

Ryarsh Primary School

RYARSH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Sophie

Orang-Utan Class

For this term's Excellence Award in Year Six, Mrs Parfitt, Mr Yates and I have chosen a learner who may not necessarily stand out as the most enthusiastic, vocal or outgoing member of the class, but who instead has been quietly and diligently proving herself day after day to be a hard-working, keen, dedicated and incredibly able learner, who never flaps when faced with a challenge, and always has a can-do attitude which consistently embodies the spirit of our Ryarsh School Values.

From the second Sophie enters the classroom every morning, she sets her mind to the task at hand, and immediately gets on to her morning learning challenge. She is focussed, organised and always prepared for whatever the day brings, and unfazed by changes and adaptations to our timetable, or, in the case of the last two terms, to school life in Ryarsh as a whole. Through the whole of lockdown, and our adapted learning in smaller class bubbles, Sophie still gave her best every day. In the classroom, she showed exceptional concentration, and a thorough understanding and appreciation of how daily life at school would feel different. Through all of this, and her own time spent at home, Sophie's positivity and level of focus, precision and hard work did not change at all.

Whilst Sophie loves a challenge, she is also incredibly able to identify her own areas to improve, and will be very open and honest in asking for, and using, adult help and support. This skill demonstrates her maturity and growing confidence, and her great understanding of the learning process. I've also really enjoyed getting to know Sophie's sense of humour much better over the past few months, and the constant smile on her face has been a much-needed tonic in these strange times.

Sophie has really grown and developed as a young person across her time in Year Six, and she is unfailingly polite, kind and thoughtful to her peers. She can be trusted with any job and responsibility, both around the classroom and the wider school environment, and will always perform these with the best of manners and an attitude of positivity. Her pride in her learning is admirable, and she works incredibly hard to redraft, proof-read, edit, refine and improve her written work in order to create the best possible final outcome. Her creative and artistic skills are wonderful, and she is never daunted when things go wrong, instead finding alternative ways to approach and conquer a challenge, with fantastic growth mindset.

Without fail, Sophie's name is one of the first of the day to move up to the Smiley Face on our class behaviour ladder, and she always demonstrates the kind of exemplary behaviour which frequently gets her to the top of the chart, earning housepoints for Saturn and marbles for our class reward jar. Her positivity, maturity and real sense of focus and hard work makes her a student which any secondary school would be lucky to have, and we know she will go on to achieve incredible things as she moves forward to the next stage of her learning journey.

Signed - Class teacher