

Trailblazers at Kirton Primary School get just reward

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What judges called "the sheer breadth and depth of curriculum" at Kirton Primary School was the decisive factor in it becoming Primary School of the Year 2018.

Executive head teacher Nicky Donley and her staff have welcomed government ministers and journalists to the school, primarily to see its unique "High Street" learning area.

The school beat off competition from Monkshouse Primary School, Spalding, and Tydd St Mary Primary School, to win the category for the very first time.



Winners and finalists with Simon Stone (fifth left), retail director Springfields Outlet Shopping, Spalding. Photo by Tim Wilson. 050718146SG.

Mrs Donley said: "Kirton Primary School is immensely proud to be the recipient of this amazing award.

"Excellent practitioners enter education in order to inspire young minds and improve life chances for the children they teach.

"They are dedicated, selfless and do not expect recognition which is what makes an award such as this all the more special.

The judges said: "Based on the sheer breadth and depth of curriculum that it offers to four to 11-year-olds, it is no surprise that other schools, news organisations and government ministers want to know the "secret" behind what Kirton Primary School is doing so well.

"Through having its own 'High Street', complete with shopping and banking services as part of its overall 'Earn and Learn' programme, the school has been recognised as the best of its kind out of more than 300 primary schools across Lincolnshire.

"This year, Kirton Primary School was shortlisted by the Times Educational Supplement, the "Bible" of the industry, for its Science/Engineering/Technology Teacher or Team of the Year Award.

"The judges can pay no higher compliment to Kirton Primary School than to say that if there had have been an overall award then executive head teacher Nicky Donley and her staff would have been presented with it."

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