



Welcome to our EMTAS summer term newsletter – it's been both a busy and eventful term!



Liverpool - A Tapestry of Language

Supporting our children for whom English is an Additional Language is a key aspect of our work at EMTAS.

During the last term, the team has supported children from across the world including those children whose families have been forced to flee their homes – including Afghanistan, Ukraine and Hong Kong.

During this term our staff have supported over 170 newly arrived primary pupils - speaking in excess of 20 languages across 16 of our primary schools.



Celebrating Diversity

During summer term, one of the team delivered 'Rainbow Smiles' - a programme focusing on celebrating difference and similarity.

Over 360 pupils across 4 schools took part.

Further workshops have been delivered to 60 pupils exploring local Black history and 'Race and Diversity'.

A further 25 pupils learnt about the significance of the hijab.



Summer Term Support: a snapshot

We've worked with 23 EAL parents and carers – all of whom have benefitted from the 'English Language for Families' programme.

This is a course to both support language acquisition and to support parents in understanding our education system here in the UK.

In addition, a further 20 parents have benefitted from informal discussion about language acquisition processes.

By offering a wide-ranging training programme for teachers and support staff - our overarching aim is to empower mainstream practitioners to have the skills needed to support a culturally and linguistically diverse school community.

Over 200 practitioners have attended school based and centrally delivered training sessions.

We have provided wide-ranging support for some of our most vulnerable families and pupils – including Irish Travellers by supporting with admissions, in year transfers and EHCPs.

We've worked alongside colleagues from health and social care - acting as that bridge to engagement and inclusion.

EMTAS has also welcomed Governors from over 20 schools to a session exploring EAL best practice.

The session also allowed governors to reflect on Equality and Diversity.

The EMTAS shorts!

As part of the #EuroLearn festival, a number of our schools created short films that captured the sense of welcome, warmth and inclusivity synonymous with Liverpool.

EMTAS worked alongside Culture Liverpool to develop the films with young people, local artists and poets.

Each film tells different stories of welcome.

You can watch all the films online at the [Culture Liverpool website](#).



Help develop and enhance the skills needed to support your EAL students and their families.

Our autumn term training programme is [now available to view](#).

Land and Sky ... Home and Dreams

EMTAS supported Culture Liverpool in an ambitious project which saw a mass kite flying event hosted by 'Go Fly Your Kite' held on New Brighton Promenade.

Five of our Liverpool Primary Schools were involved, alongside a school from Wirral.

The atmospheric performance saw children from Ukraine and Liverpool united by art in a simultaneous kite flying finale, representing soaring dreams and shared aspirations.

Watch the short film [online here](#).



"Pivotal to all of our work at EMTAS is that sense of inclusion, welcome and celebration"

Gill Rowlands, Manager of EMTAS

A Royal Performance

'If it is true to say that the limits of our language are the limits of the world, then the role of libraries is something to be treasured greatly.'

King Charles III

Commissioned by EMTAS, Levi Tafari and a group of pupils from one of our Primary Schools were invited to perform a poem for King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla at Liverpool Central Library.

The poem was very much enjoyed by the Royal party and was shared on local and national media.

The Royal visit marked the twinning of Liverpool Central Library and the national scientific library in Odessa and was both historically significant and moving.





Pupils from one primary school have been involved in an amazing stop motion animation. 'Kaleidoscope of Culture' - a perfect way to mark refugee week.

We promise that you won't be able to stop humming this catchy tune!

You can watch the animation on [YouTube](#).

School of Sanctuary Success

"A school of sanctuary provides a safe and warm welcome for all children, their families and the wider school community, and particularly those families who are seeking sanctuary here in Liverpool."

A big well done to the following schools who have achieved sanctuary status and have joined our family of sanctuary schools.

Anfield Primary School*, New Park Primary School*, Woolton Primary School, St Michael's Catholic Primary School*, North Liverpool Academy, Kirkdale St Lawrence Church of England Primary School*, Matthew Arnold Primary School, The Beacon Church of England Primary School, Ellergreen Nursery and Childcare Centre, Stockton Wood Primary School, Childwall Abbey School, Faith Primary Academy, Banks Road Primary School*, St Margaret's Anfield Church of England, Primary School *

* These are schools which have been re-accredited

Great Black Britons

May saw the launch of the annual Merseyside Police competition for Black History Month.

This is the third year of the competition and it is now very much part of the EMTAS calendar.

This year's theme is 'Black and Proud'; Frank Arthur Bailey, Mary Prince, Dr Oliver Lyseight and Lillian Bader are just some of the inspirational figures our children have been learning about.

The closing date is soon and the team are really excited to see the entries and be involved in the judging!

