

Solihull SEND Newsletter

Celebrating SEND Awards

A huge thank you to everyone who joined in our Celebration Event on 3rd December 2024. It was a truly special evening dedicated to celebrating the successes of children, young people, adults and organisations in Solihull.

96 children and young people were nominated for a range of awards by their current or previous school – in the categories of child or young person of the year, young carer, kindness, bravery, leadership and achievement.

93 school staff were also nominated by children and young people, or their families, for a SEND Champion award, and services were able to nominate a SEND organisation.

It was an honour to read through all of the nominations and hear about all of the strengths of our children and young people with SEND in Solihull and those who support them. We have so many amazing children and young people, with wonderful life stories and it was extremely difficult to shortlist.

Every child and young person nominated received recognition and a certificate sent through their school.

Those who were shortlisted were invited to the Council's Civic Suite for an awards evening with music provided by Solihull Music's wonderful Inclusive Choir. The smiles and energy in the room were contagious!

To continue celebrating we have written this special edition of the SEND newsletter to share with you these amazing children and young people and those who support them.

YOUNG PERSON OF THE YEAR

Winner:

Joshua from St Peter's Catholic School

Highly Commended:

Chad from Hazel Oak School

Special Recognition:

Lacy from Solihull Academy

Jacob from Park Hall School

Harrison - educated at home

Nominated:

Raiyan from Langley School

Connor from Alderbrook School

Uriel from Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst

Ollie from Hazel Oak School

Shauna from Lode Heath School

Haider from Merstone School

James from WMG Academy

Billy from Solihull Academy



CHILD OF THE YEAR

Winner

Lukas from Cheswick Green Primary School

Highly Commended

Oliver from Tidbury Green School

Special Recognition

Ameila from Coleshill Heath Primary School

Cailan from Sharman's Cross Junior School

Jayden from Forest Oak School

Nominated

Remi from Meriden Primary School

Lucio from Reynolds Cross

Freddie from Haslucks Green Junior School

Liam from Sharman's Cross Junior School

Daisie from Fordbridge Community Primary School

Eleanor from Dicken's Heath Community Primary School

Antwan from Castle Bromwich Junior School

Blayne from Dicken's Heath Community Primary School

Samuel from Yorkswood Primary School

Vinnie from Lode Heath School

Megan from Greswold Primary School

Andrew from Merstone School

Klaudia from St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Toby from Coppice Junior School

Nate from Windy Arbor Primary School



KINDNESS

Winner

Atiya from Alderbrook School

Highly Commended

Jack from Tidbury Green School

Special Recognition

Ade from Dicken's Heath Community Primary School

Emma from Cheswick Green Primary School

Rex from St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

Nominated

Josh from Langley School

Ryan from Tudor Grange Academy Solihull

Harrison from Greswold Primary School

Anais from Lode Heath School



BRAVERY

Winner

Ollie from Park Hall School

Highly Commended

Ralph from Monkspath Junior & Infant School

Special Recognition

Ade from Dicken's Heath Community Primary School

Lily-Rose from Dicken's Heath Community Primary School

Megan from Greswold Primary School

Leo from Merstone School

Klaudia from St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Nominated

Liliana from Cheswick Green Primary School

Jayden from Langley School

Harrison - educated at home

Lily from Sharman's Cross Junior School

Howard from Tudor Grange Academy Solihull

Isabelle from Bentley Heath Primary School

Olivia-Grace from Fordbridge Primary School

Gracie from Coleshill Heath Primary School

Ethan from Hazel Oak

Sam from Lode Heath School

Poppy from Merstone School

Maigan from St John the Baptist Primary School

Ryan from Merstone



LEADERSHIP

Winner

Lawson from Merstone School

Highly Commended

Megan from Alderbrook School

Special Recognition

Jessica from St Peter's Catholic School

Jamie from Langley School

Joe from Langley School

Nominated

Aiden from Cheswick Green Primary School

Lydia from Tudor Grange Academy Solihull

Roman from Bentley Heath Primary School

James from WMG Academy



ACHIEVEMENT

Winner

Dawud from Lode Heath School

Highly Commended

Jessica from Shirley Heath Primary School

Special Recognition

Ryan from Forest Oak School

Grace from Langley School

Ava from Alderbrook School

Nominated

Joshua from Tudor Grange Academy Solihull
Conor from Cheswick Green Primary School
Harrison - educated at home
Toby from Greswold Primary School
Eva from Dicken's Heath Community Primary School
Olivia from Castle Bromwich Junior School
Cailan from Sharman's Cross Junior School
Chad from Hazel Oak School
Blake from Greswold Primary School
Kiera from St Peter's Catholic School
Erik from St John the Baptist Primary School
Willow from Tidbury Green Primary School
Toby from Coppice Junior School
Lola from Windy Arbor Primary School



YOUNG CARER

Winner

Miah from Greswold Primary School

Highly Commended

Charlie from Dicken's Heath Primary School

Special Recognition

Aman from Lode Heath School



SEND CHAMPION – PRIMARY SCHOOL

Winner

Miss Harvey from Widney Junior School

Highly Commended

Miss Briggs from Monkspath Infant & Junior School



SEND CHAMPION – SECONDARY SCHOOL

Winner

Miss Fogarty from Alderbrook School

Highly Commended

Mrs Hopwood from Lode Heath



SEND CHAMPION – SPECIAL SCHOOL

Winner

Mrs Jacques from Forest Oak School

Highly Commended

Ms McCluskey from Merstone School

SEND CHAMPION – ORGANISATION

Winner

Ordinary Magic

Highly Commended

Inclusive Sport

Special Recognition

Connected Care Network



Feedback from the Awards -

"It was great to see SEND children performing and also being celebrated. SEND children often struggle with self esteem and to be recognised for their achievements was just incredible. The MC was fantastic, the organisation of events was great and every child was made to feel special receiving an award, medal or trophy and the kind gifts left at their seats for them. Thank you, thank you, thank you. It was a genuinely wonderful and heart warming evening. Charlie was just delighted with his award."

"The way this event changes the narrative for our families and young people and gives our SEND pupils an inspiration for their future. It is a celebration of what our SEND pupils can do and their super strengths when they area of specific weakness to overcome. Lovely to see and hear the resilience, grit and determination of the fantastic young people in the room to never give up and be the best that they can be. We need to hear more stories of individuals just like them. It was a beautiful, grounding and emotional evening."

"I also like that Solihull has this as a recognition - that some kids with SEND have additional challenges and so deserve recognition for climbing that additional mountain. I also loved that the children got a little fidget toy bag - anyone with SEND children know this is a god-send."

"It was a pleasure to work with Our Voices Heard and Solihull Council to jointly host the first Solihull SEND Awards. All of the children and young people, community organisations, and

school staff nominated thoroughly deserved their nominations and it was extremely difficult to decide upon the finalists. It was wonderful to see how many children, young people, school staff and community organisations were nominated and to hear the reasons why. Listening to the stories of the strength, kindness, bravery and achievements of our children and young people was very emotional (and there were more than a few tears!). It is heartwarming to hear how inspirational the children and young people of Solihull are."

If you think other people you know would be interested in this newsletter please encourage them to [sign up on the Council website here](#).

If you have any feedback on the newsletter, or suggestions for future items please email and let us know: jand@solihull.gov.uk

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