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Mayor Sadiq Khan recognises Princess May Primary School for exceptional educational achievements

Princess May Primary School in Hackney has been celebrated under a new programme set up by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to recognise exceptional schools in the capital. Schools for Success is part of the Mayor's drive to help tackle education inequality and increase standards for all school children across the capital, whatever their background.

Schools for Success celebrates schools that are achieving academic success with all their pupils, in particular disadvantaged or vulnerable students who started off behind their peers, or those affected by circumstances that could have an impact on their learning. In 2016 there were more than 39,000 pupils at the end of primary school^[i] and 30,000 at the end of secondary school^[ii] who did not reach expected levels.

The new programme creates a network for these schools to share best practice with others across London through events, school visits and online profiles. More than 100 eligible schools are invited to join the programme, with 27 boroughs represented at this year's Awards. This cohort, refreshed annually, represents approximately six per cent of the capital's schools.

London's schools are outperforming the rest of the country with last year's GCSE results showing the city as the top English region for the ninth consecutive year.^[iii]

Princess May Primary School has been recognised in the Schools for Success Awards, because they have achieved results above the expected rate of progress for a significant amount of children.

The Headteacher said 'We are particularly proud of our achievements at Princess May. We have a hard working staff team, a 'can do' community of children and in the main, supportive parents. This joined up team spirit can only lead to successes at school for all.'

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: 'Congratulations to Princess May Primary School for its outstanding achievements and for the hard work of its pupils and teaching staff. London has some of the best schools in the country, and Schools for Success shows the huge difference good quality teaching can make to pupils who started off behind in their studies. By sharing best practice with other schools across the capital, we can help every young Londoner reach their full potential, and ensure no child is left behind.'

102 schools have been recognised in Schools for Success, the first year of the scheme. They are being asked to share their good practice through seminars and hosting visits to their school so that other schools can learn from their successful approaches.



Deputy Mayor with Head teacher Stephen Spooner and Kathy Kelly (receiver of 'Long Service Award at Princess May) at the Schools for Success award ceremony..

^[i] Mayor of London's Annual Education Report 2017, p17 - https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/final_epi_edits_design_final_gla_annual_report_2017_0.pdf

^[ii] Analysis from DfE's SFR03/2017: GCSE and equivalent results in England 2015/16 (revised)

^[iii] In 2008/9 London was joint top region, and then top region for the following years up until after 2016/17