

Ryarsh Primary School

RYARSH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Sam

Orang-Utan Class

The Excellence Award for the final term of Year Six is always a really tricky choice, and even more so in this Year, where so many of our children have proved themselves time and time again to be excellent role models for our school values. The young person Mrs Parfitt and I have chosen, however, is somebody who has made such excellent growth across the year, both in their academic progress and their own personal confidence, and has gone from being one of the quieter members of our class in September, to someone whose voice is heard and shared almost daily, and who has become an integral member of the class, and an ambassador for Ryarsh.

The Sam who joined Year Six in September always listened to adults well, and followed instructions carefully with his work, but was often reluctant to share his ideas amongst the class, instead getting on quietly and diligently, building his confidence slowly and steadily. The Sam we see in front of us now is so much bubblier, and shines so much brighter, sharing his ideas with great confidence and offering excellent ideas, suggestions and questions in class discussion time across the curriculum.

Sam is someone who is happy wherever he is sat in the classroom. His skills of co-operation and teamwork are excellent, and he is happy to listen and share with others, communicating his own ideas clearly and becoming a crucial member in any teamwork situation. He always puts others before himself, and takes care to ensure everybody's ideas are heard, shared and considered.

On our residential trip, Sam's understanding of our School Values absolutely shone through. He gave every challenge his best try, even when he was hesitant at first, and ensured that he also supported all the other members of his team with cheers, help and encouragement. This is absolute testament to the relationships everyone in the class has with Sam—everyone is happy to work alongside him, and he is a much-loved member of Orang-Utan Class, who has made a quiet difference to all his peers across their time together. I'm sure, moving forwards, that all of our departing Year Six children will take many fond memories of Sam with them.

The memory that I will always hold on to is of Sam's smile. I don't think I have seen him without it on a single day since September. His positivity and optimism shows the hallmarks of a mature young man, who is aware of his areas for improvement, and able to address these with confidence. In small group sessions, such as his after-school groups with Mrs Parfitt, his cheeky sense of humour and love of a joke has been wonderful to experience, and I hope he carries all these happy memories of his time at Ryarsh with him as he moves on.

Keep doing us proud, Sam.

Signed - Mr Payne