

THIS WEEK'S  
MINI PD

MOST OF US KNOW THIS STORY BUT

## THIS IS WHY IT MATTERS TO SCHOOL STAFF

In 2014, at the age of 17, a Pakistani girl named Malala Yousafzai became the youngest-ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. Her bravery for speaking out publicly for girls' education attracted international attention, but it also made her a target. In 2012, at the age of 15, Malala was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman while traveling home from school.

Somehow, Malala survived and was flown to the UK for treatment. Despite a slow and painful recovery, she did not let this stop her. She never lost her determination to fight for education on an international scale, co-authoring the memoir "I Am Malala," and founding the Malala Fund to bring awareness and support to education for girls around the world.

### Why This Story Matters to School Staff

Malala Yousafzai's story reminds us of 'big picture' education - its transformative power and the impact on individuals and communities. Her story serves as a poignant reminder of the immense value of our work and the critical role we play in shaping the future of our students and, by extension, the world.

School staff (non-teachers and teachers) work to make a difference in the lives of their students. Malala's story is a 'real-life example' of how we can inspire;

- courage and resilience in the face of adversity in our students.
- a learning environment where our students feel empowered to pursue their dreams, regardless of the obstacles they may encounter.
- a sense of determination and hope in students.
- students can believe their aspirations are achievable with perseverance and support.

### How We Can Translate Malala's Story into a Positive Learning Environment

- Students feel safe to take risks, learn from failures, and pursue their passions knowing their educators believe in them and model resilience.
- When students see staff demonstrating courage and determination, it inspires them to persevere through their own challenges.
- A culture of courage and resilience fosters trust and open communication, leading to stronger relationships between students and staff.



### Benefits for School Staff

- Increased Job Satisfaction
- Reduced feeling drained
- Stronger Sense of Community
- Enhanced Leadership Skills
- Personal Growth



Readings for Educators

### SIGNIFICANT EDUCATION STUDIES OF 2024

A review of the research you should read, from the sneaky ways that inattention can spread in your classroom to the promises and perils of AI.

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### THE CAPABILITIES REVOLUTION

Around the world, educational leaders, researchers, and practitioners are increasingly recognising the flaws in systems and policies, prompting a re-evaluation of the very purpose of education.

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## SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

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## Build your HEALTH IQ

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## A Drop of Wisdom

### HOW WE HAVE



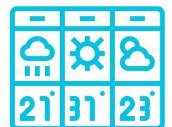
### CHANGED

## Staffroom Chat

WHAT DID YOU DO AS A CHILD THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS TODAY?

## Happy Silly Thoughts

ALL OF US COULD TAKE A LESSON FROM THE WEATHER.



IT PAYS NO ATTENTION TO CRITICISM.