



We hope you had a restful break and that you are looking forward to the Spring. Now that the evenings are getting brighter, it's easier to have a renewed sense of optimism after a long, dark winter.

The coming weeks are a busy time for schools, so we made sure this half-term newsletter is jam packed with 'quick and easy wins' for you to further embed character in your classroom, as well as across the whole school. From Women's History Month to Neurodiversity Week, we have you covered. Download your resources and read our accompanying blogs below.

And, if you haven't already, sign up for our free **'Character & Positive Mental Health'** webinar which is taking place on Thursday 23rd February at 4pm GMT.

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Fun Fact: On 13th March the sun will set at 6pm in the UK and won't set again before this time until 19th October **#GRATITUDE**

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 haven't signed up for your free access trial yet, you can do so using the button below.

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What's happening on the blog?



LGBT+ Role Models – Bring Diverse Voices into the Classroom

It's important to remember that diverse voices should be heard in the classroom year-round. Our latest blog and resource provide examples of contemporary LGBT+ figures as well as crucially important activities and questions on character and identity that can be utilised at any point in the academic year.

[Read here](#)

Amazing People, Character Strengths &

CHARACTER STRENGTHS AND CONFLICT

SPECIAL RESOURCE

Conflict Special Resource – Ukraine

As we approach the one-year anniversary of Russia invading Ukraine (24th February), your students may be exposed to increased news stories about the war that they may find distressing. Use our special blog and free resource to further understand character at a time of conflict.

[Read here](#)

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

22 Amazing Women Your Students Need to Know About

Celebrate an amazing female role model each school day of Women's History Month this March. Our easy-to-follow blog highlights gamechangers that will help increase students' cultural capital, knowledge of diverse voices, and also help to identify and develop character strengths.

[Read here](#)

New Resources

Celebrating LGBT+ Achievers

Download our recently updated LGBT+ resource to explore the stories of contemporary amazing people, learn more about what they have achieved and how they have turned adversity into triumph. (LGBT+ History Month 1st – 28th February)

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Celebrating LGBT+ Achievers

Valuing fair treatment, acceptance of difference and giving a voice to all people begins with a deeper understanding of character strengths. Further develop your skills in this area through these activities and gain more in-depth insights into the importance of having strength of character by exploring the stories of Alan Turing, Frida Kahlo and Leonardo da Vinci.

Stephen Fry (1951 -)
Despite a difficult childhood, he became a famous actor, writer and comedian. He knew he was gay from birth and is an active advocate for gay rights. He also has bipolar disorder (leading to extreme mood changes), and campaigns for awareness of this condition.

Courage – being an ally means not judging someone yourself and sticking up for them if they are being bullied. How would you support someone who was being bullied, just for being themselves?

Open-mindedness – Spend some time chatting with a friend or relative, or listen to the story of an Amazing Person, and think about how their life-experiences are similar or different to your own.

Dore Kelly Fisher (1913 -)
Coming out only after she finished competing, this former Gold Olympic Athletic Champion said she was "truly free to be me". She had served in the army where being gay was illegal, and she worried about being shunned.

Laurence Fox (1972 -)
She is an African American actor who has broken many barriers with her work and LGBT+ activism. She is the first transgender person to be nominated for an Emmy award and the first to have a woxwork made of her in Madame Tussauds.

Humility – Keeping a modest opinion of yourself involves listening to others and understanding different words and terms. What does LGBT+ stand for?

Amazing People of Wales

This St. David's Day (1st March) celebrate the amazing people of Wales with your students. Our brand-new resource looks at a range of incredible Welsh role models from a diverse range of backgrounds.

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Amazing People of Wales

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Gareth Bale started his footballing career as part of his school team in Cardiff. He showed perseverance by practising hard. This helped him to become a professional, international footballer.

Jade Jones OBE
Her enthusiasm for taekwondo helped her to win gold medals at the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games. Jade was awarded an OBE for services to taekwondo and sport.

Perseverance
Many amazing people use perseverance to help them to achieve their goals and are rewarded for their efforts. Design an Amazing Award certificate for people from Wales. Then, make a list of the people that you think deserve the award. Include people from your own school or community.

Sir Kyffin Williams was an artist from Anglesey in North Wales. He used his creativity to paint amazing pictures of the Welsh landscape. Kyffin was knighted in 1996.

Creativity and Teamwork
Work with a friend or in a group to create a plan for an Eisteddfod, including art and performances inspired by Wales and Welsh culture.

Amazing Neurodiverse People

In this brand-new resource, you can explore the lives of contemporary neurodiverse trailblazers including Billie Eilish, Greta Thunberg and Mohammad Ali.

Neurodiversity Week begins Monday 13th March.

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Amazing Neurodiverse People
Encourage students to be curious about these amazing role models

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Stephen Wiltshire (1971 -)
This astonishing British artist, who is also autistic, can recreate a complex scene after only glancing at it for a few minutes. As a child, he didn't learn to fully speak until he was nine years old. It was already clear by then that he had phenomenal artistic creativity.

Greta Thunberg (2003 -)
She was diagnosed at the age of 12 with Asperger's, a form of autism. Autism can cause people to act in a different way to other people. Greta's lack of distraction also gave her the ability to focus well to work towards her goals.

Billie Eilish (2001 -)
This award-winning American singer was diagnosed with Tourette's Syndrome as a child. Certain things can trigger her tics (involuntary movements and sounds) and she has admitted that this can be very thing. "It's not like it, but I feel like it's... part of me. I have made friends with it. And so now, I'm pretty confident in it."

Integrity
Acting with integrity can sometimes mean that you behave differently, or don't get distracted by the actions of others. Create a mind map showing how acting differently to those around you could help you to behave in the right way.

Celebrate some Amazing People this Month

Michelangelo born 6th March 1475

Michelangelo



Michelangelo was a genius, who produced many masterpieces, including the famous paintings in the Sistine Chapel.



In addition to painting and sculpting, he was also a well-known architect and a great writer and poet.

There are buildings, places, a ship, streets, a language institute and even an asteroid, named after Michelangelo.

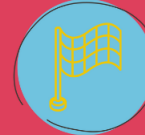
Upon his death, his estate was estimated to be worth 50,000 florins, that is equivalent to \$50 million today.



Adaptability



Creativity



Perseverance

Albert Einstein born 14th March 1879

Albert Einstein

Albert Einstein and the work he did changed our understanding of the universe forever.



Although best known for his scientific discoveries, he was also a tireless anti-war and anti-racism activist.

Einstein's work laid the foundations for much of the research into the evolution of the universe, as well as modern technology, including lasers and computer chips.

An asteroid belt and a lunar crater are named after Albert Einstein.



Creativity



Humility



Kindness

Global News Roundup

VSS x APS Featuring Liverpool FC's Fábio Carvalho



On 6th February, over 50 schools from around the globe joined us for a fabulous **Children's Mental Health special live Q&A session**. We were honoured to be able to host Fábio, and with the help of Tom from [VSS](#), he answered important questions put to him from some very excited students, focusing on his character strengths of **humility, enthusiasm and adaptability**. If you missed it, you can download an exclusive '[Fábio Carvalho Wellbeing Workout](#)' here. The next date, in our series of events in partnership with VSS, will be announced very soon, so keep your eyes on your inbox for more information.



Frodsham CE Primary School – Amazing People Schools Fundraiser

When we heard about this initiative, we knew we had to share it with you all. Frodsham CE Primary will celebrate 'Amazing People Day' to fundraise for their school's subscription to the Amazing People Schools platform. Children will be given the opportunity to dress up as one of our 'Amazing People' and take part in character building activities throughout the day. Such a lovely idea, and a great way to raise funds. We can't wait to share the photos! If you'd like more information on how we can support your school to set up a fundraising activity like this, please [get in touch here!](#)

Upcoming Events

NEXT FREE CPD

Join us for our half-termly FREE CPD training session which focuses on '**Character & Positive Mental Health**'. February 23rd 2023, 4pm GMT.

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Date to be announced very soon.

Why have you chosen Amazing People Schools?

Finally, we would love to share some feedback from two schools who have recently joined the Amazing People Schools community. It's always lovely to hear why a school chooses to work with us, and these two snippets of feedback really hit the nail on the head with what we, as an organisation, hope to achieve.

"I was really inspired. The whole idea of your website is wonderful. It teaches children so many skills. It's all through the values and the characteristics but it is also so cross-curricular. As a school, we are trying to develop children's cultural capital and widen their understanding of inspirational people. We're trying to teach children that there's no limit to their capabilities and whatever they want to be, they can. Amazing People Schools really aligns with our values."

Helen Gambon, Deputy Head, Redgate Community Primary

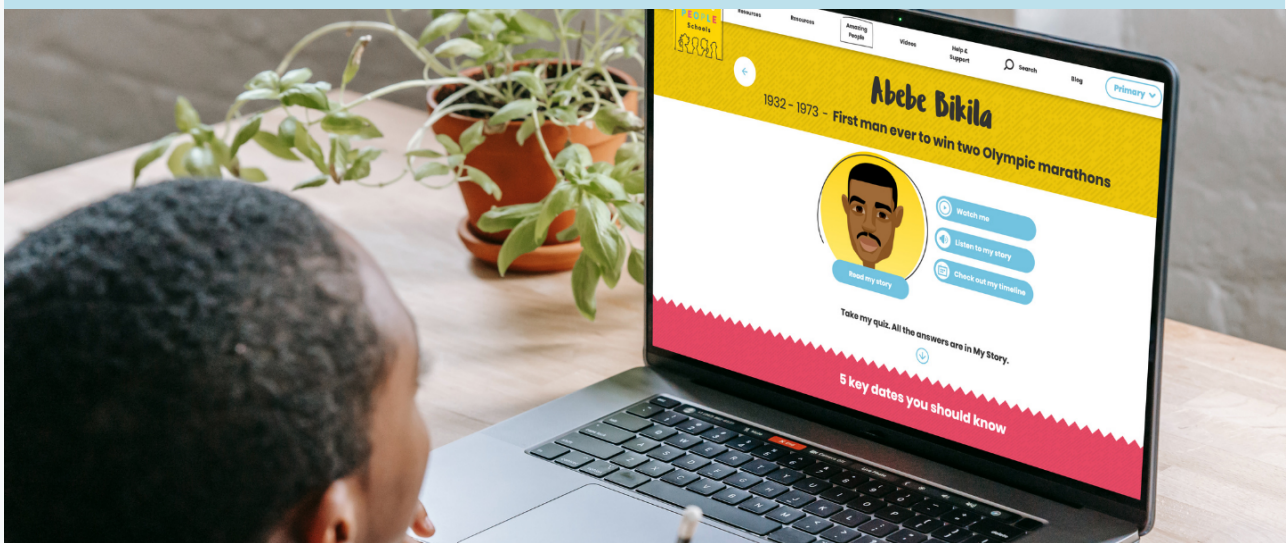
"We're looking at our curriculum and how to diversify it. What attracted us to Amazing People Schools was definitely the role models - the different representation and being able to have all the various cultural backgrounds and genders available."

Melissa Lowry, Diversity Lead and Class Teacher, Knebworth Primary

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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