



International School Award

Press Release

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British Council International School Award success for North Cadbury C of E Primary School

North Cadbury C of E Primary School in the village of North Cadbury, Somerset has been awarded Foundation level of the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life and work in today's world.

After examining the evidence submitted by **North Cadbury C of E Primary School**, our assessor reported that:

'NORTH CADBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL ISA - 15880 The application for the recognition of the British Council International School Award (Foundation certificate) for your international work is approved. There is an excellent commitment across the school to develop and embed international activity. Your wish to gain recognition for the shared commitment from your pupils, staff and parents is admirable. There is evident enthusiasm and whole school support to develop and progress this important work and it is particularly excellent to see a focus on broadening knowledge and understanding. We are delighted you have specifically decided to further develop your support to develop mindful and compassionate young people and develop provision to heighten awareness of our large diverse world. We recognise your excellent efforts in seeking to develop and embed a whole school commitment to both cultural capital and international teaching and learning. You have an evident whole school approach

to make global connections through your commitment to increase understanding of other nationalities and compare and contrast Somerset with links in Dubai and Kenya. Your commitment to awareness of the importance of preparing your pupils for later life and employment through a broad and balanced 21st Century Curriculum is especially encouraging. It was very interesting to read about your postcards from Paddington and French food tasting activities; these are key support for a range of high-quality global teaching and learning. It is evident that the school is committed to developing enquiring young learners who are keen to take action to bring about a better, more informed world.

Underpinning your work with your young learners is an evident commitment to developing a keen interest in other countries and cultures and your curriculum planning has resulted in an enhanced ability of the pupils to be able to both compare and contrast aspects of their lives and customs with ones overseas. The impact on global citizenship and geography you specifically highlight is hugely welcomed. We suggest you continue to develop, deepen and embed curriculum based collaborative activities with your work with Dubai and Kenya and perhaps to complement this, one in a different area of the world, perhaps examine issues perhaps around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Best wishes with continuing your activities and their further development across the school. Good luck with your continued support for impactful international work; the British Council is delighted to also support your international journey at North Cadbury.'

On hearing the news that **North Cadbury C of E Primary School** had achieved Foundation level of the award, Mrs Lisa Thompson, Head Teacher was said to be absolutely delighted.

John Rolfe MBE, Schools Outreach Manager at the British Council, said: 'North Cadbury C of E Primary School's international work has earned the school well-deserved recognition with the British Council International School Award - Foundation Certificate.

We are delighted and proud that North Cadbury C of E Primary School is committed to developing a whole school approach to embedding and celebrating international work. The dedication from everyone is enriching education and supporting globally aware young people and the development of key skills.

We thank all involved in this important work; embedding a whole school international ethos across a school can lead to accreditation with the Full International School Award so please contact us at the British Council".

The award is now available worldwide in countries such as India, Greece, Egypt, Lebanon, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Around 6,000 International School Awards have been presented to successful schools in the UK since the scheme began in 1999.

The International School Award encourages and supports schools to develop:

- An international ethos embedded throughout the school
- A whole school approach to international work
- Collaborative curriculum-based work with a number of partner schools
- Year-round international activity
- Involvement of the wider community

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