



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

Press release

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British Council International School Award success for Elmridge Primary School

Elmridge Primary School in *Hale Barns* 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.

Elmridge's international work includes projects on fair trade, food, celebrations, friendship and collaborative art.

On hearing the news that **Elmridge** had received the award Mark Edmundson- Head of School said: **International work has added an exciting new dimension to the school's curriculum. It has inspired innovation and linked pupils with contrasting cultures, promoting understanding and mutual respect. Pupils have had the opportunity to make links with seven schools across three different continents, gaining a fascinating insight into the wider world in the process.**

Sir Ciarán Devane, CEO of the British Council, said: 'The school's fantastic international work has rightfully earned it this prestigious award. The International School Award is a great

chance for schools to demonstrate the important work they're doing to bring the world into their classrooms. Embedding an international dimension in children's education ensures that they are truly global citizens and helps prepare them for successful lives and careers in an increasingly global economy.'

The award is now available worldwide in countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Lebanon, Cyprus, and Pakistan. Around 5,500 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