

## School finds a friend on the web – by Stephen Hallmark



We're on the web...

Ford-Lee Grice, aged four, Mike O'Brien MP and Kennedy Payne aged five are seated, with (standing from left) Cllr Pete Bradley, the Mayor of Nuneaton and Bedworth, Parkes director Melody Parkes and Sonam Batra from the Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce.

An infant's school has had a website set up for it – by the company next door. Parkes Office & Event Solutions Ltd, based in The Priors, Bedworth, unveiled the internet site for All Saints School at a reception for local dignitaries. Guests included the MP for North Warwickshire Mike O'Brien and the Mayor of Nuneaton and Bedworth Cllr Pete Bradley.

Melody Parkes, director of Parkes, said the family run business wanted to help young people in the community, and working for the school and its nursery had been rewarding for the firm, which is just one year old. She said: "Being a socially responsible business is a key element to the way we operate". "After speaking to the school we discovered that although they had a number of computers, they did not have the time to design and build a website. We wanted to help".

Head teacher Mr Mark Ingham said he was delighted with the new website. He said: "We wanted a website that would place us in the community and give people answers to commonly asked questions. But as a school we lacked the personnel, skills or money to put this idea into action. So we thought it was a wonderful idea when Parkes approached us".

The firm decided to help the school after being contacted by the Coventry Business Charter (CBC), which runs a scheme that encourages organisations to look at their business from the point of view of a local citizen. The charter, which is the result of collaboration between the Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce and the Coventry Partnership, gives formal recognition to firms that carry out community work. Sonam Batra, CBC's project manager, said: "We are aiming to encourage enterprises across the city to carry out activities that improve the lives of people working and living in Coventry".

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