



Hello

Approximately 33% of the school students in the UK are from an ethnic minority background. However, with only 8% of children's books featuring a main character from a minority background, how does your school make sure that every student feels represented in the classroom?

This issue isn't just UK centric, schools around the globe are struggling to provide learning materials that reflect their ever growing, culturally diverse student populations. With some international schools quoted to have over 90 different nationalities within their school communities, making sure minority groups feel represented is of great importance.

At Amazing People Schools, we want to make it easy for teachers to feature diverse voices in their classrooms. Representation matters, and that is why we are raising the bar for DEI resources. If you can't see it, you can't be it, so why not download some of our great FREE DEI resources below?

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## Free Resources



### Amazing People from the Caribbean

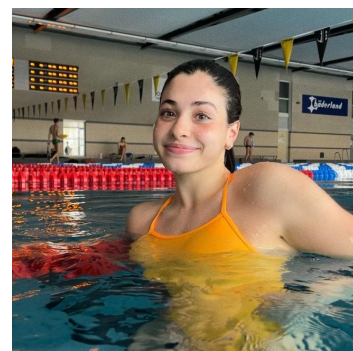
With help from our friends at Cayman Islands Prep and High School, we are proud to release this brand-new resource, highlighting voices from the Caribbean, an often unrepresented group.

[Primary PDF](#) | [Secondary PDF](#)

### Amazing People from the Middle East

With a rich history and culture, the Middle East has so many amazing people from the past and present that should be celebrated. Find out more about some of these incredible high achievers here:

[Primary PDF](#) | [Secondary PDF](#)



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***What's happening on the blog?***

## Earth Day - 5 Trailblazers from the Past and Present Your Students Need to Know About

Here at Amazing People Schools, 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. If you missed our Earth Day special, check out our round up of environmentally conscious role models. Read [here...](#)



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

Written by Danise Grant, Diversity, Inclusion and Education Consultant.

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. Read [here...](#)

## What's Ahead in May?

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
David Livingstone died (1873) MS Readathon Registration opens	Leonardo da Vinci died (1519)	APSWORLW Week	APS Newsletter released International Firefighters Day Star Wars Day	Regional educational events to engage students	World Athletics Day	Eva Perón born (1919)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
World Red Cross Day	World Literacy Foundation - Youth Ambassador Program Open Europe Day	Practical applications to develop key character strengths	Eat What You Want Day	Florence Nightingale born (1820) International Nurses' Day	Mary Seacole died (1881)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

[Download Planner](#)

Here are some key dates for your diary in May...

### Eva Perón: born 07 May 1919



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. Download her profile card [here](#).

## Mental Health Awareness Week: 9-15 May

This year's theme is Loneliness – follow along during the week with hashtag #IveBeenThere.

How will you discuss this theme with your students? Use these discussion starters to get the conversation flowing.

- \* What character strengths will someone who is lonely need to get by?
- \* What character strengths does someone need to help others who may be lonely?
- \* How might someone who has been isolated feel?
- \* What can we do to help others who may need help making friends?



## International Nurses' Day 12 May

Do any of your students have friends or family members who are nurses? Ask them to talk about them and discuss what character strengths a nurse might need and why.

## Florence Nightingale: born 12 May 1820

Don't forget about Florence Nightingale, known as 'The Lady with the Lamp'. She dedicated her life to helping others and paved the way for women in medicine.

Download her character card [here](#)

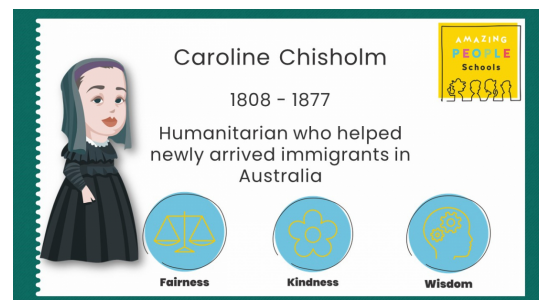


## Mustafa Atatürk: born 19 May 1881

Mustafa Atatürk was the founder of modern Turkey and the country's first president. He introduced many programs to help reform and modernise his country.

## Caroline Chisholm: born 30 May 1808

Caroline Chisholm dedicated her life to the improvement of living standards and opportunities for newly arrived immigrants, especially young women and families, in Australia. She pushed hard for reforms, and earned the nickname, 'The Emigrant's Friend'.



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## Global News Roundup

### Update: Down Syndrome Act 2022:

#### Redressing inequality and changing thoughts about character by supporting needs

Following on from our feature about World Down Syndrome Day in last month's newsletter, we wanted to share the news that on the 28 April 2022, the Down Syndrome Bill, brought to Parliament by Dr Liam Fox with the help of the National Down Syndrome Policy Group (NDSPG), became law in the UK. This new law will provide essential "guidance on meeting the needs of persons with Down syndrome".

One of the first teachers to champion Amazing People Schools many years ago was Danise Grant, who has since left teaching and now works with our schools' team on Diversity and Inclusion. Her daughter was diagnosed with Down Syndrome, and we were speaking to her earlier this week about the new law:

*"I started working with Amazing People Schools because I believed that the challenges young people face could be brilliantly met by the character strengths they develop. Three years ago, Arellyse entered my life, and I had no idea how character changing she would be. There were many complexities about the condition and its implications that I would have to learn and am still learning to navigate through. I discovered empathy, kindness, courage and gratitude within myself, in ways that I could not have imagined before. In her I have seen adaptability, curiosity, resilience and perseverance not usual in many typical 3-year-olds!"*

We'd like to join Danise by saying a massive congratulations and thank you to those who worked tirelessly to change the world of those with Down Syndrome.

#### In other news:

Frances and Selena had the pleasure of a chat with Toria Bono to record a session for the wonderful **Tiny Voice Podcast**. They talked in depth about the link between character and wellbeing and the importance of diversity and inclusion in schools. We can't wait for you to hear the episode. Follow along on Twitter and LinkedIn with hashtag #TinyVoiceTalks.

[Access Toria's accounts here.](#)

Our friends at the World Literacy Foundation have asked us to share information about their **2022 Youth Ambassador Program**. Applications open 9 – 27 May. This is an amazing way for your students to showcase some of the skills they have strengthened and developed. It is an incredible global program that gives students the opportunity to contribute greatly to our world.

Find out more [here](#).

Cross your fingers for us on Friday 6 May when the winners are announced for the **BESA Awards 2022**. Our online learning platform has been nominated in both the PRIMARY ICT and SECONDARY ICT categories. Wish us luck!!

**WINNER:** We are happy to announce that **Hawthorne Primary** have won our Schools North East competition. They get a free year's subscription to our learning platform – we are looking forward to supporting them as they implement Amazing People Schools across their curriculum.

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## Events

**4pm Wednesday 18 May**

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

[Sign up here](#)



**Friday 20 May**

**Healthy MindEd conference, Schools North East**

[Find out more](#)

To round up this month, we thought we'd finish with a lovely bit of apt feedback we received.

*"It has been very valuable for them to see a variety of ethnicities, genders, names, and periods of time celebrated as part of the amazing people programme, and has definitely opened up their eyes to some really interesting oracy debate topics."*

Tamzin Haines, Ridgewood School

If you'd like support in implementing diverse voices across your curriculum, just [click here](#) and one of our friendly team will arrange a 1:1 appointment to explain how we can help.

Until next month...

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