



National Association for Able Children in Education

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Baroness Floella Benjamin, Fiona MacKay Perkins of NACE and Harefield Infant School's Headteacher, Mrs Bernadette Lloyd with celebratory cake.

Celebrations were held at the end of last term at Harefield Infants School for achieving the NACE (National Association for Able Children in Education) Challenge Award. This award is in recognition of their work throughout the school with their more able, gifted and talented pupils. A special whole school celebration took place and certificates were presented by Baroness Floella Benjamin and Fiona MacKay Perkins of NACE. The London Borough of Hillingdon's Mayor, Cllr Catherine Dann and Mayoress, Mrs Rita Kilroy also attended along with staff, governors and parents.

Harefield are the 312th school nationally to achieve this prestigious award. The NACE Challenge Award is given for high quality work by the whole school, teachers and governors, in challenging all pupils, including those with high abilities, to achieve their best.

NACE Assessors, who spent a day in the school, were impressed by strong leadership and management of provision which keeps the needs of more able learners at the forefront of the school's work and the good support and challenge provided by the governors. Assessors judged the quality of the school's work by observing lessons, interviewing the pupils, teachers, parents and governors and by looking at the pupils' work. The Award is given when schools demonstrate that they meet the criteria of the Award and are committed to continuing to ensure high-quality provision for more able, gifted and talented pupils.

NACE Chief Executive Rowena Gaston said, "Harefield Infant School has worked hard to win the NACE Challenge Award status. It has shown itself to be committed to developing a school where all pupils are challenged to be the best they can be. When schools adopt this whole school approach to challenge, it is surprising and indeed rewarding to see what many children can achieve."

Harefield Infant School's Headteacher, Mrs Bernadette Lloyd said, "These achievements reflect the hard work of the whole school community – children, parents and teachers. It validates our school as one that puts pupils achievements and progress as a high priority but in a caring environment."



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Notes to Editors:

NACE is a charity and not for profit organisation set up in 1983 specialising in working with schools and teachers to improve learning for Able, Gifted and Talented children (known as MAT - More Able and Talented children in Wales).

It is recognised nationally and internationally as the UK's leading independent education organisation in the field of education for able learners.

NACE membership is made up of teachers and schools. Through this network NACE is able to provide high quality guidance, support and training to enable teachers to get the best from able learners in the everyday classroom while helping all learners to flourish and achieve.

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