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Thank You Film Awards

2015 Thank You Film Awards eMagazine

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2015 Thank You Film Awards, and well done to the thousands of young people across Britain who took part in the awards and made some heart-warming films.

Thank you to the thousands of young people (supported by hundreds of dedicated teachers, parents and other significant adults) who took part in the 2015 Thank You Film Awards. Congratulations to all those who made the films that were shortlisted and especially to those who won. This e-magazine showcases these amazing films.

This was the third year of the awards and more people took part than ever before. It was great to invite the young people who made the shortlisted films onto the 'red carpet' at events in Birmingham and Glasgow. It was also a real privilege to watch the inspiring and at times moving films alongside those who made them.

The films entered were of an incredibly high standard and I know from talking to the judges they had an extremely difficult time choosing the winners. Not only was the quality of the films impressive, but so were the variety of approaches the filmmakers took to the main theme of gratitude. It was clear how much thinking had gone into making the films, as well as how best to express the virtue of gratitude.

The power of these awards is that they are a fantastic way to encourage young people to think about who and what they are grateful for in their lives – as well as why. The process of making a film requires deep thought and reflection about those who inspire us.

I hope you enjoy reading the stories and watching the films as much as I have done. They really do demonstrate the very best of human nature. We also hope they will inspire you to take part in the 2016 Thank You Letter Awards.

**Dr Tom Harrison, Director of Development
Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues**



Young people from across the UK submitted films saying 'Thank You'. Shortlisted filmmakers attended film premiers in Birmingham and Glasgow where their films were shown on the big screen and winners received their prizes!

116 schools and nearly **19,000 young people** were involved in the **Thank You Film Awards**

The entries submitted showcased the huge range of people that young people are grateful to. These included saying thank you to:

- Family members for their support and guidance;
- Friends for always being there;
- Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Schools for the opportunities they provide;
- Doctors, Nurses and Hospitals for their good work and high standards of training;
- Athletes for their ability to inspire;
- Charities for their hard work fundraising;
- Authors and artists for their ability to raise aspirations;
- Musicians for their ability to encourage smiling and dancing;
- Emergency services for their bravery.

Birmingham Awards

Odeon Broadway Plaza, Birmingham, Thursday 11th June 2015

PRIMARY



Thank You Miss Penn

Park Hill Junior School

Eliza and Anna



Watch The Video ▶

★★★★★

Anna and Eliza thanked their teacher, Miss Penn, because they wanted to express their appreciation for all the kind and helpful things she does for them

at school, such as helping them with difficult work tasks.

The girls explain that Miss Penn is more than just their teacher;

she is, to them, the most caring, extraordinary and wonderful teacher in the world.

“ How can we watch an animation without Google? I know, Miss Penn! ”

Thank You 1941 Wilkinson's Lemonade Factory Disaster

★★★★★

Benton Park Primary School

Joseph, Yousuf, Ellie, Campbell, Honey, Laura, Toby, Wesley, Laila, Suhas, Caitlin, Penny, Adil, Joseph, Iris, Edmond, Madihah, Lewis, James, Ruby, Ismail, Natalea, Eloise, Lucy, Eve, Aleksandar and Jodie



Watch The Video ▶



This film was created by years 5 and 6 pupils at Benton Park Primary School in memory of the unsung heroes and heroines of the 1941 Wilkinson's Factory Disaster in North Shields. The children wanted to produce something to commemorate the brave actions of the local, everyday people who risked their lives to save others. They feel that opportunities to express gratitude can be easily missed, but they believe that it is never too late to say thank you to people who do wonderful things for others. They also wanted to thank Millie Matthews (a survivor) for sharing her story. They are also grateful for elderly people who share thoughts and memories with a younger generation, so that links between generations are strengthened.

Thank You Shakespeare

★★★★★

The Rosary Catholic Primary School

Ahmed, Amnah, Irfan, Jawaad, Namia, Wahihah



The Rosary Media Team created their film to say thank you to William Shakespeare. They all enjoy reading his plays, especially Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, and The Merry Wives of Windsor. They are all really impressed by the number of plays and sonnets he wrote. The team say that his works inspire their literacy work and they love to quote words from his plays. They really like learning about the everyday phrases we use that were invented by Shakespeare, such as "make your hair stand on end".

“ He inspires us in our writing ”

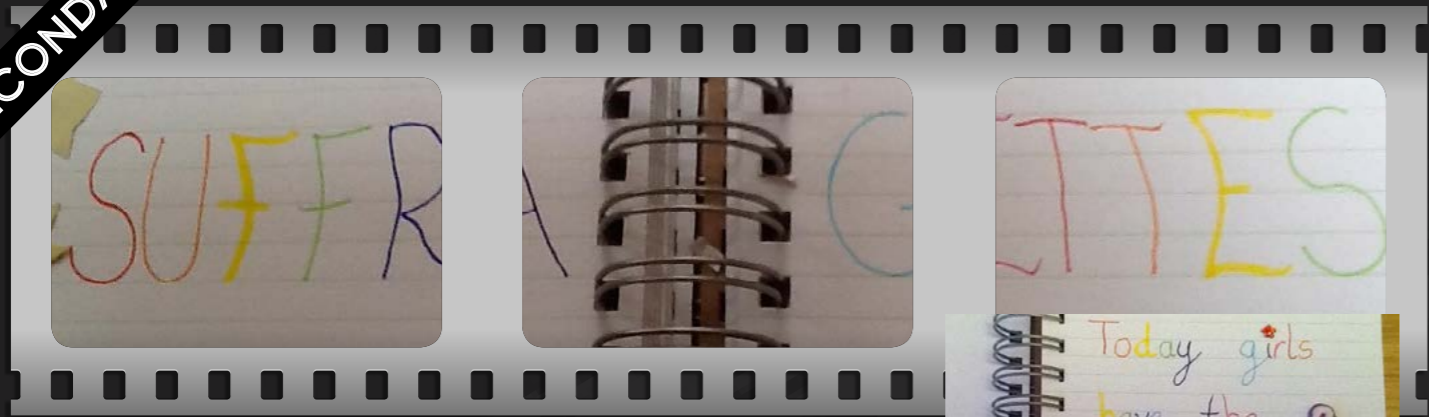
“ Sometimes we forget to say thank you to the past ”

“ Thank you to all the unsung heroes and heroines ”

Birmingham Awards

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SECONDARY



Thank You Suffragettes

King Edward VI High School for Girls

Sofia, Sanika and Lauren



Watch The Video ▶

★★★★★

Sofia, Sanika and Lauren made a film about the difference made to women's rights by the Suffragette movement. They are very grateful that the Suffragettes campaigned for equal rights, because without the

Suffragettes' actions, girls today would not have the fantastic opportunities and freedom for education, employment and political opinion they enjoy in the UK. They believe that without the Suffragettes they

would not have the chance of a rewarding future. Making this film has reminded the girls that they have been assured of legal rights to education and equality with men, which has changed their lives for the better.

“ None of this would have been possible without the Suffragettes ”

Thank You to Primary School Friends

★★★★★

King Edward VI High School for Girls

Hanna



Watch The Video ▶

Hanna wanted to say thank you to her primary schools friends, who have had an immeasurable influence on making her the person who she is today. The time spent with her primary school friends was very special and made her realise, since starting secondary school, that it is always important to be herself. Hanna treasures the time spent with friends and will carry the great memories with her forever.

“ You can't take on life alone ”

“ People want the real you ”

Thank You 'Fred' Lollipop Lady : 007 License to Cross

★★★★★

Castle Rock High School

Yasmin, Bailey, Katherine, Tegan, Harrison, Mia, Megan, Ben and Charlie



Watch The Video ▶

Castle Rock recreated "Lollipop", the 1958 single by The Chordettes. They sang and danced whilst saying thank you to 'Fred' aka Sandy Flanson, their lollipop lady. Fred, coincidentally holds the same badge number as James Bond; cue "Original James Bond Music" arranged by John Barry. 'Fred' is the longest serving lollipop lady in Leicestershire and has been keeping the children safe in their community for 42 years. Castle Rock pupils think that 'Fred' is kind and always has a smile on her face. She loves her job, especially when the children who have left the school come back years later all grown up to say "hello".

“ I enjoy seeing the children grow up ”

“ The children make the job because they are so friendly ”

Glasgow Awards

University of Glasgow, Tuesday 16th June 2015

PRIMARY



Thank You Parents

Carronrange School

Cameron, Molly, Lochuan, Chloe, Bradley, Andrea, Jordan, Cameron, Jane, Holly, Shelley, Lyle, Erin and Kimberly



Students at Carronrange School agreed as a group to thank their parents because they mean the world to them. They wanted to let their parents know that they remember all the wonderful things they do

for them such as; washing and cooking and taking them to the cinemas. Making this film made them realise that they want to try and help their parents more at home to show how much they appreciate them.

“Thank you for cheering us up when we are down”

“Thank you for being there for us”

“Thank you for taking us to nice places”

SECONDARY



The Sin Fada Nur Comainn

Sgoil Lionacleit/Liniclate School

Anna, Mary, Kara, Mairi, Marc, Alice, Fiona, Georgia, Innes, Maria, Paul, Andrew and Paul



Sgoil Lionacleit / Liniclate School created this film to highlight their gratitude toward their highly dedicated athletics coach, Mrs Levack.

The students interview Mrs Levack asking her why she 'does what she does' and 'what does she enjoy the most', as well as speaking to one of her athletes, who explains the positive influence

Mrs Levack has had on himself and others. She has worked at the school for over 20 years and has contributed so much to the young people of the remote islands. The students wanted to show her how much of a difference she has made to them by supporting them in pursuing opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have had. They wanted to find out why she enjoys what she

does so much and thank her for her commitment to improving their health and wellbeing. Making this film made the students reflect on the fact that most of the activities they partake in are run by volunteers who give up their time to help make a difference, to whom they are very grateful for.

“She has supported many young people”

“She's had a big influence on me”

Shortlist

A shortlist of those who took part in the Thank You Film Awards 2015

Birmingham Primary

★★★★★

Thank You to Amazing Aunties

Brooke and Safiya

Thank You to Our Families

Alexander, Evelyn, Sophie, Kilroy and Leah

Thank You Doreen

Christ the King Catholic Primary School: The whole School!

Thank You Children's Hospital

Kairo, Ibraheem, Anisa, Arthur, Heath, James, Freddie, Sam, Louis, Joshua, Joshua, Jacob and Jake

Thank You Teaching Assistants and Teachers

Loren and Muna

Thank You Winston Churchill

Francesca, Chloe, Bethan

Thank You for the Rain

Tara, Freya, Gia, Hannah, Amelia, Maddison, Hannah, Kacey-May, Evie, Lola, Felicity, Aicha, Ariadne, Elise, Isobel, Emily, Mia, Emma, Rachel, Lydia, Melissa and Amy

Thank You Disney/Mac/One Direction

Orla, Trudie, Beth, Clodagh, Delina, Katie, Dermot, Daniel, Sam, Jack, Hubert, Jim, Holly, Esmee, Eve, Myah and Katie

Thank You Mr Veteran

Allena, Dennis, Sadi, Hafiz, Ilesh and Jennita

Thank You RNLI (1)

Amber, Jenny, Finlay, Millie

Thank You RNLI (2)

Callum, Milo and Solly

Thank You Mum

Iris and Honey

Thank You Mrs Morton

Temple Primary School: Year 2 children

Thank You for Opportunities in School

Holly, Arthur, Olivia, Jack, Jack, Daniel, Cameron, Staff. J. Lee and C. McBride, Technical Assistance: Matthew Warhurst

Thank You for Books

Lily, Kendal, Abigail, Matteo, Amy and Amy

Thank You to Keith

St Luke's C of E Primary School: Ospreys Class

Thank You Florence Nightingale

Harrogate Grammar School

Birmingham Secondary

★★★★★

Thank You to My Idols

Katie and Holly

Thank You Mr Paul Ridley

Becky

Thank You Sport!

Alexandra, Grace, Zoe, Jasmine, Harriet, Harnisha, Nika, Dorna, Stella and Aaisha

Thanking Art

Taranjit

Thank You for Being You!

Reanne, Jasmine, Saima and Rhea

I'll Be There for You - Thank You Family

Rayyon, Solih and Jamail

Thank You Muhammed Ali

Oluwadeilade, David, Pravin and Neelash

Thank You to St Luke's Hospital

Katie, Juliet and Olivia

Thank You Cloudy Apples

Florie, Cartherine, Eli, Isabella and Jess

Glasgow

★★★★★

Thank You Authors

Lucy

Thank You Teachers

Sania and Haneen

Credits

Thanking all of those who took part in the Thank You Film Awards 2015

114th Birmingham Rainbows
Benton Park Primary School
Carrongrange School
Castle Rock High School
Christ the King Catholic Primary School
Colmore Junior School
Emmerald and Crystal Grimshaw
Harrogate Grammar School
Heathland (Whitefriars) School
Holyrood Secondary School
Inverurie Academy
James Allen's Girls' School
Joseph Leckie Academy
Kehelland Village School
King Edward VI High School for Girls
Little Sutton Primary School

Nishkam High School
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School
Oxford Spires Academy
Park Hill Junior School
Parkfield Drive
Sandbach High School
Sgoil Lionacleit / Liniclate School
St Catherine's RC Primary School
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
St Luke's C of E Primary School
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Temple Primary School
The Rosary Catholic Primary School
Viaro School
Wallington County Grammar School

JUDGES



The films were assessed by an independent judging panel of experts in the fields of education or film. They looked at the creativity, style, and technical competency of the films, but focussed mainly on the gratitude being expressed.

JamesO'Shaughnessy
James May
Dan Lawson

Education Consultant
FilmMaker,smudgethis.com
Film Producer

Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues

The Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues is a pioneering interdisciplinary research centre, based at the University of Birmingham, focussing on character, virtues and values in the interest of human flourishing.

The Centre promotes a moral concept of character in order to explore the importance of virtue for public professional life.

The Centre is a leading informant on policy and practice in this area and through its extensive range of projects is contributing to a renewal of character and virtues in both individuals and societies.

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