

## **Boldon Outdoor Nursery School takes ‘Overall School of the Year’ at the prestigious 2016 TES Schools Awards**

**London, 24 June 2016: The Boldon Outdoor Nursery School, has taken the ‘Overall School of the Year’ award at the prestigious 2016 TES Schools Awards. The awards, now in their eighth year, recognise outstanding contributions made by education teams and individuals to help students around the country to succeed, both inside and outside the classroom.**

Boldon Outdoor Nursery School’s bold decision to provide 80% of its early years education outside has led to fantastic results and exceptional pupil engagement. One of the resounding aspects of Boldon is that equal importance is placed on academic and personal achievement with children excelling in both. Activities are designed to develop the whole child through a challenging and stimulating curriculum.

Not content with driving up standards within their own setting, team members pride themselves on sharing their forward-thinking approach, working with nurseries in the local area and across the globe in Norway and Australia.

The judges said: ‘It is great to shine a light on the fantastic work being done on the early years sector, because it is so crucial that we get education right early on.’

Ann Mroz, Editor of *TES*, commented: “The exceptional leadership and the skilled and ambitious staff at Boldon Outdoor Nursery School makes this school stand out as a highly stimulating and creative setting, and the deserved winner of this award.”

Winners attended a black-tie event in at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, hosted by TV host and comedian Dara Ó Briain, where over 1,000 attendees celebrated all that is outstanding in UK education, from the efforts of individual teachers to the work of entire schools.

There are 17 awards categories including the flagship individual titles: Teacher of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and Headteacher of the Year, and awards for teams and/or teachers in areas such as maths, arts and drama, English, science technology and engineering.

The winners were chosen by a panel of judges including Colin Bell, the chief executive of the Council of British International Schools, Dame Joan McVittie, former headteacher of Woodside High School, Sir Tim Brighouse, former schools commissioner for London and Colin Hegarty, maths teacher and founder of HegartyMaths.

**The list of this year’s categories is as follows (Full details of the winners can be viewed [here](#)):**

- Headteacher of the year
- Lifetime achievement award
- Teacher blogger of the year
- Bev Evans resource contributor of the year
- Community and collaboration award
- International (including MFL) award
- Healthy school of the year
- Creative school of the year
- English teacher or team of the year
- Arts and Drama teacher or team of the year
- Science, technology and engineering teacher or team of the year
- Maths teacher or team of the year
- Early years setting of the year

- Primary school of the year
- Secondary school of the year
- Alternative provision school of the year
- Overall school of the year

**For more coverage of the awards, profiles of the winners and photos from the evening, please visit [www.tesawards.co.uk](http://www.tesawards.co.uk) or pick up a copy of TES magazine, available in newsagents from 1 July.**