

MILDMAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Bridge Academy Trust – Community Award

This week, we are launching our Trust-wide Community Award program for 26-27! Many children completed their Stage 1 and 2 of the award last year, enjoyed receiving their badges in Celebration assembly and have been proudly wearing them around school. As we move into the fifth year of the award, children will be able to add to their collection and build their community award rainbow.

We would like to continue to encourage the children to promote and actively carry out our 'Simple 6' outside of school, in the home, the local area and in the wider community.

Here is a reminder of how the award is implemented.

Each year group has its own set of badges to allow for the award to follow the child through his/her school life. The badges are the colour of the Bridge Rainbow to inspire children to collect all the colours as they move through the school. There are 2 stages to complete each academic year.

Very soon, every child from Reception to Year 6, will be provided with a community award postcard on which you can record their activities towards their Stage 1 badge.

Please can you return the completed postcard in a respectful state and provide evidence of your child doing the activities to share with me (Mrs Escritt). This could be in the form of photographs, a scrapbook, items made or written or photocopies of certificates and awards received.

I do need to see evidence of the activities completed and not just the postcard. We are looking for children who have gone above and beyond and have really 'pushed the boat out' when it comes to demonstrating the Simple 6.

On our website you will find a poster of suggested activities for Stage 1 and Stage 2, that could qualify your child to achieve recognition in each of the 6 areas – these are different for Reception, Year 1&2, Year 3&4 and for Year 5&6. Your child needs to complete Stage 1 over the coming weeks. We must reiterate that these are ideas and suggestions. However, we would really like to see the children get involved in other community spirited activities.



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You will notice that some activities state a term (or several weeks) in which it needs to be achieved. **This is a rough guide so that your child can genuinely show that they actively carry out a task or a role of responsibility for a good length of time.** The postcards will be given to the children this week. We will celebrate the children who have completed Stage 1 on the Bridge Academy Trust newsletter at the end of the Autumn term, but there is not a deadline in which Stage 1 needs to be completed in the year. Stage 2 will be launched in the Spring Term and the children will receive their second Community Award postcard.

To see more about the award, use the following link –

<https://www.mildmayprimary.org/BAT-Community-Award/>

Exceptional Community Spirit – At the end of each year, a handful of children will be recognised for their Exceptional Community Spirit and receive a silver badge and a fab goody bag! We've had a child who ran a marathon in four days for the National Children's Deaf Society and another who ran 30K split over four runs for Cancer Research.



One child from the whole school will be nominated to receive a gold badge and £100 towards a community project of their choice. This year we had the pleasure of giving this prize to a pupil who raised over £5700 for a Brain Cancer charity. He climbed Mount Snowdon with his mum and dad.



We are looking forward to hearing about and seeing all the great things happening at home and in our community over the coming term!

Kind regards,

Mrs Escritt – Community Award Leader