

Year 5 Spirit of St Nicholas – Term 3

What a tough decision I have had to choose my spirit for this term! There are lots of children in Year 5 who I have seriously considered for my spirit of St Nicholas because of the excellent example they set. However, the person I have chosen is an individual who has stood out to me for their growth and improvement this term. It might come as a surprise to them that they will receive this award today, but I have been very proud of what they have been able to achieve in their time in year 5.

When comparing this person's work from way back in September to the work which they are completing now, you can see the huge steps that my spirit is making with their learning. They are more careful and accurate in their work and have much more confidence in their own ability. They listen carefully in lessons, to ideas, advice and to feedback and they work hard to apply their next steps so that they can meet their individual targets. When working they do not compare themselves to others and do not worry when things go wrong. They have a fantastic growth mindset and will often use this to support and cheer on their classmates too. They are a confident member of the class, and they are contributing their ideas and opinions in lessons and discussions more and more.

Most noticeably, however, is the fantastic growth that my spirit has shown in their learning behaviours. Since January, they have been very focussed in lessons; listening to the teachers and making sure that their work is completed to the very best of their ability. They try really hard to follow instructions and to not get distracted and start chatting to the people around them. This was not always the case at the very start of year 5. This has meant that they have been able to produce even better work and their great attitude has been noticed by other adults who teach them too.

My spirit is a friendly, bubbly member of our school. They always have a smile on their face and have made some brilliant friends in Year 5. This friendliness, compassion are great qualities to have. They are resilient and brave, never being afraid to stand up for what they think is the right thing to do. My spirit will own up to their mistakes so that they can apologise, learn, let go and move on. This is a great characteristic to have.

I am sure that our spirit will feel very proud of themselves today. I hope that as they move throughout the rest of Year 5 and beyond, they keep their positive attitude and continue to work hard and improve their learning. A huge congratulations to Year 5's Spirit of St Nicholas for term 3, Mollie!