



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

Dear Mr Heywood,

Thank you for submitting your International School Award Accreditation Impact Evaluation. We are delighted to inform you that it has been approved by our assessors. Congratulations! Your school is hereby accredited from 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2020. To ensure that there is no gap in your accreditation, you will need to submit your next action plan for reaccreditation in just over 2 years. The actual deadline will be announced on our website nearer the time.

Here are the assessor's comments on your Impact Evaluation, to highlight where your application was particularly impressive and points to take note of as you continue to develop the international dimension in your school:

"It is clear to see that you have embedded a ethos which sits at the heart of teaching and learning at the school and is informing long-term planning and policy. There are active measures in place to celebrate diversity, develop SMSC skills and understanding and a wider aim to prepare your pupils so that they understand their roles within a wider community. Your link with China is being used as an effective vehicle with which to enable increased awareness of ways of life, cultures and experiences in the world and good to see that you are expanding your partnership work by a developing a link with a school in the USA. Good to see that you are further exploring issues around active citizenship through your involvement in the European Peace Pledge activity which links in to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. The evaluation provided in terms of impact clearly reflects how learning has been

felt by pupils/ staff and the wider community with a clear commitment to sustaining this into the future. The activities detailed within this Impact Evaluation are relevant and although rather focused on your link with China (Activates 1 - 5 and 7), they clearly illustrate that the school is carrying out international projects and initiatives that involve the majority of staff and pupils in the school and cover a range of curriculum areas. Chinese Themed Coding (Activity 1) and Peace Postcards (Activity 2) show evidence of real collaboration and communication between you and your partner school with outcomes from the pupil visit to China clearly being used to impact on the curriculum and to explore wider citizenship issues and increase awareness of other ways of life. Unfortunately Activity 8 (French Language Lessons) is not, as it stands, an eligible activity but would, if linked to a language-based project with France, be a way of further developing MFL delivery, the school's wider French Language Programme. It would be good to see a bit more detail in terms of qualitative and quantitative evaluation and monitoring tools used to assess each activities success and outcomes. It is clear to see, however, that international activities are having an impact on staff (development of leadership and creative skills / awareness and exposure to other education systems), pupils (ability and motivation to learn languages / increased awareness and appreciation of other cultures and customs etc.) and the community - both parents / Local Authority and through local press / wider dissemination activities. Well done for your successful application for Accreditation. "

Congratulations on working so hard to co-ordinate such an impressive range of work as an International Co-ordinator! You are a credit to the school and the wider community.

We will be printing certificates of achievement. If the name of your school or your head teacher has changed since you submitted your action plan then please inform us at [isa@britishcouncil.org](mailto:isa@britishcouncil.org) in the next two weeks to ensure we have the correct information for your certificate of achievement.

You will soon be invited to attend an award ceremony where you will receive your certificate and will celebrate your success with other international coordinators and The British Council. If you are

unable to attend, please inform us and we will post the certificate to the school.

The scheme mark, which is a key part of the Award, and press release template will be sent with a separate email.

We hope that the scope of your excellent international activities will continue to develop and benefit the school community; your support, commitment, creativity and innovative international work is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for taking part in the International School Award. Please convey our very best wishes and many congratulations to all staff and pupils both in the UK and overseas who have taken part in the scheme. Please also contact your local media to inform them about your successful international work - this is a great achievement and one that deserves celebrating and sharing widely.

We wish you the best as you continue with your international journey.

Kind regards,

The International School Award team British Council