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## Tapestry are finalists twice-over for edtech Bett Awards

<u>Tapestry</u>, the online learning journal founded by the Foundation Stage Forum, has been shortlisted in two Bett Awards categories. The Bett Awards celebrate the most creative and innovative education technology and showcase some of the leading edtech organisations.

Tapestry's double success sees them shortlisted for the EYFS Digital Product or Service Award which rewards exemplary software, content, services and support for early years. Tapestry is shortlisted for its software which is provided to thousands of nurseries and other early years settings. Near to a million children (98k) have journals on Tapestry which record their experiences, development and learning journey.

Tapestry's second success is to be shortlisted for the **Assessment, Planning and Progress Monitoring Award** which seeks to reward innovation in, and a commitment to, the development of assessment tools across all phases of education. In this category, Tapestry met the criteria through its online learning journal which helps primary teachers to collect information about children's progress through observations and reflections. Every day teachers upload thousands of videos, photos, text and files which, together, help to build a timeline of each child's experiences and learning. This helps to inform educators and leadership teams about each child's progress, and how they can adapt their school's provision to best support their children.

Dr Helen Edwards, co-founder of Tapestry, and a former teacher, welcomed the news and said: *This is the first time we've entered the Bett Awards so we are delighted that both of our entries have been shortlisted, and to get this independent recognition. We designed Tapestry to celebrate children's learning and development in their early years and primary education, and, 10 years on, we continue to support educators to build and maintain relationships with the children and families in their learning communities.* 

More than 1.2 million parents and carers can access Tapestry learning journals which are used in more than 16,000 settings in the UK and across the world.

The announcement of the winners of the Bett Awards will be made on 29th March 2023.

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## **Notes to editors**

Tapestry is an online learning journal which enables educators to celebrate, and support, children's learning and development in early years settings and primary schools.

Tapestry has been developed by The Foundation Stage Forum Ltd, an educational technology company which was founded in 2012 and is based in Lewes, UK. Tapestry has more than 16,000 accounts and is used in more than 40 countries.



Easy to use and underpinned by sophisticated technology, Tapestry is designed to help educators build a picture of every child's development and learning in a way that is shareable with other colleagues, encourages reflective practice and reduces workload. It transforms the way families stay in touch with what their children are doing each day at nursery or school and also provides tools to help them share how their children are developing outside the setting or school.

Tapestry is the brainchild of husband and wife team, technologist Steve Edwards and educator Dr Helen Edwards. They are deeply involved in early years and primary education and previously created the successful Foundation Stage Forum which has 30,000 members. Tapestry has been recognised in the EdTech50 and the BusinessCloud EdTech 50 Innovation ranking.

For more information visit: <a href="https://tapestry.info">https://tapestry.info</a>