

Daily Echo School Awards are open



The Daily Echo School Awards

DO you know a new teacher who is making a real difference?

We have already received hundreds of nominations for this year's Daily Echo School Awards in association with United Taxis.

While all the nominations are important, there is one category we are keen to shine a light on and that is teachers who are new to the profession and have been teaching in a school setting for less than two years.

If you know a newly qualified teacher who deserves recognition for the great work they are doing then now is the time to nominate them in this year's awards.

Tracy Hayden, director of advertising said: "Coming into a new profession is challenging at the best of times but new teachers have had to deal with establishing themselves within their school as well as dealing with the fallout from Covid. Having great teachers and role models for our young people can be transformational for a young person and we would like to help raise awareness for the great work they do in our schools."

Nigel Price, residential chairman,

Andy Martin



Goadsby, said: "We are very proud to be the sponsor of the 'Online teaching' category for the Daily Echo School Teaching Awards.

"The teaching of the next generation is hugely important and should in our eyes never be underestimated.

"Teaching of all kinds during the pandemic must have bought with it massive challenges. Therefore to be able honour those who have been recognised for their ability to teach on line is something special."

The Lifetime Achievement Award is sponsored by Harvest Fine Foods. Steve Whitwam, commercial director said: "As a local independent supplier of fresh and frozen produce to schools across the county, we have seen first-hand the hard work taking place to ensure children get the education they deserve.

"We have chosen to sponsor the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of the dedication those in the education sector show when they commit their working life to

our young people. At Harvest we believe in an ethical and sustainable approach to our business and we source everything with this ethos in mind. We're proud of our brand and our reputation for good quality service and products."

The Newcomer of the Year Award is sponsored by Breeze Suzuki who said: "We are delighted to sponsor the Newcomer category – as newcomers to Poole ourselves, it was a great fit.

"Teaching isn't an easy career choice at the best of times, but to join the profession during such a turbulent time for schools is testament to the strength of character of the individuals nominated. We're proud of you all." STEM Teacher of the Year Award is sponsored by New Milton Sand & Ballast.

■ The closing date for nominations is March 9 with judging beginning on March 11.

You can now vote online at <https://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/awards/schoolawards/>

The shortlist supplement will appear in the paper on March 21 with the winners supplement on March 31 - both will also be online.

Dance contest for schools

SEVERAL Dorset schools took part in Dance Live heats held at the Lighthouse in Poole.

The dance competition, held last week, included competitors from five Dorset schools, including Corfe Hills School, Elm Academy Bournemouth, Broadstone Middle School and The

Thomas Hardye School. The winners from the Poole heat will compete against Portsmouth heat winners in the Dance Live final in May.

The junior heats saw Elm Academy School take first place and Broadstone Middle School came in second. The Academy Selsey won the sen-

ior heats, with the Thomas Hardye School following in second and Corfe Hills school coming third.

Ahead of the event, Hayley Reay, head of learning and participation organiser for the Guildhall Trust, said: "To take Dance Live to Poole is hugely exciting."

IN BRIEF

Disabilities club set to relaunch

A SUPPORT club for children under four with physical and learning disabilities is to relaunch after its cancellation during the pandemic.

The Caterpillar Club, part of Diverse Abilities' Langside School in Poole, will relaunch on Friday, April 22 to provide vital support and advice for children with disabilities and their families.

The free club is also a chance to meet other parents that have children with complex disabilities, while the child can enjoy a range of multi-sensory activities and meet other children. Three families are hosted each week.

Taking place every Friday morning from 10.30am until 12pm at Langside School, those in attendance can also meet the school's multidisciplinary team of nurses, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, and occupational therapists to discuss any concerns or questions they may have.

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