

# Wirral school receives prestigious award for their European postcard project

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An award-winning Wirral **school** adds another accolade to its trophy cabinet from the prestigious eTwinning European Quality Label managed by the British Council.

The Observatory School, Bidston had worked together with St Thomas More Middle School in Malta to create a project called “Many Postcards Make One Map” which connected the school to 21 others across Europe.

Pupils wrote the postcards to introduce themselves to each school across countries such as Italy, Poland, Greece, Croatia and France.

Planned for six months, the project required the students to complete different tasks in Geography, Foreign Languages IT, Maths and Art and will now be showcased in a book.

Leading the project at the school, Sarah Gower said: "We are delighted to have been awarded the eTwinning European Quality Label.

"Everyone at The Observatory School has enjoyed working with all of the schools across Europe on this project. To secure the National Quality Label is a real honour for the pupils and staff who have participated in the project.

"The eTwinning project has enhanced the learning experience for our pupils and has extended their knowledge and understanding of Europe in a much more exciting way than just researching from books and searching on the internet.

"The pupils have formed strong partnerships with some of the schools involved in the project, and a new project has already been planned for the next academic year with St Thomas More Middle School in Malta."

UK National Agency director for Erasmus+ and eTwinning, British Council, Ruth Sinclair-Jones said: "We have a responsibility to prepare young people for life and work in our global society.

"Participation in eTwinning has enabled young people to connect with others across Europe, share ideas across borders and develop as global citizens."

eTwinning is a digital community for schools across Europe funded by the European Commission as part of the Erasmus+ programme and managed in the UK by the British Council.