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## EDINBURGH SCHOOL TAKES HOME GLITTERING EDUCATION AWARD

## Prospect Bank School wins top accolade at Scottish Education Awards

An inspirational Edinburgh school is top of the class today as they claimed a top accolade at the Scottish Education Awards 2013.

Prospect Bank School collected the Learning Through Technology Award at the award ceremony at the Hilton Hotel, Glasgow.

The school, which caters for primary age learners with complex, long term additional support needs where the presumption of mainstream can not be met, won the award thanks to the many ways that technology is exploited in the school to the benefit of the children.

Technology is an integral part of the school curriculum and has an extremely positive impact in engaging and motivating the children. Staff use technology to support and enhance learning and teaching, removing significant barriers to learning by providing alternative access to all areas of the curriculum.

Photo and video plays a major part in supporting the curriculum and assessing learners. Many children have communication difficulties, and visual supports are incredibly important in helping them to become effective communicators. Photos and videos are also used as a means of recording achievements. They are shared across the school in wall displays and assemblies and then further shared through

the website and class blogs.

The school's aim is to maximize the potential of every child, and through the exceptional work done with technology, the children have a wonderful range of exciting opportunities to shine and show their full potential.

City of Edinburgh Council Education Convener, Councillor Paul Godzik, said: "I'm delighted that Prospect Bank School has been successful in the Learning Through Technology Award category of the Scottish Education Awards. Their win just shows the wealth of talented teachers we have working in our great schools. Well done to our other finalists who also all came from the special schools sector. Their success is a tribute to all the hard work and dedication of all our teaching staff."

The Scottish Education Awards are open to all publicly funded schools and provide the opportunity to showcase the hard work and achievements of all education staff in Scotland. There are categories to recognise and reward the dedication of teachers, head-teachers and support staff across the country.

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