



The British Council International School Award

The International School Award is a programme that supports schools to foster an international ethos and it enhances children's understanding of other countries, cultures and global issues. Achieving this award will encourage our children to live our Christian Values, School Values and 'Six Ways to Well-being' as they learn about and experience what it means to be a global citizen.

The award gives pupils opportunities to work collaboratively both with the wider community and with international partner schools, emphasising the benefits of working together and connecting with others.

This award aims to:

- Develop children's knowledge of other countries, cultures and languages
- Build confidence in communicating with people from different backgrounds
- Promote the skills to successfully live and work in a global society
- Develop children's literacy skills when writing stories and letters for specific audiences
- Encourage children to use their foreign language skills for a purpose
- Inspire our children to work collaboratively to bring about change

There are three levels of the scheme: Foundation, Intermediate and Accreditation Level. Initially we will be working, as a whole school, towards achieving the Foundation Level and then we plan to build through the levels.

Our pupils will have opportunities to engage in a range of international learning activities. They will spend time exploring the geography, language, culture, sport, celebrations, art and history of different countries through international themed days during the year. Our School Council and Spirituality Representatives will be meeting once a term to collaborate on projects and put ideas into practice. We also work with a group of schools in France so that our children can send letters to our French friends receive letters back. This makes language learning engaging and purposeful and connects them with children from different cultural backgrounds.

Gaining this award will highlight and celebrate international learning throughout our curriculum, supporting pupils to learn about people living in different places to us and their ways of life. As part of the award, pupils will also be encouraged to explore what they would like to do to make our world a better place.

