



## Kindness Week 2017

We celebrated our third year of KINDNESS WEEK at Walney School from 13<sup>th</sup> November.

It was kicked off by Mrs Stockdale with year 7's assembly about kindness and what is kindness?

Year 7 had their own target of collecting 100 cans to donate to the foodbank. Along with this Mrs Dickinson launched the whole school target of reaching 100 acts of kindness in 5 days. This was reached with ease by students and staff nominating any act of kindness in the week.

“Hollie for holding the door open”

“Owen for giving me encouragement in my chess tournament”

“Braiden brought the bins in for his mum”

“Owen puts his change in the charity tins”

Kindness student, Kindness Teacher & Kindness support staff was voted for, this is the second year we have had this award. The award will be kept for a year by the winners of each category.

The students were nominated throughout the year by peers and staff, then the nominations put forward for judging. All nominations had a reason why it was thought they should receive this award, a special act of kindness.

We then had a polling station in the hall where students could vote for KINDNESS teacher 2017 and KINDNESS support staff 2017.

The votes were counted and the final judgement was made. Mrs Stockdale (support staff) and Miss Eason (Teacher) were the worthy winners. Well done to both of them.

The winners of Kindness Student was split this year. Arnie Luxon year 10 & Isaac Bibby year 9, will share the award for their kindness to others. Arnie cashing in his awards for money to donate to charity and Isaac finding and returning a lost wallet to a stranger when on a school trip.

The Engagement centre is also running a couple of competitions to do with Kindness. There is a lyrics competition and a story competition. This was well received by the English department who have incorporated it with homework. The winners of these competitions will be announced before Christmas holidays.

The winning Lyrics and story and our 100 acts of kindness will be sent to 'Kindness UK' to be placed on their web site.

Throughout the year the charities committee has raised over £4000 for various charities and have just sent of 77 Boxes of Hope along with £200 for the appeal. A real act of Kindness from all students.

Kindness Week is now on the yearly calendar in Walney School and we are building on this each year.