

EMAT NEWS

Lambeth Ethnic Minority Achievement Team

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Meet The Team

A big EMAT welcome to the newest member of our team, Beverley Hillman. Beverley joined the EMA team in April. Presently, she is working as Black Children's Achievement Consultant, covering Clare Warner. An experienced teacher, Beverley has worked in several boroughs over the years, including Lambeth.



'I have always had a passion for issues concerning black achievement. It has been a welcome return to re-examine these issues with a new focus and work in Lambeth schools.'

Beverley Hillman

In case you did not know, our Senior Administrative Officer is Mira Lobo. Mira has been working for Lambeth EMAT for five years.

In her spare time Mira is a keen sportswoman and has represented her country at golf, swimming and tennis.



Celebrating Refugee Week

The Norwood School and King's Avenue Primary School very kindly hosted The Ethnic Minority Achievement Team's partnership work with Oval House Theatre and Cloth of

"We need more of this kind of work"

Gold visual arts company. More than forty Somali pupils from seven

schools participated in the two one-day workshops.

During the day teachers, teaching assistants and parents shared Somali stories and artefacts which resulted in depictions of artwork, culminating in seven screen-printed panels.

Lunch became a gastronomic feast when we tucked into home-cooked Somali cuisine which was much appreciated by all!

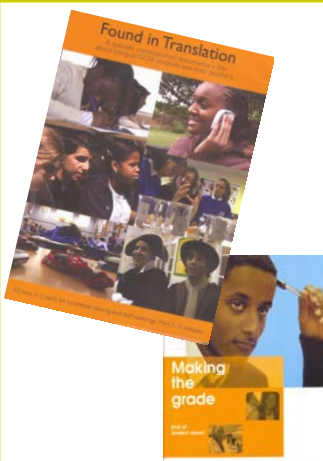
One parent summed up the day:

"We need more of this kind of work. It is good to meet other Somali parents and share things and it's important for our children to feel positive about who they are. It has been a really good day".

A Crown Lane Primary School pupil's verdict was *"It's the best day of my life!"* Mus Bagum

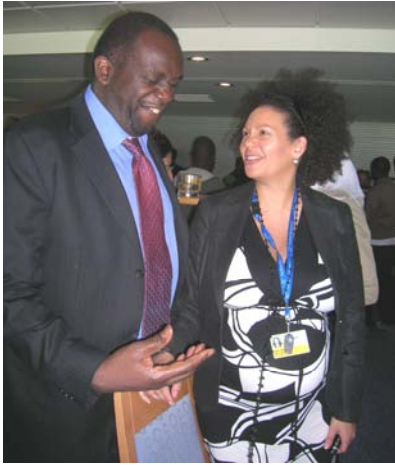
La Retraite RC Girls' School hosted a special evening in May to celebrate the achievements of the London Challenge/DfES **Making The Grade Project**, a two year schools based initiative to support bilingual pupils at Key stage 4 in seven London secondary schools, including La Retraite and Lilian Baylis Technology School. Head-teacher Mrs Maureen Howie, invited participants to view the accompanying documentary film, **Found in Translation**, and meet its director, Pratap Rughani.

The film, partly financed by Lambeth LA, features pupils and staff in 'starring roles' and is remarkable in its true to life documentation of school life for many thousands of bilingual learners today. Valuable additional materials include interviews with Julia Durrant, EMA coordinator, and Penny Travers, EMA Learning Consultant, outlining excellent strategies for enabling more advanced bilingual learners to achieve their potential at GCSE level and beyond.



Copies available from DfES publications

Black Pupils' Achievement Conference



Dr Tony Sewell and Clare Warner

On Wednesday May 2nd 2007 EMAT hosted the first Black Pupils' Achievement conference. The conference aims were to raise awareness of the factors external to school impacting on black pupils' achievement and to support teachers and schools in developing strategies to further support raising achievement.

Dr. Jan McKenley set the tone for the day by encouraging participants to engage in responding creatively to the challenges facing young black people. Dr. Tony Sewell then shared with the audience the success of his programme 'Generating Genius' and his belief in investing in able students with a view to creating student leaders.

The final presentation of the morning came from Bianca Waite and Hailey Littek, participants on the X-it programme, an innovative youth programme run by Julia Wolton of Brixton Town Centre, Youth and Play. Bianca and Hailey shared their perspective on challenges experienced by many students around issues of personal safety and self-esteem.

Following the speaker's contributions, participants chose from a selection of practical workshop sessions about mentoring, the impact of drugs, music and its influence and gang cul-



Julia Woolton, Bianca Waite and Hayley Littek

ture and crime.

After lunch, the delegates were treated to a talk by the Executive Head teacher of Jubilee Primary School, Florence Wilson, who outlined some of the barriers some black parents experience in accessing schools and shared strategies for how to overcome them.

The conference was evaluated very highly and colleagues who attended welcomed the opportunity to network and debate some complex issues. The EMA team hopes to work collaboratively across the Local Authority and the Community and Voluntary sector to continue to support schools in dealing with the issues raised.

Clare Warner



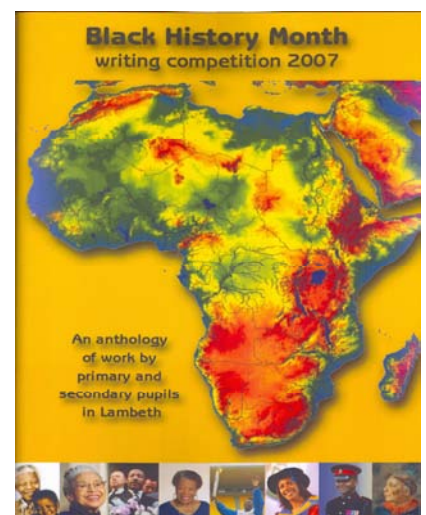
David Fisher and Lascelles Dixon

Black History Month Anthology

The Black History Month Anthology of student writing was officially launched at the Black Achievement Conference. Presiding over the proceedings were: **Doreen Lawrence, founder of the**



Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust, and the award winning author Courttia Newland. Prize winners Simisola Olatunde-Adeyemi, Antonio Brown, Sariah Barnes and Susannah Willis read their contributions to the delegates.



Copies of the anthology have been sent to all Lambeth schools



Portuguese Achievement Conference “The sky’s the limit”

Embassies, banks, arts organizations and schools attending the Portuguese Conference all praised the work of Lambeth schools and CYPS with Portuguese speakers in the Borough. They found the conference to be an important means through which good practice could be shared, as well as giving everyone a chance to ‘network’.

Participants mentioned how important it was to keep and develop this

“Numa escala de 0 a 10, a minha nota é 10. Bem haja!”

Angolan Embassy

kind of positive approach to raising the achievement of Portuguese speakers and recommended holding a full day Conference next year.

The work highlighted at Conference has been disseminated internationally and was commended to CPLP,

The Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries, based in Lisbon, by the Brazilian Ambassador to Portugal!

We are delighted to announce that new projects are already being planned based on the work seen at “the sky’s the limit”.

Heartfelt thanks to everybody who supported and attended this event.

Luisa Ribeiro



Uma última palavra de agradecimento a todos que apoiaram, assistiram a este evento. Sem vós nada teria sido possível...realmente o Céu é o limite!

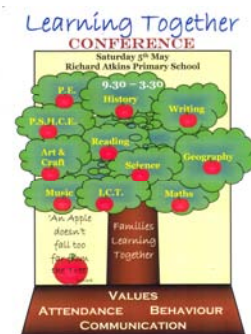
Learning Together at Richard Atkins

On 5th May, the staff of Richard Atkins School held a ‘Families Learning Together’ Conference as one step in their plan to increase parental involvement. The audience of over 125 (parents, carers and colleagues from other school and organisations) was welcomed by ten pupils using their first language and opened by Headteacher Julie Roberts. She was followed by an impressive list of speakers, including Phyllis Dunipace, Sandra Morris, Paul Obinna, an educational consultant focusing on black child achievement, then governors, mentors, parents and past pupils. Each speaker explained and emphasised the role of parents and

carers in their own child’s education.

Following this were teacher-led workshops focusing on the core subjects, homework, assessment, behaviour and attendance. One talk by Amanda Bellsham-Revell (Primary EMA Consultant) was interpreted in Somali, Spanish and Portuguese for parents and carers of bilingual children. This outlined the English Education system and included activities to familiarise the audience with teaching styles and methods used in our classrooms. It also provided an opportunity to emphasise the importance of continuing to ‘keep up’ the first language in the family home.

The staff are now evaluating the impact of the conference and planning to develop areas identified during the day. They have already produced an advice booklet for parents/carers – ‘*Learning Together – supporting your child with learning at home*’. A conference report is available from the school.



Well done to Richard Atkins for organising such a successful and informative day!

Meet The Team—Emma Moore

The main aim of the Traveller Education Service is to enable Gypsy Traveller pupils in Lambeth to gain equal access to their legal entitlement and to help schools raise their level of educational attainment.

In my role as Home School Liaison Officer I can help liaise between



schools and families, help children gain admissions to schools, assist with secondary school transfer and liaise with other agencies throughout the country to ensure continuity of provision and access to education.”

Emma Moore

Links with LACEAT

Lambeth Looked after Children Educational Achievement Team (LACEAT) linked up with *Inclusions and Standards* in April to provide a half day course for foster parents. Trainers Amanda Gay (EAL) and Dany Thomas, Primary Teaching and Learning Consultant led a morning of discussion, brainstorming and practical activities all based around improving understanding of the roles of foster parents, children and the school in ensuring each child reaches his or her potential. Chris Williams of LACEAT summed up the day: "As you know, looked after children perform poorly in school and their attainment levels have been a



Parents working on a group task

national concern for several years. The training was used to inform carers of the important and active role that they play in supporting LAC education. The session was well received by

carers, 82% rated the session as excellent and said they found the course content very useful, particularly in teaching them 'how to approach schools and work with them'



EMAT and the British Council supported the first School Linking Visit to Portugal. Luisa Ribeiro, Advisory Teacher for Portuguese Pupil Achievement coordinated the trip, taking leaders from Allen Edwards, Kingswood, St. Anne's RC, Stockwell and Wyvil Primary Schools.

The main focus of the visit was the development of future collaborative

activities between the participating schools.

Finding out more about the Portuguese education system and acquainting the visitors with cultural and social reality of Portugal was also part of the rationale.

It was a fantastic opportunity to compare education in both cultures and offered the possibility to develop a supporting learning environment for EAL pupils in our schools.

We would like to highlight the great welcome and hospitality from the Portuguese schools and the important contacts made

with Portuguese organizations—namely the CGD bank.

In future we plan to develop joint curricular projects and to plan activities at schools to raise the profile and achievement of Portuguese speakers.

Luisa Ribeiro

Links with Portugal

From Brian Netto - An update on EMA issues

Funding for Ethnic Minority Achievement ends officially in March 2008. We are expecting the DfES to make an announcement about the ring-fenced grant some time in October 2007. If there is a grant, I would like to consult on a revised, more equitable funding formula for the devolvement of these funds: this will mean that Heads will be invited to meetings soon after the DfES decision. The moderation of schools' assessments of fluency for pupils for whom English is an additional language will follow soon afterwards, so that it will impact on each school's funding allocation.

From September 2007, all schools

will have a new statutory role in ensuring that they contribute to community cohesion: The DfES consultation:

Duty to promote cohesion: draft guidance for schools will run until 3 July and final guidance will be published later this month.

Schools, of course, promote community cohesion in many different ways and we hope that the EMA Conference on 4 July 2007 will further support schools in this area.

To ensure schools are complying with this duty, as well as the duty to promote good 'race relations', spot checks will be conducted during the course of the next academic year.

Supporting your child to achieve

Lambeth

Workshops on offer ...

- Moving schools
- Behaviour
- Talking to your child
- Working with schools
- S.E.N.

Opportunities to share ...

- Information
- Success
- What's on offer
- Advice
- Options

Annual Conference for Parents and Carers

6 or 7 July 2007
8.30am to 3pm

Venue:
Park Centre,
Edgware Road
SE27 7BZ

Children with special needs are welcome
Phone: 020 7415 1884, 122 Swan Street

For more information contact 020 7415 1884 or
www.lambeth.gov.uk/parents-carers

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Stop Press: Descendants of all Worlds

As part of Refugee Week work, five Lambeth schools took part in **Descendants of all Worlds**: a national project that aims to challenge commonly held perceptions, stereotypes, prejudices and intolerance. Stories, some of them factual, were told as a springboard to generate discussion and explore emotions that led to drama and role play, creative writing and artwork. On the right is an initial piece of artwork produced by a student at The London Nautical School who felt that sometimes people mask their own



weaknesses by hiding behind others in a group or gang. Mus Bagum

Congratulations to the following for successfully completing certificated courses this year:

'Enhancing the Learning and Teaching of EAL Pupils.'

- Nick Timlin (Archbishop Sumners),
- Jude Findley (Fenstanton),
- Sara Tomlinson (Glenbrook),
- Joan Sinclair (Holy Trinity)
- Aisha Lone (Immanuel & St Andrew),
- Anna Smagala (Julians)
- Joy Hackett (Macaulay)
- Hermina O Connor (St Mark's)
- Ciddlia Fraga (Stockwell)
- Jane Evans (Sudbourne)

CLPE Teaching Assistants' course 'Supporting the Teaching and Learning of Ethnic Minority Pupils'.

- Sonia Holverson (Fenstanton)
- Pauline Pryce (Kingswood)
- Alison Cole (Kingswood)
- Liz Hillier (Kingswood)
- Nicole Thompson (Kingswood)
- Bhavna Vijapura (Hitherfield)
- Hajera Basith (Orchard)
- Shaheen Patel (Orchard)
- Maryam Khan (Orchard)
- Juliana Oviedo (Wyvil)
- Norma Jones (Wyvil)

5 day Teaching Assistants' course: 'Supporting Teaching and Learning of Ethnic Minority Pupils in Secondary Schools'

- Christine Allen (CEB)
- Natasha Howe (CEB)
- Motunrayo Olasope (CEB)
- Janine Thomas (CEB)
- Manju Gujadhur (Lambeth Academy)
- Yusuf Farah (Lambeth EMA)
- Helana Laszki (La Retraite RC GS)
- Carol Malloy (Lilian Baylis TS)
- Sandra Roach (OLCVS)
- Vendolin Denton (Greig City Academy)

Thank you also to schools for releasing staff. We are confident that the sound pedagogic basis of the above courses will lead to an enrichment in teaching and learning.

Publications, Courses and other News

Postgraduate Certificate in the Teaching of English as an additional



Leading education and social research
Institute of Education
University of London

This course is run jointly by The Institute of Education and Redbridge LA. The course is open to all teachers who have qualified teacher status (QTS) and at least three years teaching experience. It leads to a postgraduate Certificate in the teaching of EAL at Masters level. For further information, contact Dr Catherine Wallace at www.ioe.ac.uk/clc

Lambeth's Primary Mother Tongue Assessment Pack is now available on CD. Copies have been sent to all Primary schools. Please contact Amanda Bellsham Revell for more information.



The 1001 Inventions Teacher's Pack has been devised to support teachers and the classroom environment. It maps relevant historical Islamic scientific and technological discoveries and principles to the national curriculum for secondary schools and includes practical science activities for 11-16 year olds. www.1001inventions.com



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Autumn Term Writing Competition

New to Show Racism the Red Card. The newsletter is available on www.youthsuff.org. X-it Programme gave evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee late last year on young black people and the criminal justice system. The report, published last Friday, quotes in length from the young people from Lambeth and echoes many of their opinions on the negative impact of the overrepresentation of black young people at all levels in the criminal justice system. The Home Affairs select committee report and the full transcript of the Lambeth young people's evidence can be found on the Home Affairs website.

Around the world with Ann.....

'Greetings to everyone. Since finally retiring from Lambeth in September I have been travelling quite a bit.

The Summer started with six weeks in the far East: Thailand, China, Cambodia and Vietnam: A whistle stop tour (that has encouraged me to revisit Vietnam and Cambodia in the near future).

The Autumn found me in Cuba and Spain.

In the Winter I went to Argentina and then on to Antarctica and a month spent living on a Russian research ship. We went on as far as we could into the Weddell Sea before pack ice called a halt.



We then visited South Orkneys, South Georgia, Tristan da Cunha, (atlas please, ed) Nightingale and Inaccessible Islands, Gough Island, St Helena and finally

You can see Ann's trip on www.picfish.com or contact her on clackson@aol.com

Ascension.

It was an amazing journey, staying in remote places, walking with penguins, sitting with albatross, not to mention all the seals!

Then back Barcelona for my son's wedding in May. An amazing all night affair.

Next, well, I'm off to Scotland in August and then back on the Russian ship to Greenland in September. So, life is varied and exciting!

Hope the year has gone well for you all'

Ann Clackson