RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING KINDNESS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UK

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Kindness helps to build strong, supportive school communities and is important for everybody's health and wellbeing, so we want to celebrate it!

Is there an individual child or adult in your school who has gone above and beyond? Is there a class that has done something extraordinary to help someone? Or has your school worked hard to create a culture of kindness for pupils and staff? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

You can nominate an individual, class or school for a Kindness Award by visiting https://schoolofkindness.org/nominate

Please read the full criteria below before making a nomination.



AWARD CATEGORIES

Outstanding Kindness Award (pupil) Read Criteria Outstanding Kindness Award (adult) Read Criteria

Collective Kindness Award (class or group) Read Criteria Kind School Award (whole school award) Read Criteria

Nominations open on November 13th 2023 and close on April 30th 2024.

The Kindness Awards are being run by the 52 Lives - School of Kindness, with the generous support of The Week Junior, NBB Recycled Furniture, Scamp & Dude and Einstein Tax.

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PRIZES

When we're kind, everyone's a winner! BUT we do also have some special prizes for our Kindness Awards winners.

All winners will receive certificates and trophies.

- The Pupil and Adult Kindness Award winners will each receive a £50 gift voucher, a signed book bundle, and a six month subscription to The Week Junior and The Happy Newspaper.
- The Collective Kindness Award winner will receive clothing from the kind people at Scamp & Dude, a signed book bundle for the classroom, and a six month subscription to The Week Junior and The Happy Newspaper for the classroom.
- The major Kind School Award winner will receive a 'School of Kindness' Picnic Table for their playground, donated by the kind people at NBB Recycled Furniture, a plaque to display proudly in their school, the use of a Kind School Award winner logo and a six month subscription to The Week Junior and The Happy Newspaper for their school.

Runners Up

A runner up will also be chosen in each category. Runners up will receive certificates and trophies.



OUR JUDGING PANEL

We know there is an abundance of kindness happening in schools all over the country, so are anticipating a high number of nominations. With that in mind, we have brought together a wonderful network of kind minds to help with the difficult task of choosing our winners! These judges will be divided into four mini judging panels – one for each award category.



Anna Bassi Editorial Director of The Week Junior



Asha Day BEM
Head of Nursing,
Midwifery and AHPs
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Beth McKenna Senior Manager, NBB Recycled Furniture



Dan DevonaldDirector, Einstein Tax



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Emily Coxhead
Founder of The Happy
Newspaper and children's
book author



Greig Trout
Director of Kindness
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Jaime Thurston BEM Founder of 52 Lives & School of Kindness



Jennifer Pearson BAME Nurse of the Year Mary Seacole NHS 75th Award winner



Dr. Jeremy HannayHeadteacher at Three
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Jo Tutchener Sharp Founder and CEO of Scamp & Dude



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Prof. Robin Banerjee
Pro-Vice-Chancellor for
Global and Civic Engagement,
University of Sussex



Stacie SwiftIllustrator and
Well-being Advocate



St Chad's Pupils St Chad's Primary School Kindness Ambassadors



The Carless Family
Pride of Britain
Community Hero
Award Winners



Vincent Brittain Founder and CEO of inspire+



KINDNESS AWARDS CRITERIA

AWARDS SCHOOL OF KINDNESS

Outstanding Kindness Award - Pupil

This Outstanding Kindness Award will be awarded to an individual pupil who has demonstrated an exceptional level of kindness within their school or community during the 23/24 school year.

- Open to individual pupils from reception through to year 6.
- Nominations should provide details of what the child has done, and the impact it has had on others within their school or community.
- Children may not nominate themselves, but they may nominate another child (via a teacher/parent/guardian).

Inspiration: Has someone started a kindness initiative within school that has made a big difference to other children? Perhaps they have gone above and beyond to help a fellow pupil or staff member? Have they done something extraordinary to help their local community?

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 Open to any adult working within a school (for example a teacher, a cleaner, a catering staff member etc).

- Children may submit nominations, but it must be done via a teacher/parent/guardian.
- People may not nominate themselves.

Nominations should provide details of:

- What the person has done to demonstrate an exceptional level of kindness.
- The impact they have had on those around them.

Inspiration: Is there a teacher who has done something special to support a colleague or pupil? Is there a caretaker who goes the extra mile? Is there a member of the catering team who has helped to create a wonderful working environment?

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Collective Kindness Award - Class or Group

This Collective Kindness Award will be awarded to a class or school group that has demonstrated an exceptional level of kindness during the 23/24 school year.

- Open to any class or organised group (for example a club or council) within the school.
- People may nominate their own group.
- Children may submit nominations, but it should be done via a teacher/parent/ guardian.

Inspiration: Has your school council launched a kindness initiative within the school that has had a big impact? Has an after school club helped a worthwhile cause? Or is there a class that has worked together to create an extra kind culture within their classroom?

Nominations should provide detail of:

- What the class/group has done to demonstrate an exceptional level of kindness.
- Who was involved.
- What difference it has made to their class/group or to others.

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should provide details of:

- Why your school deserves to win the Kind School Award.
- Why kindness is important to you as a school.
- What initiatives and practices you have introduced within the school to encourage a culture of kindness among staff.
- What initiatives and practices you have introduced within the school to encourage a culture of kindness among pupils.
- What impact this has had on pupils and staff within the school.
- How you measure/ gauge the impact.

Inspiration: We know there is already a great deal of kindness happening in primary schools, and are eager to hear more about what you are already doing. But we also thought it would be helpful to provide some examples of things that might feature in a 'Kind School.' This list is by no means exhaustive and is designed to provide some inspiration:

- Regular kindness lesson plans (including the science of kindness and benefits of kindness).
- Taking part in School of Kindness Kids' Kindness Club activities/challenges.



- Appointing kindness ambassadors within the school.
- Regular wellbeing activities to encourage pupils and staff to be kind to themselves.
- Approachable and kind leadership style within the school where leaders and teachers model kindness and practice empathy in their dealing with one another.
- Sharing a kind anecdote as a regular opener to staff meetings.
- Activities to connect with and support communities outside of the school.
- Activities to be kind to the planet.

The nomination form has a 500 word limit, but we would anticipate that schools entering this category would submit supporting documents to provide more detail. You can add up to four supporting documents to your nomination (10MB limit per document). Please ensure any supporting documents have a clear and relevant link to your awards entry.

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USEFUL RESOURCES

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR KINDNESS AWARDS

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DOWNLOAD A KINDNESS AWARDS POSTER

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FIND FREE KINDNESS LESSON PLANS



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