

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS / CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

At Frances Olive Anderson we are one of the leading schools in the country for our international work having been shortlisted for a Times Educational Award for International School of the year. The Governors and staff of Lea Primary School have always promoted and valued an International dimension in the school curriculum and for the wider experience of its pupils. We wish to prepare our pupils so that, with confidence in themselves and respect for others they can live and work in a changing world.



We believe the school has a vital role in preparing pupils for International citizenship. The promotion of the International dimension in all aspects of the curriculum will assist in removing barriers between cultures; encourage openness and positive communication between individuals and groups.

At Lea School we are very proud of our links with Mohammad Shamel School, Beirut, Lebanon, and throughout the year many projects are shared focussing on a range of global themes.

Through our partnership projects, we have forced the children to think about the difficult subject of conflict and peace. We felt that in today's current climate, with the war in Syria and Islamic terror threats being constantly in the news, it was essential the children should know about what is happening in the world and what better way than from children who have experienced it first-hand. The projects have given the pupils an opportunity to apply what they have learnt in the classroom to the real world, and given them a more rounded knowledge of what is happening in the news.



Throughout the projects the children have had a strong virtual link with the children in Lebanon, through Skype. This face to face interaction between the pupils has promoted empathy and developed a bond between the children.



