



## International School Award

# Press release

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### British Council International School Award success for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Luton has again 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.

***St. Joseph's*** international work includes **Black History Month, learning about the experiences of refugees, French language and the French - speaking world, causes and effects of climate change, different faiths and the history, geography and cultures of different parts of the globe.**

On hearing the news that St Joseph's had received the award, Mrs Anne-Marie Bingham, International Coordinator said: "We are thrilled to have qualified once again for the Award. Through our international work we hope to enable our pupils to become responsible global citizens and live out our Gospel values with a sense of pride in their own cultural identities, open-mindedness in learning about the wider world and awareness of how their actions, however small, can make a positive impact. A key focus for our school this year is the **Cafod livesimply campaign**, which enables us to put our faith into action in everyday practical ways.

Scott McDonald, Chief Executive of the British Council, said: 'The school has earned this prestigious award through its inspirational international work and links with schools abroad. The International School Award is a chance for schools to be recognised for their important work bringing the world into their classrooms. This is especially commendable when schools

have been deeply affected by the global pandemic. The desire to build on their international work shines through and it is with upmost pride that we celebrate their achievements. By embedding an international dimension in children's education, these schools are preparing their students for successful lives in the UK or further afield, empowering them to be global citizens, and are creating vital opportunities in an increasingly global economy.'

The Award is now available worldwide in countries such as India, Egypt, Lebanon, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Over 6000 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



***St. Joseph's pupils celebrating "European Day of Languages"***