

EAL Newsletter

AUTUMN 2024/2025



Welcome back!

Welcome to our Autumn EAL newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments and information to be able to support pupils, families and educators.

Last year we were lucky enough to visit and make connections with nearly 60 nurseries and schools across the borough; supporting EAL Coordinators, Teachers and SLT. We are excited to continue these visits, as well as conduct follow-up visits to further support schools.

Not only this, we will focus on providing schools with appropriate CPD which is tailored to schools' needs. Further information can be found within this newsletter and on My School Services. We will also be supporting our EYFS Childminders with two training sessions this Autumn. In addition to this, we have availability to provide in-house training in your setting which can be as general or specific as you require.

We are also excited to announce that we will be launching a simple EAL assessment tracking tool (to use alongside The Bell Foundation assessment) which enables schools to track progress from EYFS to Post-16 on one document. This tool will be available to schools who attend the EAL Assessment CPD later this term. This tool will enable educators to identify periods of accelerated progress as well as areas for development.

As always, we would appreciate you sharing our newsletters with colleagues and families.

Together, we can make a real difference. Enjoy this month's newsletter!

EAL Team

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Enriching Language with Drama

NALDIC's Susan Stewart shares her ideas of how a combination of language learning and simple drama can enhance language classrooms.

The first idea is to give pairs of students simple (humorous) dialogue scripts suited to their age and ability and ask them to practise it using any language of their choice. Ask pupils to perform their script and ask other pupils to notice expressions, exclamations and words. The curiosity in each others' languages set the stage for further development of integrating other languages in school..



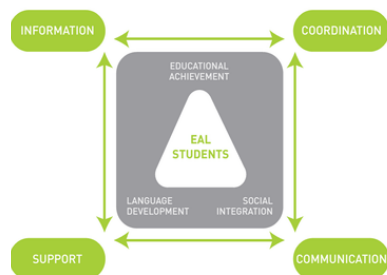
Secondly, use or create mini-plays which use local dialect (www.onestopenglish.com) such as 'doom and gloom', 'pack it in' and 'the heavens opened' and ask pupils to learn some of the lines. Practise intonation so pupils feel confident using the language. Pupils will enjoy speaking 'like a local' and it won't be long until you find pupils noticing and using similar expressions outside of the classroom.

Whole-school Approach to Multilingualism

A whole-school approach to EAL isn't just a policy - it's about creating an environment where every pupil can thrive, regardless of their linguistic background.

We know that for pupils to learn effectively, they must feel safe and supported, which is why integrating inclusive values, behaviours, and scaffolding throughout the curriculum is crucial - having it present in just one curriculum subject area, or aspect of the school, just isn't going to cut it.

This responsibility extends beyond EAL specialists; it involves embedding an inclusive ethos, adapting the curriculum, promoting equity and inclusion, and raising awareness of language diversity.



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Healing Classroom CPD

Our team will be delivering Healing Classroom strategies CPD, supported by IRC, to help schools and educators develop inclusive and nurturing learning spaces where refugee and asylum-seeking students can gain the necessary academic, social and emotional skills to develop their full potential.

The training dates are **22nd January 2025** and **14th March 2025**, with the sign-up deadline on **1st December 2024** to allow time for IRC handbook orders.

If you're interested in having a Healing Classroom Champion provide training to your staff, please complete the attached survey by **1st October 2024**. The survey, designed to tailor the training to your school's needs, will take around 15 minutes.

Please use the QR code to sign up:



EAL Training 2024/2025



PRIMARY LISTENING			
CODE	BAND A	BAND B	BAND C
	Engaging in highly-scaffolded listening activities, learning basic classroom language and linking sounds to actions and meanings	Demonstrating an emerging ability to understand and respond verbally in interactions with others based on their understanding of the context	Developing more independence in the use of the basic listening skills needed to engage with learning
1	Can understand single words or short phrases in familiar contexts (e.g. classroom, playground)	Can understand everyday expressions aimed at meeting simple needs of a concrete type, delivered directly to them in clear and deliberate speech by a sympathetic speaker	Can follow oral instructions (e.g. 'Draw a circle under the line')
2	Can follow simple instructions and identify objects, images, figures and people from oral statements or understand simple questions with contextual support (e.g. 'Which one is a rock?')	Can respond to simply phrased factual questions (e.g. 'Which things use water?')	Is beginning to understand and acquire topic/subject-specific vocabulary



Supporting EAL Children in EYFS

An opportunity for professionals working with early years children who have EAL to learn about the most useful strategies and resources within EYFS.

Wednesday 2nd October
9am and 6:30pm



Healing Classrooms

This session aims to support educators to develop inclusive and nurturing learning spaces for students affected by trauma, particularly refugees, asylum seekers and new arrivals following IRC guidance.

Wednesday 22nd January
9:30am
Friday 14th March
12:30pm

English Proficiency Assessment

We will explore The Bell Foundation's English proficiency assessment and the best ways to implement it within school. Upon attending this session, participants will receive a pupil profile and proficiency tracker.

Wednesday 20th November
9:30am



EAL and SEND

We will explore the ways to establish whether pupils are displaying academic and/or social behaviours related to SEND or English proficiency. Participants will also be advised on ways to support families of these pupils.

Wednesday 9th July
9:30am

EAL Coordinator Network

We will examine the role of the EAL Coordinator and explore how those working in this position can work with staff members to meet the needs of EAL learners. There will also be opportunity to network.

Friday 27th September (new to role)
Wednesday 4th December
Wednesday 14th May
9:30am



EAL Drop-In

There is no set agenda for these sessions, but there will be an opportunity for all professionals working with EAL children to discuss any EAL concerns or matters.

Wednesday 13th November
Wednesday 15th January
Wednesday 5th March
Wednesday 7th May
Wednesday 2nd July
9:30am



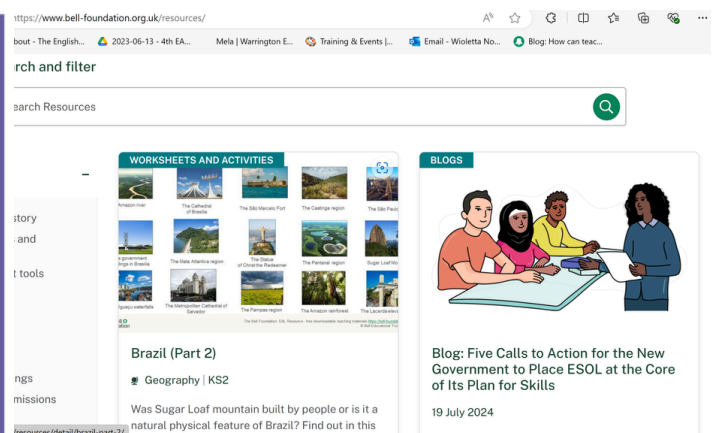
EAL Coordinator - Supporting Newly Arrived Pupils

Supporting newly arrived EAL pupils requires accurate initial assessment identifying the right level of support for each individual learner.

Involving parents and providing a whole school inclusive culture, a welcoming induction and an appropriate learning environment are also important. This means ensuring that teaching staff have access to professional development that will empower them to feel confident to integrate language and learning objectives, use teaching strategies that promote language development and use EAL sensitive assessment tools to help them recognise pupils' achievements, needs and progress.

Top 10 tips for new arrivals:

1. Gather information using the WBC Induction Pack
2. Prepare a handbook with visuals for parents and pupils
3. Meet parents and carers
4. Prepare the classroom - visuals, dual language books, access to technology
5. Meet, greet and welcome
6. Put peer support in place
7. Use positive body language and communication
8. Complete an English proficiency assessment
9. Adapt plans to ensure pupils can achieve
10. Provide scaffolding and emotional check-ins with pupils



Ready made resources can be found on:
The Bell Foundation
Twinkl
International Rescue Committee
EAL Hub
Learning Village



European Day of Languages - 26th September 2024

European Day of Languages is a great opportunity to celebrate some of our EAL pupils across Warrington. This day is celebrated in schools across Europe and aims to introduce monolingual pupils to different languages and cultures that are spoken in the UK and in Europe.

Exposing your students to a range of languages can help them develop an appreciation for other cultures, enhance their understanding of the world and embrace diversity. Incorporating these European Day of Languages activities will not only promote language learning but can provide cultural capital and help make deeper connections within the curriculum.

You don't have to be a language teacher to get involved, select your subject for some activity inspiration this European Day of Languages! You can make celebrations as small or extravagant as you wish, from carrying out the register in a different language or having a full day off timetable dedicated to European Day of Languages.

European Day of Languages website offer some resources and teaching ideas for all ages from how to pronounce animal sounds in different European languages (1) to testing your pronunciation of traditional Irish names for older pupils.

(1)<https://edl.ecml.at/Fun/Irishnames/tabid/4292/Default.aspx>

(2)<https://edl.ecml.at/Fun/Animalsounds/tabid/3112/language/Default.aspx>

Please share any photographs with us using eal@warrington.gov.uk

Ideas

- Choose some of the language challenges for pupils to carry out throughout the day or week
<https://edl.ecml.at/Portals/33/documents/language-challenge/EDL-language-challenge-handbook-EN-print.pdf>
 - Use Kahoot's ready made 'European Day of Languages' to engage your pupils in a fun way
<https://create.kahoot.it/search-results/all?query=european+day+of+languages&orderBy=relevance>
 - Ask pupils to create a piece of art or model based on a European landmark they have researched
 - Ask pupils to locate European countries on an interactive map
<https://www.geoguessr.com/vgp/3007>
 - Allow pupils to create signs in different languages for resources and rooms around school, using images to support
 - European Day Cafe - serve food from other cultures and create a menu in the native language
 - Encourage pupils to come to school wearing colours of different European flags
 - Ask pupils to create a menu or travel brochure based on a European country
 - Listen to a song or nursery rhyme in a different language. Can pupils pick out some words they recognise?
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Community Events

Monday's focus: Healthy lifestyles and women's health

Department for work and pensions: 9am to 12pm
Work, training and benefits support

Directions for men: 9am to 12.30pm
Mental health peer support for men

Domestic abuse: 9pm to 2.30pm
Confidential support for victims

Livewire healthy lifestyles: 9am to 12.30pm
Health checks and fitness advice

Livewire menopause advice: 1pm to 2pm
Menopause support

Livewire stop smoking: 9am to 1pm
Quit smoking support

Livewire weight management: 9.30am to 11.30am and 2pm to 5pm
Support for those with a BMI over 30

Macmillan Cancer: 10am to 4pm
Cancer support and information

Talking therapies: 11.45am to 12.15pm
Mental health services information (2nd and 4th Monday of the month)

Substance misuse: 9am to 12.30pm
Support for reducing alcohol and drug use

Talking point: 1pm to 4pm
Connecting you to local community services

Torus Foundation: 9am to 4pm
Support for Torus housing residents

Tuesday's focus: Aging well and dementia

Age UK Mid Mersey: 1.30pm to 4pm
Helping people 50+ to live as well and independently as possible

Dementia and delirium support: 1pm to 3pm
Support provided by dementia nurse specialists from Warrington Hospital

Dementia - still me support: 1.30pm to 3pm
Support for those affected by dementia

Dementia - still me group: 2pm to 3pm
Games and chat (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Drive ability: 9am to 12.30pm
Safe driving support for medical conditions (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Later life memory advice: 1pm to 5pm
Memory loss support by Memory Care

Livewire healthy lifestyles: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Active aging and dementia friendly exercise

Warrington Carers hub: 9am to 16.30pm
One-on-one support for unpaid carers

Warrington Carers hub drop in: 1.30pm to 14.30pm
Chat with other unpaid carers (2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month)

Warrington Voluntary Action - good neighbours: 1pm to 5pm
Help to reduce loneliness and connect people (1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month)

Wednesday's focus: Families and children

Department for work and pensions: 9am to 12.30pm
Work, training and benefits support

Early help link worker: 9am to 12.30pm or 1pm to 4.30pm
Support for family needs

Early Years Childcare Team: 9am to 12pm
Free childcare funding advice

Home start: 9am to 12.30pm
Support for parents with children 0-5 years because childhood can't wait

Health visitor baby weighing: 9.30am to 11.30am
Wellbeing and weight checks by Warrington Hospital

Livewire library service: 9am to 12pm
Library information and activities (4th Wednesday of the month)

Talking therapies: 12pm to 12.30pm
Mental health services advice for ages 16+

Oral health: 10am to 12pm
Children's oral health support by Bridgewater NHS FT (3rd Wednesday of the month)

Parenting and positive relationships: 9.30am to 12pm
Support for co-parents experiencing conflict

Wednesday's focus: Families and children (continued)

Parenting and positive relationships: 9.30am to 12pm
Support for co-parents experiencing conflict

Stay and play: 10am to 11.30am
Sing, play and have fun with your child

Warrington voluntary action: 9am to 12.30pm
Help to reduce loneliness and connect people (1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month)

Thursdays focus: Aging well and falls

Disability Partnership: 9am to 12.30pm
Support for disabled and those living with long-term conditions

Macmillan Cancer: 9am to 12.30pm
Support and information for those affected by cancer

Livewire healthy lifestyles: 10am to 12pm
Health checks and fitness advice, falls group

Warrington voluntary action: 9am to 12.30pm
Help to reduce loneliness and connect people (2nd and 4th Thursday of the month)

Friday focus: Families and children

Early help link worker: 9.30am to 12pm
Support for professionals referring families on to support services. (last Friday of the month)

Health visitor baby weighing: 9.30am to 11.30am
Wellbeing and weight checks by Warrington Hospital

Home start: 9am to 12.30pm
Support for parents with children aged 0 - 5 years. Because childhood can't wait

Infant feeding support group: 10am to 12pm
Support by Bridgewater NHS FT

Maternity clinic: 1.30pm to 4pm
Flexible maternity support by Warrington Hospital

Talking therapies: 9.15am to 9.45am
Support services advice for ages 16+

Talking point: 9am to 12.30pm
Connecting you to community services for the best outcomes



Weekly drop-in services at the hub

Connecting people, places and resources to support people to live well in Warrington.



'Warrington LiFE is a careers information, advice and guidance service offering practical support in looking for work as well as information and advice on education, employment and training.'

One Time Square, WA1 2EN
01925 442211
careersservice@warrington.gov.uk



Warrington & Vale Royal College
FREE English & maths courses
www.orc.uk/english-maths



Home Thank You Volunteer Events Guests Hosts The Hub Location

Wednesday - English Language Sessions (5-7pm)

We meet every Wednesday for English language skill sessions for children between the ages of 5-11 years old and adults of all abilities.

Refreshments are provided as are textbooks.

The children's sessions are designed as a mixture of play and conversational English for children who are of school age - Learning Through Play for ages 5-11 (KS1 and KS2)

This group is designed to give our younger members a chance to practise their spoken English.

Connect, play and learn
Activities and classes for families with babies and toddlers.

- Everyone is welcome
- Completely free
- No need to book
- Activities running all day

Thursdays (in term time only) 09:30 - 14:00
Warrington Youth Zone
Dudam Ln,
Warrington, WA2 7HG

Any questions please contact us:
email: hello@babyzone.org.uk
facebook: [facebook.com/babyzoneuk](https://www.facebook.com/babyzoneuk)
instagram: [instagram.com/babyzoneuk](https://www.instagram.com/babyzoneuk)

Working with Humberside, WDCI and four other agencies to support families in the community.

Contact Information

Please contact us if you wish you discuss your whole EAL cohort or individual pupils. Use the below contact information to arrange a school visit, in-house CPD and to discuss any additional EAL support your school requires.

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