



"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."

Charles Darwin

Hello!

September is a month of change. For educators, the autumn term brings new students, new classrooms, new timetables, and even new colleagues. It is both an exciting and challenging time, when your own toolkit of strengths is really put to the test.

For our students, it is equally as exciting and challenging. Imagine trying to navigate all of the above without a fully loaded toolkit of strengths to draw from. When everything is new, adaptability is key. But if you don't know how to adapt because you've never really had to, or if you've not learned the skills of perseverance or resilience because someone always stepped in to fix the problem, then September and October can be a very testing couple of months.

To give your students a little bit of extra support at this time of year, use our 'New Beginnings' or 'Transition' resources to help guide them through this period of change. You can download the resources below or log into the website to find the full range.

And remember if you like what you see in this newsletter, it is just the tip of the Amazing People Schools iceberg!! We are a small organisation who have grown enormously over the last few years. Senior leaders have found it very helpful in the more effective use of our resources, to have a 1:1 call with Selena, our Education Team Manager, before exploring the site for themselves.

"I didn't have any idea there was so much stuff on there, it's amazing"

Teacher at Polebrook Primary

If you would like a bespoke call to find out how we can support your embedding of our diverse range of role models, or develop a strengths-based approach to personal development, please book directly here: [How can Amazing People Schools help me?](#)

Our New Framework – The Amazing

Person Model



Building the **WHOLE** you!

Research in positive psychology has shown us that people who know their strengths and use them often, feel **happier**, have better **self-confidence** and are more likely to **achieve** their goals. Using your strengths gives you energy and helps you become the best you can be.

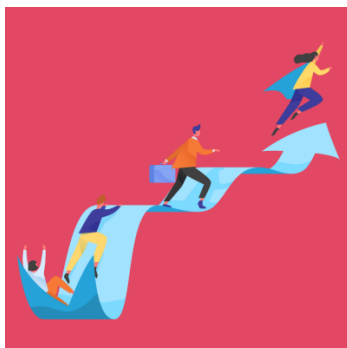


With all this talk of change, we are very proud to introduce our new **Character Strength Framework – The Amazing Person Model**. Fully updated and including 6 new strengths, the framework focuses on helping to develop the **WHOLE** child. Our strengths are grouped so that young people can begin to develop an understanding of how all these strengths are interlinked with one another, helping to build a well-rounded individual. Learning the language of character helps to provide the building blocks for students to better understand themselves, the decisions that they make and the person that they want to become.

Download our A3 poster here to find out more. If you'd like more information on how you can help embed this framework into your school or classroom, you can book a call with our Education Manager [here](#).

[Download your free poster here](#)

What's Happening on the Blog?



Careers & Employability

"We are a small school with big challenges and we've found the support from Amazing People Schools so important." Learn how Louise Brewer, Learning Mentor and Careers Lead at Endeavour Academy, has utilised a strengths-driven approach to their careers programme.

News, Views & Free Resources

Teach Primary Finalists

We are incredibly excited to have been chosen as a finalist in the Teach Primary 2023 Awards in the Wellbeing Category. We have some tough competition and have all of our fingers and toes crossed. If you want to learn more about our wellbeing resources, you can book a call to discuss your needs [here](#).



New Partnership - SKOLON

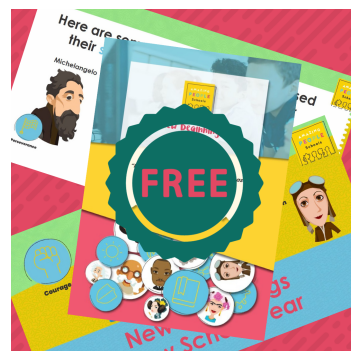
We're excited to announce our new partnership with digital pioneers Skolon. This will see our strengths driven platform added to their amazing library of learning, taking our Amazing People into schools across Scandinavia, and beyond.



New Beginnings

We have a number of resources on the site to assist with 'new beginnings'. This assembly is designed to support Primary School children in coping with periods of change, specifically 'back to school' transitions and utilising character strengths.

[Download Here](#)



Transition to Secondary

Secondary teachers, you may find this Teacher Guide helpful for students making the jump from Primary into Year 7.

[Download here](#)

Black History Month - October

Download our Black History Month Bundle and get access to our Black British History, Global Black Achievers, Amazing Africans and Amazing People from the Carribean resources.

[Download Here](#)



Ada Lovelace Day – October 10

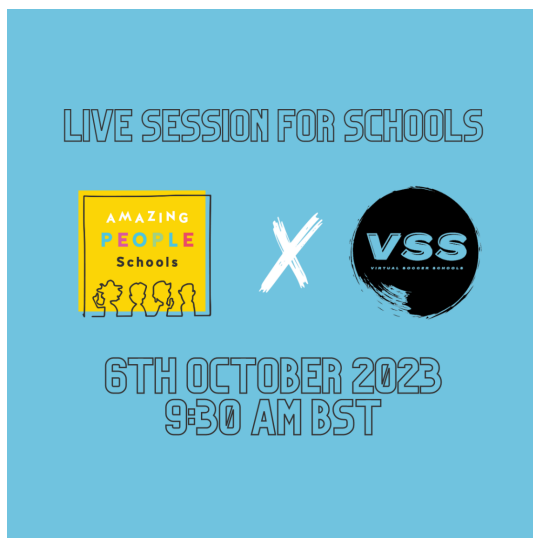
Celebrate Ada Lovelace Day on October 10.

Log into the website to find Ada's full range of resources and download our Women in Computer Science resource below.

[Download here](#)

Upcoming Events

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



Friday, 6 October, 9:30am BST

APS x VSS Live Session for Schools

Join us ahead of World Mental Health Day to talk about **Mental Health & Change**. Everyone knows that footballers are skilled athletes, but did you know they are just as skilled at managing change?



Thursday, 5 October, 5:30pm BST

Embedding your School Values to Develop your School Improvement Plan

Join our Education Team Manager Selena, as she talks to **AoEA** on examining how embedded your school values actually are, and what steps you can take to further insert

When a team transfer window opens, players have to be ready to move themselves and their family to another city, country or even a different continent.

them into a school life. You can reserve yourself a spot by clicking [here](#).

Join us and our superstar guest to find out what strengths are vital to flourishing at times of change. You can sign your class up for the live session [here](#).

October 10, 2023

The Great Oracy Exhibition 2023

One for the diary! We're huge supporters of Voice 21 and the importance of Oracy in schools. Don't miss the UK's largest festival dedicated to it. We hope to see you there.



Monthly Planners

Click to download your monthly guide with engaging ideas on how to embed Amazing People Schools into your classroom in a range of subject areas.

Also, don't forget to check out the Amazing People that we shine a light on this half-term. Scroll down to the end of this email to download your FREE role model profile cards.

September 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
18 - 24 Sep International Week of Deaf People	World Alzheimer's Month				1	2
4 Kindness	5 International Day of Charity	6	7 Curiosity	8	9 Empathy	10
11 Jesse Owens	12 Jesse Owens born (1913)	13 Michelangelo starts work on Statue of David (1503) (unveiled Sept 8, 1504)	14 RUOK?	15 International Day of Democracy 15 - 17 Sep Jewish New Year	16 Rosh Hashanah	17 Harriet Tubman escapes from slavery (1849)
18 Integrity	19	20 Over-mindfulness	21 International Day of Peace	22 World Car-Free Day	23 Lewis and Clark return from first recorded journey from Mississippi River to the Pacific coast (1806)	24 Howard Florey born (1898)
25	26	27 World Tourism Day	28 Beulah Henry born (1837)	29 Confucius born (551BC)	30	

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

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Rachel Carson	ADHD Awareness Month	Global Diversity Awareness Month	National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month	International Walk to School Month		1 World Day of Older Persons
2 World Habitat Day	3 International Day of Non-violence Mahatma Gandhi born (1869)	4 World Space Week (4-10 Oct)	5 World Mental Health Day	6 World Smile Day	7 Thomas Edison showed his first motion picture (1899)	8 Earth Science Week (8-14 Oct)
9 Walt Disney	10 Ada Lovelace Day	11 International Day of the Girl Child	12 World Mental Health Day	13	14 Universal Music Day	15 Anti-poverty Week (15-21 Oct)
16 Walt Disney Company was founded (1923)	17 International Day for Eradication of Poverty	18 Elizabeth Arden died (1996)	19 World Values Day	20 World Humanitarian Day	21 Thomas Edison unveils the lightbulb (1879)	22 Alfred Nobel born (1833)
23 United Nations Day	24	25 Fumilayo Fatanmole-Kul born (1900)	26 Adebisi Bilikis died (1972)	27 Fumilayo Fatanmole-Kul	28 Alfred Nobel	29 Make a Difference Day
30	31 Happy Halloween	Abiodun Bilikis				

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September Planner

October Planner

Celebrate some Amazing People this Month

Howard Florey born 24 September 1898

Howard Florey



Howard Florey was an Australian doctor who shared the Nobel Prize for developing penicillin, which continues to save lives today.

Instead of profiting from his discoveries, he chose to work with others to provide life-changing medicines.

His pioneering efforts to mass produce penicillin brought relief to thousands of wounded soldiers during World War II.

The Australian 50-dollar note bore Howard Florey's image for 22 years (1973-1995), and a memorial stone of white South Australian marble bearing his name, was unveiled in Westminster Abbey in 1981.



Curiosity



Integrity



Teamwork

Mahatma Gandhi born 2 October 1869

Mahatma Gandhi



Gandhi endured much hardship to free India from British rule and achieve fair and equal rights for his people.

Known as the Father of the Indian Nation and the Independence Movement, his non-violent protests inspired many other civil rights movements, including the one led by Martin Luther King, Jr. in the US.

Mahatma Gandhi's birth date of 2 October is a national holiday in India. It is also known as International Day of Non-Violence.

Gandhi, a 1982 feature film about the life of Mahatma Gandhi, won eight Academy Awards, including Best Actor, Best Director and Best Picture.



Empathy



Fairness



Forgiveness

Alfred Nobel born 21 October 1833

Alfred Nobel

Alfred Nobel was a chemist and weapons manufacturer, best known for inventing dynamite.



A life-changing moment gave him the opportunity to change his legacy, and he created the famed Nobel Prizes.

The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in 1901. Since then, more than 600 prizes have been awarded in many categories including physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and peace.

While known for inventing dynamite, Alfred Nobel was also a writer and a keen reader. He wrote lots of poems and essays about the universe and human evolution.



Gratitude



Humility



Love

Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti born 25 October 1900

Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti

Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti was a Nigerian political leader who is remembered as the 'Mother of Africa'.



She played a vital role in bringing about change by leading the Abeokuta Women's Union, the largest women's union in Africa.

Nicknamed the 'Lioness of Lisabi' for her bravery, Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti was the first woman to drive a car in Nigeria.

Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti was awarded the Order of Nigeria by the Nigerian government in 1965 for her contribution to the nation.



Leadership



Teamwork



Wisdom

And Finally....Teacher Feedback

We love sharing great ideas that we hear from our teachers, so when we received this video from Stuart Nash, the Character Education Lead at John Gulson Primary, we knew we would have to share with our newsletter community.

Could you do something similar at your school?



Not got your free access yet?

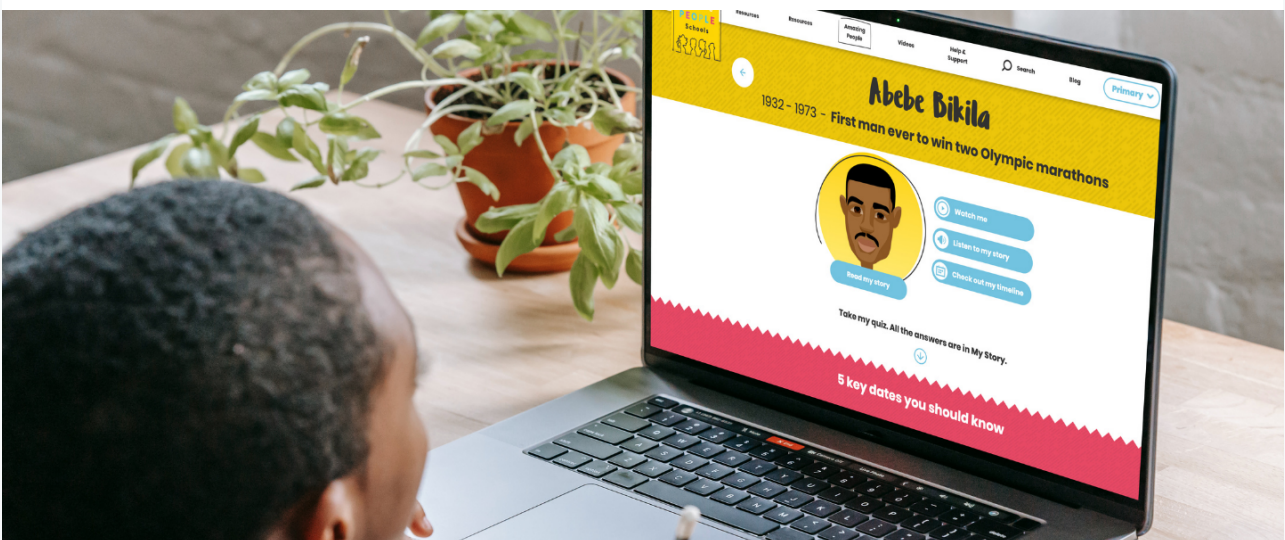
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Or if you'd like support in implementing diverse voices or character strengths across your curriculum, you can book a short 1:1 Teams call with our Education Manager, Selena Whitehead by clicking [here](#).

Until next time...

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