

School becomes first in Wirral to be handed prestigious eTwinning title

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TEACHERS and pupils at have been celebrating after becoming the only **school** in the borough to receive an eTwinning school label.

The Observatory School in Bidston worked hard on a two-part application to receive the award from eTwinning - a digital community for schools in 43 countries across the world.

Funded by the European Commission as part of the Erasmus+ programme and managed in the UK by the British Council, eTwinning awards schools with the title if they are recognised as leaders in; digital practice, eSafety practice, innovative and creative approaches to the theory of teaching, promoting development of staff and promoting collaborative learning practices with students.

Graded as 'Good' by Ofsted in March 2018, The Observatory School is just one of 29 who have achieved the award in the UK and the only one to receive it in Wirral.

Acting deputy head teacher Sarah Gower told the Globe: "We are delighted to be recognized as an eTwinning School.

"Everyone at The Observatory School has enjoyed working on eTwinning projects for the last three years, and each year we have seen our projects grow from strength to strength.

"We have worked with schools from all over Europe including Malta, Spain, Italy, Germany and Portugal to name but a few.

"To secure the eTwinning School Label is a real honour for the pupils and teachers who work so hard on our international projects. We are so pleased to be seen as leaders of eTwinning and also to be one of only 29 schools awarded in the UK and the only one in Wirral.

"eTwinning has brought so many benefits to our school and has opened up the world to our pupils and has enabled them to interact with other young people from all over Europe."

In the past The Observatory School has received other accolades from eTwinning for their fantastic 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.