

■ Tatler named Vivienne Durham was named best headteacher

Headteacher is country's best

It was third time lucky for a Regent's Park headmistress after she was named the best in the country by society bible Tatler.

Vivienne Durham, who has led Francis Holland School, Regent's Park, for the past decade, took home the sought-after prize at the 11th Annual Tatler Schools Awards ceremony on Thursday.

She was nominated for the award last year, and shortlisted for "best headmistress of a public school" in 2007.

Accepting the award, Mrs Durham said: "I'm extremely grateful

and astonished to receive this award which I accept on behalf of the supremely dedicated and hugely talented staff at Francis Holland School, Regent's Park."

The Hampstead resident continued by saying that the staff "inspire the pupils every day and also inspire me every day".

Marie Winckler, chairman of governors for Francis Holland Schools Trust, said the recognition of Mrs Durham's and the school's achievements, confirmed its "formidable reputation for excellence and enjoyment".