

International Dimension

The international dimension in schools is an increasingly important part of agendas such as Every Child Matters and Community Cohesion in how it supports the cultural heritage of teachers and learners and positive learning. The Grange has held the International School Award for three years in recognition of its curriculum based international work. The school is linked with many schools, some of which are mentioned below:

 <p><i>Austria</i></p>	<p>We have been linked with Sportshauptschule Weiz now for five years and in September 2009 we will receive one class of 26 students from this school to stay with us for a week. The students will stay with host families and will come to school each day to develop their english language skills and to take part in cultural and sporting enrichment activities. We are still looking for a few families to host the Austrian students so if you are interested please contact me. The group will arrive on Tuesday 29th September 2009. The Austrian students spent two weeks in Leikanger, Norway at another of our partner schools learning Norwegian and learning about Norwegian culture, tradition and heritage. (Please contact Mrs Wilson for more information – kathw@thegrangeschool.net or telephone 01454 862828.</p>
 <p><i>Romania</i></p>	<p>In April 2009 we were fortunate to have 10 visiting Romanian PE teachers with us. They came to share best practice and to demonstrate some wonderful dancing and other sporting skills. Mr Allister went to Suceava in Romania as the key speaker at an International Conference in April.</p>
 <p><i>Netherlands</i></p>	<p>Visitors from Groningen University were with us in June to research our international projects for a book that they are writing. We will be working more closely with a school there in the coming two years.</p>
 <p><i>Finland</i></p>	<p>We had a learning visit from three teachers from Klassika High School, Kuopio in May. We have been linked with this school now for five years. Courtney Primary School also established a link in this city through The Grange and they received a party of 40 made up of students, teachers and parents. The group came to us to do some sports activities in May.</p>
 <p><i>India</i></p>	<p>The ongoing link with the IB school in Rhotak was strengthened by a visit from a teacher and a student in April 2009. We continue to work in a triangular manner with one school in Kuopio, Finland on a business enterprise project.</p>
 <p><i>USA</i></p>	<p>Miss Cristofoli and Miss Robinson spent a week in Kentucky in their Easter break researching Personalisation. In June we had a visitor from Colorado who came to look at our Personalisation by Pieces, P by P, web tool use.</p>
 <p><i>Rwanda</i></p>	<p>We have just begun to establish links with a school in Rwanda, Africa. This school is writing to our students about a day in their life. We are hoping that some teachers will get to visit this school next year.</p>
 <p><i>Spain</i></p>	<p>Mr Dale and some other staff took some students to Naval Moral in Spain in April as part of a two year international project which is funded by the British Council. It is hoped that some more students will get to experience the Spanish schools and way of life in October when another trip is being planned.</p>

Rafi-ki is an online learning community using simple technology to build successful partnerships, transforming students into global citizens. This independent learning tool is being used very effectively by many students. There is a lot of work going on with many other countries and there are opportunities for students to get involved in many projects to support the international dimension.

Mrs Wilson