



International School Award

Press release

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British Council International School Award success for St Andrew's CE Primary School, Chinnor

St Andrew's CE Primary School in Chinnor has been awarded 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 work in today's world.

St Andrew's CE Primary School's international work includes celebrating International Term, European Day of Languages, Black History Month and sharing stories and news with our partner schools, Nqaba Primary School in South Africa and Brikama Lower School in Gambia.

On hearing the news that ***St Andrew's CE Primary School*** had received the award, **Keith Borien MBE** said: Dear All at St Andrews

Many congratulations on receiving the International School Award. It is truly well deserved.

I endorse everything that the British Council have said. It really 'is a great achievement and one that deserves celebrating and sharing widely.'

International partnerships are not easy to establish and sustain. But you have not only done that with some aplomb but you have also assisted other Oxfordshire schools with their partnerships with South African schools. The work involved in doing both should not be underestimated by anyone watching from afar.

Maintaining an active partnership requires regular and frequent communication and a great deal of effort to ensure that it becomes a whole school initiative. You have clearly done that so its no surprise that you have received this recognition - the International School Award - from the British Council.

I applaud everyone at the school, - pupils and staff alike - who have participated in the partnership activities with Nqaba Primary School. You have all laid down a solid foundation for further continued success with the partnership programme. You should all feel very proud of what you have achieved.

Keith Borien (Dr) MBE
CEO BEFSA

Scott McDonald, Chief Executive of the British Council, said: 'The school has earned this prestigious award through its inspirational international work and links with schools abroad. The International School Award is a chance for schools to be recognised for their important work bringing the world into their classrooms. This is especially commendable when schools have been deeply affected by the global pandemic. The desire to build on their international work shines through and it is with upmost pride that we celebrate their achievements. By embedding an international dimension in children's education, these schools are preparing their students for successful lives in the UK or further afield, empowering them to be global citizens, and are creating vital opportunities in an increasingly global economy.'

The Award is now available worldwide in countries such as Egypt, Nigeria, Pakistan and Taiwan. Over 6000 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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To interview the school or for images, please contact office.3182@st-andrews.oxon.sch.uk

For more information about the International School Award, please contact our team at schools@britishcouncil.org

Notes to Editors:

The **British Council International School Award** started in 1999 to recognise the schools leading the way in instilling and developing a global dimension into the learning experience of all children and young people. It is managed by the British Council.

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