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Evelyn Street Community Primary School Acknowledges Charity's Help In Winning Accolade At TES Schools Awards 2009

Warrington Innov8ted member recognised for excellence in e-learning

17 June 2009: Evelyn Street Community Primary School, part of the Innov8ted Warrington Handheld Learning Network, has thanked the e-Learning Foundation charity for help in setting up its home access programme which won the E-Learning Initiative Award at the TES (Times Educational Supplement) Schools Awards 2009.

Evelyn Street Community Primary, situated in Warrington, Cheshire, was one of six schools shortlisted for the TES 2009 E-Learning Initiative Award. Evelyn Street won based on its outstanding work supporting home-school links and using ICT to enhance the enjoyment of learning.

"We are absolutely delighted to have won the Award. These opportunities would not have been possible without the funding, support and commitment of the e-Learning Foundation. Our pupils have been able to develop their continuous learning through the use of mini hand held PCs," commented Louise Smith Head Teacher at Evelyn Street Community Primary School.

"We are extremely proud of Evelyn Street Community Primary School's achievements. They have created an exemplar e-learning project and highlight the importance of home access for children in their studies," commented Valerie Thompson, Chief Executive of the e-Learning Foundation.

The first annual TES Schools Awards recognised and rewarded the professionalism and flare of those teams making an outstanding contribution to primary and secondary schools in the maintained and independent sectors. The awards celebrated success in teaching, leadership, community involvement and new building.

"Evelyn Street's pupils have taken this programme and made it their own. The way in which it has fired the imagination of those for whom this initiative wasn't initially designed is a welcome portent and a tremendous achievement," commented Gerard Kelly, Editor, TES.

Evelyn Street Community Primary School is part of the 'The Innov8ted Warrington Handheld Learning Network'. The initiative is made up of five schools in the most deprived areas of the city who have set up their own handheld e-learning programme. The schools involved include Alderman Bolton CP School, Evelyn Street CP School, Oakwood Avenue CP School, St Andrew's CE School and St Bridget's Catholic Primary School. Each of these schools has benefitted from grants from the e-Learning Foundation over the past three years.

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Editor's Notes:

About the e-Learning Foundation:

The e-Learning Foundation was launched in 2001, to ensure that every schoolchild in the UK should have home access to learning technologies when and where they want to learn.

The Foundation, a registered charity, aims to bridge the digital divide and ensure that all children, irrespective of their background, can have the same access to technology for learning at home as their better off peers.

The Foundation is funded through the public, private and third sector in the form of Government grants, commercial sponsorship, grants and donations.
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