness Week

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June Planner

Celebrate some Amazing People this Month

Charlotte Brontë born 21st April 1816

Charlotte Brontë

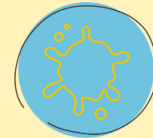
Charlotte Brontë wrote at a time when it was not considered to be the 'business of a woman's life'.



Despite hardships, she was determined to keep writing and her poetry and books are still enjoyed by people around the world today.

Ahead of her time, Charlotte Brontë is not only remembered as a brilliant writer but also as a strong role model for women.

Charlotte's widely read novel "Jane Eyre" is thought to reflect much of her own life.



Creativity



Perseverance



Wisdom

National Shakespeare Day 23rd April

William Shakespeare

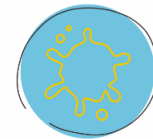


William Shakespeare is one of the world's most respected writers of all time, and his plays are still performed around the world.

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust maintains several properties linked to his life, including his birthplace in Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon.

William Shakespeare's works have been translated into 80 languages, including Star Trek's Klingon.

He helped shape the English we use today, introducing up to 300 words and dozens of well-known phrases.



Creativity



Empathy



Open-mindedness

International Jazz Day 30th April

Louis Armstrong

Louis Armstrong is one of the world's most celebrated jazz musicians and was one of the pioneers of scat singing.



He wrote two autobiographies; *Swing That Music* (1936) and *A Musical Autobiography* (1954).

New Orleans airport was renamed the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in 2001.

Life magazine included him in their list of '100 People Who Made the Millennium'.



Enthusiasm



Gratitude



Teamwork

Eva Perón born 7th May 1919

Eva Perón

Eva Perón grew up poor, but through hard work, she rose to become wife of the president of Argentina.

Her political position allowed her to raise awareness of poverty and to encourage equal rights for women and a fairer society.

Upon Eva Perón's death, Argentina went into deep mourning, and July 26, the date of her death, is marked annually by Argentineans.

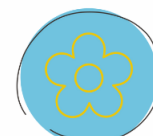
Evita, the musical based on Eva Perón's life, has been playing to audiences since 1978. A film based on the musical, starring Madonna as Eva Perón, was released in 36 countries in 1996.



Adaptability



Fairness



Kindness

Florence Nightingale born 12th May 1820

Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale is known as 'The Lady with the Lamp' because at night she walked amongst the beds checking wounded men while holding a light in her hand.



Her work and reports led to changes to army military care and vast improvements to healthcare and the training of nurses.

International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world every May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth.

In 1907, Florence Nightingale was the first woman awarded the Order of Merit. It can be awarded to those who have provided especially excellent service in the armed forces.



Empathy



Humility



Wisdom

Mustafa Atatürk born 19th May 1881

Mustafa Atatürk

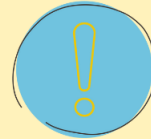
Mustafa Atatürk was the founder of modern Turkey and the country's first president.



Atatürk's academic prowess and hard work saw him become not only a brave military leader but a strong and respected political leader as well.

Many places and structures are dedicated to him, including Istanbul's Atatürk International Airport, the Atatürk Olympic Stadium, Atatürk Dam and the Atatürk Bridge.

To mark the 100th anniversary of Atatürk's birth, the Atatürk Centennial was declared in 1981 by the UN and UNESCO. Atatürk is the only person to receive such recognition by UNESCO.



Enthusiasm



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Caroline Chisholm born 30th May 1808

Caroline Chisholm

She pushed hard for reforms, and earned the nickname, 'The Emigrant's Friend'.



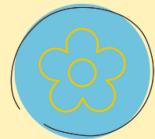
Dedicated her life to the improvement of living standards and opportunities for newly arrived immigrants, especially young women and families, in Australia.

Helped pass the Passenger's Act which ensured better conditions for those en route to Australia.

A version of the Family Colonisation Loan Society, which Caroline Chisholm established in 1849, still operates successfully today.



Fairness



Kindness



Wisdom

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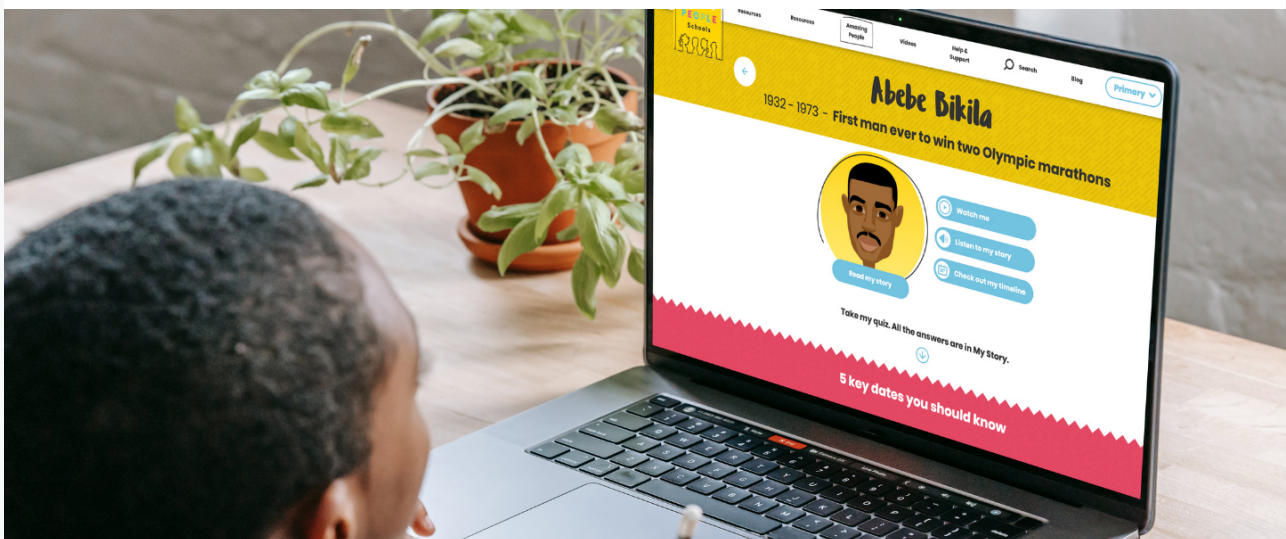
Remember if you like what you see in this newsletter, it is just the tip of the Amazing People Schools iceberg!! Our platform hosts hundreds of interactive and downloadable resources, so if you haven't signed up for your free access trial yet, you can do so using the button below.

Or if you'd like support in implementing diverse voices or character strengths across your curriculum, you can book a short 1:1 Teams call with our Education Manager, Selena Whitehead by clicking [here](#).

Until next time...

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