

ABINGDON LEARNING TRUST

Primary School Awarded for International Work

A local Abingdon school has been recognised by the British Council for its international work, developing links with a school in China, and the development of Chinese culture and Mandarin lessons in years 3 and 4. Rush Common School has been awarded with a Foundation Certificate.

The British Council says, 'This is a strong application from Rush Common School, which shows a passion for enriching its pupils' education and encouraging them to become citizens. It made a good start on its international journey in the academic year 2017-18 by engaging pupils in a curriculum-based 'Round the World' project, and introducing Mandarin lessons. Congratulations on your success, and good luck in your continuing international journey!'

The next stage for the school is to develop links with a school in France and aim to achieve the Intermediate Award, building on this Foundation Award.

'This is an excellent way of recognising the topic-based approach in our school, generating our interest in international work through the 'Around the World' topic', said Mrs Jacquie Stevenson, Headteacher. 'We know that our children love their Mandarin lessons, and we have also seen an improvement in maths results which we believe is linked to Mandarin study.'

Rush Common School is part of the Abingdon Learning Trust, a multi-academy trust, that supports broadening and deepening of children and young people's learning experience, aiming at educational excellence.



