



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

## COLINDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL ACHIEVES THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD RECOGNITION BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL

**We are excited to announce that Colindale Primary School has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.**

On hearing the news that **Colindale Primary School** had received **International School Award Full Accreditation**, 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 are 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 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



This is the award mark that will appear in our official letters and website.



Above some of the Spanish teachers who came last January from various Spanish schools to visit our school.

**Having evaluated our projects the British Council assessors commented as follows:-**

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

Outlined below are some examples of the activities that prompted those comments and led to our achieving this prestigious award.

**Spanish Day** – A dedicated day celebrating all things Spanish with cross-curricular activities in every classroom, flamenco workshops, a costume competition and Spanish food served for school dinner.

**Annual Spanish children visit** – For the past five years our Year 6 children have acted as Colindale Primary School’s ambassadors in welcoming their counterparts from a school in Spain. They have been able to utilise their Spanish language skills as they guide their visitors on a tour of our school and also by interviewing each other. While playing games with the group has provided an informal way of further breaking down communication barriers. After the visit students remain in contact via regular letter writing.

**Spanish Pen Pals** – In addition to the Year 6 letter writing for the last 6 years our Year 5 students have been corresponding with students at a school in Barcelona.

**South Korean Pen Pals** – Letter writing hasn’t been restricted to Spain. As part of our Widening Horizons programme pupils have been able to learn about the schools and education system of South Korea by sending letters, photos and videos to students at a school in South Korea.

Also in December a group of Spanish teachers will be visiting Colindale Primary School when they will be spending a day learning about our educational system. The Spanish teachers will also lead different activities within some of the year groups. The visit is part of our mission to broaden our partnerships with schools abroad and to establish links that will enable future collaboration on a range of projects.



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International activities continue to feature at Colindale Primary School and in December we have been invited to The Houses of Parliament to receive our certificate and celebrate our success along with other international coordinators and The British Council at the International School Award celebration.

**We look forward to another year of international activities at Colindale School.**