

Local School Wins Two National Awards

Fosse Bank School in Hildenborough, a primary school for children aged 3 to 11 years, has received two major national awards for languages and environmental work.

Kent County Council awarded the school a "Gold Award" for the French taught at Fosse. The award was as a result of an inspection by the Modern Foreign Languages Accreditation Inspector in May. The school was awarded the highest standard of the 'Gold Award' for the French that is taught at Fosse. The Inspector said, "We were particularly pleased to see that French is embedded throughout the curriculum, featuring in all areas of learning and taught to all children from Pre-school to Year 6." The inspector was also impressed by the positive behaviour and attitudes of all the children in the lessons that she observed and gave well-earned, high praise for the French teacher, Mme Nadia Bouakaz's, teaching.

The Eco-schools International Programme separately awarded a top level Green Flag award for environmental projects. Fosse Bank is the first independent school in Kent to achieve Green Flag status and the children and staff were delighted to receive the flag, which they will proudly display in the school. Mrs Alison Paterson, Fosse Bank Eco-schools co-ordinator said, "The children have been truly inspired by this wonderful environmental project and have implemented many new initiatives in the school. One of their favourites has been the composting of food, which is taken away and used to produce electricity."

Mrs Gillian Lovatt-Young, Headteacher said, "I am very pleased that the excellent teaching in such important areas of the curriculum, have been identified as being excellent at Fosse Bank. We are proud to have achieved such accolades in these national award schemes as they reflect the high standards that are set here."