

BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD REACCREDITATION

Bourne Abbey received some truly wonderful news to finish the academic year. We have achieved reaccreditation of the British Council's prestigious International School Award!

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. 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

The assessor of our reaccreditation application stated that we are, "a school that is committed to global learning through its creative curriculum and partnerships with other schools."

Our yearly Democracy Day and Class Charter activities were praised as, "enabling pupils to experience global issues". The way in which we have forged links between our work as a Gold Level Rights Respecting School and our teaching of internationalism was also identified as good practice.

All the children from Reception through to Year 6 have participated in at least one international activity this academic year. Our children in Year 3 and Year 5 also participated in activities with our partner schools abroad. Year 3 exchanged fabulous drawings and descriptions of their homes with primary-aged children in Réunion and Turkey, and Year 5 taught the English alphabet to our partners at a secondary girls' school in Pakistan, and learnt the Urdu alphabet in return.

What is truly special is that all of this fabulous and important work continued during these challenging coronavirus times, highlighting our commitment to providing the children with a rich, diverse and inspirational curriculum.

We are so proud of all our wonderful children for completing these international activities to such a high standard and with such enthusiasm. Our staff and leaders have all been wonderfully supportive as we have worked towards this prestigious award - a true geese effort!

We would like to thank Mrs Kirsten Parriss, our MfL leader for all her hard work in achieving this fabulous award again for our school and children.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S L Buttress
Head of School