

# International School Award 2006



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Developing and celebrating the **international dimension** in schools

“excellent scheme, very positive in all respects, motivated staff and pupils alike”

“this focus has enabled us to develop in a wide range of areas and enrich pupils learning”

Is your school involved in international work?

Would you like this to be recognised?

If so, the International School Award is for you.

“international activities have provided us with a powerful tool to explore, celebrate and enjoy similarity and difference”

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## Take on the world!

Want to teach your pupils about other cultures?

Want to join together with schools across the globe?

Then visit the Global Gateway!

The Global Gateway is an international website enabling schools and colleges across the world to engage in creative partnerships. The site provides comprehensive, quality-assured information and links to resources and activities, including:

- worldwide database of schools looking for partners
- a powerful search facility for accredited and categorised information and links
- opportunities for professional development

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**IEW** International Education Week

28 November - 2 December 2005



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## About IEW

International Education Week (IEW) is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of an international dimension at all levels of education, whether in schools and pre-school work, Further or Higher Education, Adult Learning, and in fact throughout lifelong learning. All those involved in education in England, from subject associations and businesses to schools and universities, are encouraged to join in the celebrations.

## Why is an International Dimension Important?

- The curriculum becomes more interesting through its variety and relevance.
- Opportunities are provided for staff development through contact with teaching and training professionals in other countries.
- Students and staff become more outward looking and better informed about the wider world.
- Opportunities are created for meaningful foreign language practice in a multilingual context.
- Pupils' motivation is increased and consequently standards are raised.
- Students and staff can experience other cultures to create new and exciting ways of working and learning.
- Students gain an understanding of global and development issues.

## Get Involved!

We are not asking you to do anything extra (unless you feel you want to!) but if you are planning any events related to your international activities for the autumn, please consider holding them between 28 November and 2 December.

For more information and to inform us of an event you are holding in IEW, please e-mail us at: **[iew.england@dfes.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:iew.england@dfes.gsi.gov.uk)**

You can also visit the IEW website at **[www.teachernet.gov.uk/iew](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/iew)** which includes a full list of events being held during the week.

## Ideas

This year has seen a lot of high profile and diverse activity on the international front e.g. the UK Presidency of the G8 and of the EU, so we have decided not to suggest a specific theme for IEW this time. However, you may like to base your event on one of the many world events which are taking place this year. Some ideas are:

- The Developing World (Commission for Africa, World Aids Day on 1 December, G8 Presidency etc.)
- Centenary of the Language Assistants Programme
- European Year of Citizenship through Education
- The UK's successful bid for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in London

## Need Inspiration?...

During IEW 2004, Tanfield School in Durham held a series of assemblies for all of their year groups with a focus on Euro 2004 and the Summer Olympics. The school also held mini competitions and a tutor group quiz which reinforced the social skills required for sport, especially the opportunities available through International links.

A Video-conference Club linked with a school in Hong Kong while their ICT faculty put up a display of work based on European Holidays, and the Lower School dining room put on a menu of dishes from around the world.

To mark the 10th Anniversary of democracy in South Africa and the 70th Anniversary of the British Council, the Council organised a week-long visit to South Africa for the national and regional winners of the School and Community Involvement category of the Teaching Awards.

