

Friday 16th February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to announce our third winners, for this academic year, of the Kedzior award! The competition was tough, with some amazing volunteering going on; it was fantastic to see how many children were doing chores at home, helping in their communities and doing their best to make the world a better place.

A HUGE congratulations to **Bella in Year 1**, as well as **Holly and Kaitlyn in Year Six** who have become winners of this prestigious prize! They managed to scoop the prize with some amazing volunteering around the school, as well as giving up their time to help others in our school community. They have each received a certificate, an instant pick of the pot prize and their work is celebrated on the school website: <https://www.arhprimary.co.uk/volunteering/>. They have also won a surprise treat for their class!

The question now is, who will become our next two winners? We hope to see your submissions for our Spring 1 winners!

What do they need to do?

Step 1 – Volunteer! This can take any form so long as it takes place outside of school. They can do extra chores around the home to help out, help their friends or family, or take part in some wonderful volunteering opportunities locally or nationally, such as supporting a local food bank or raising money for charity.

Step 2 – Keep a log. Your child will need to record all of the wonderful things they have done which they can then share with their teacher in the last week of each half-term. This can take any form you like: it could be a list of everything they've done, photos of their activities or testimonials from people they have helped! It can be submitted via the year group email address, on Seesaw or brought into school.

Step 3 – We usually select two winners from the submissions each half-term. These children will receive a certificate, an instant pick of the pot prize and their work will be celebrated on the school website and in our school newsletter. They will also have an instant invite to join the head teacher to share the amazing things they have done too!

We hope you will join us in encouraging your children to give back to others and understand why volunteering is so important. We can't wait to see your Kedzior Award submissions which will need to be in by **Monday 18th March 2024** and to find out who our next winners will be!

If you have any questions about volunteering in our school, or have suggestions for volunteering opportunities in our community, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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