

From Jackie Waters-Dewhurst, Diocesan Director of Education –

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Dear colleagues -



Today’s bulletin comes with a pack for you to use to support your work on Remembrance during November.

This helps us to shift focus from the usual pictures that would depict both 1st and 2nd world wars as white only affairs and allow our students to recognise and commemorate the sacrifice and service of men and women across a wide range of cultures and races.

For instance an estimated 1.3 million Indian soldiers fought in WWI, 400,000 of whom were Muslim. Approximately 2.5 million Indian soldiers fought in WWII, 600,000 of whom were Muslim.

This is as well as those who willingly signed up to serve from Africa and the Caribbean.

By exploring the commitment to the fight for freedom and justice that these men and women made we can help our communities understand that their right to living here is every bit as valid as their white Anglo Saxon counterparts who they fought next to. These stories speak directly to the rising racial tensions which we are seeing exploited by various groups today.

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In our church schools – where justice is at the heart of all we do it is important that we help our students understand the complete history of Great Britain and the world – only by reintroducing the stories of all can they begin to understand that we are one country, one family, one race and that we have all had and have a part to play in the communities around us. When our students understand that ALL of humankind is made in God’s image then we have moved closer to a just world.

...so God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he made them...

Genesis 1:27

I hope that you find these resources thought provoking and useful. If you would like to share examples of your Remembrance Day learning and worship, please send them to us at ellen.cross@lincoln.anglican.org.

More resources can be found on the Called, Connected, Committed Monday Message which is also attached.

A Thank you

On another matter I know that many of you, over the years, will have crossed paths with Sally Doughty. Sally has worked for 5 Diocesan Directors of Education (DDEs) – serving as a PA for 3 RE advisers and one DDDE for which she needs a medal!

Sally has worked tirelessly for all of those years building wonderful relationships with clerks, Bishops Visitors and head teachers and providing an amazing source of support and strength to the DDE and the Senior Leadership Team.

After 27 years, Sally has decided it’s time to retire. I am so thankful for the support that she has been to me over the past 8 years. She will be missed both by the team at 103 Newport but also by the wider church school community. I know that you, like us, will wish her well. I believe she intends to buy a greenhouse and work on her green fingers! We wish her and her husband Tim the very happiest of retirements together.

On line Learning.

– Something that we are all going to need to be on board with as guidance makes it statutory to provide education from day one for pupils having to learn from home with the expectation of the use of learning platforms. I’d like to thank the LAAT school improvement team for signposting us to a new book *‘Teaching in the Online Classroom – Surviving and Thriving in the new normal.’*

Doug Lemov’s original book was Teach like a Champion. This book builds on the work of the research group that informed the original book. It is based on evidence gathered in the first few months of lockdown. The Teach like a Champion Team regularly study recorded lessons as part of their research so made a conscious decision to continue to study teaching pedagogy as it moved on line. To that end, the book is focused on what is effective in teaching and how this can transfer to the online classroom. It’s quite readable too!

God bless

Jackie

Resources/News from the Team

Reflection

Our EDO Lynsey Norris continues her series of reflections – these can be found [here](#), and attached to this email.