<u>Swansea school receives prestigious</u> health award

This prestigious accolade rewards 'healthy schools', which take responsibility for maintaining and promoting the health of all who learn, work, play and live within it.

The National Quality Award is the highest accreditation a school can achieve through the Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes, which is run by Public Health Wales on behalf of the Welsh Government.

The Minister said:

"I am delighted to present Cwm Glâs school with this award.

"The school has worked really hard to achieve the standards required in promoting the health and wellbeing of all its pupils and staff.

"Everyone is encouraged and educated about the issues which affect their health, such as diet, physical activity and not smoking.

"I am very pleased to present Cwm Glâs school with this plaque in recognition of its commitment to the health and wellbeing of its community. Well done!"

Mrs Osborne, Headteacher of Cwm Glâs Primary School said:

"We have worked extremely hard for many years on this scheme and are proud of our achievement, which would not have been possible without the dedication of Mrs Williams and an excellent team ofstaff, management, parents and pupils at Cwm Glâs Primary School."

The National Quality Award is independently assessed after a school has been involved in the scheme for nine years. It is provided to schools that have proven they are putting the health and wellbeing of all members of its community at the heart of everything.

This also involves teaching pupils about how to lead healthy lives and enabling pupils and staff to take control over aspects of the school environment which influence their health.

Cwm Glâs school is the 128th school in Wales to achieve the National Quality Award and the second in Swansea to do so. To date 130 schools in Wales have achieved the award.

Julie Bishop, Director of Health Improvement for Public Health Wales, said:

"This is a fantastic achievement for Cwm Glâs Primary School! To have received our top health award has taken a great deal of hard work and commitment from pupils, staff and parents alike.

"Everyone at Cwm Glâs deserve this important recognition for their commitment to embedding health and wellbeing in the culture and fabric of the school."