



Christ Church Charnock Richard C. E. Primary School is a special place. From the moment you walk through the door to the moment you leave with a spring in your step, you experience a slice of something very special. Brilliant, even. It is an 'Outstandingly Happy School' – and that's official.



Having initially been introduced to staff and pupils in September 2020, crafting a Brilliant school in the midst of a global pandemic presented something of a unique challenge on the face of things. One word that didn't automatically spring to mind was 'Brilliant.' Lockdowns, furloughing, bubbles, social distancing; Covid 19 surely had other ideas.



Year 2 choose to adopt a positive perspective.

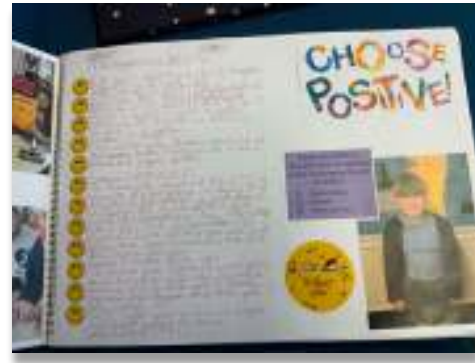


Cometh the time, cometh the school, however.... This was a school intent upon creating their very own brand of 'New Normal'. A blank slate was the opportunity to create something.



In purely objective terms, Christ Church Charnock Richard have exceeded expectations. Utilising the 'Brilliant Showcase' criteria, they have risen to the challenge and then some. Unquestionably, they are more than worthy of their Gold standard certification. Numerous individual and collective tasks have been undertaken with aplomb; not just completed but embraced wholeheartedly. Because at this school, if something's worth doing...





I chatted with some of the youngest members of the school community. Their effervescence was contagious. In an effort to distil their abundance of energies into something I could capture by means of the written word, I asked them to summarise what Christ Church Charnock Richard meant to them in just one word.

Exceptional. (It is. Try visiting for yourself).



Happy. (I challenge you to be anything-but after the aforementioned).





Welcoming. (Whoever you are).



Brilliant. (The Gold Standard).



And, most notably - 'loved'.



Christ Church Charnock Richard cares.

They care about staff, pupils and parents; about helping the whole community to flourish both in and out of the classroom. Now, but also noticeably, for the future. The staff pride themselves in sowing the seeds for futures that they may never, ever take credit for.

Leadership is a term often heralded as the catalyst for transformation. In this respect, Christ Church Charnock Richard is exceptional; all staff lead by example from the newest to most senior members of staff.



A recurring theme from interviewing the children was that they genuinely look forward to attending school. The curriculum (and extra curriculum) are woven with creativity, intrigue and magic, but it's not just what's taught that counts. Several pupils talked about their teachers in glowing terms, describing them as 2%ers. The positive attitudes of staff members throughout the school are contagious, creating a culture that bolsters the mental health and wellbeing of all.





Whilst the staff are wonderful, they are still human. In one of the most testing years in human memory, it's poignant to hear them talk of the real and continuing challenges they have faced; individually and collectively; personally, and professionally. The staff have learnt that 'putting on a brave face,' will only ever get you 'so far'. They are prepared for the best of times and the worse of times, supporting each other so when the tricky times come, they bend but they don't break.



The Art of Brilliance endeavours to start a positive ripple effect. Christ Church Charnock Richard has perpetuated and magnified this, developing an ethos and supplementary activities that permeate the school community. One particular member of staff has woven the AoB materials into the school's PSHE provision; ensuring children from Foundation to Year 6 benefit from regular calibrated doses as appropriate. Mental Wealth has been placed at the foremost of teaching and learning; not just as an 'optional extra' but an essential requisite of a thriving school community.

Indicative of the school's commitment to the continuing growth and development of the local community, the school has been awarded 'Brilliant Champion' status. As a Brilliant Champion, the school is a pioneer of new ways and means of perpetuating the positive ripple effect within the locality.



The schools mission statement endeavours to inspire children to learn, grow and flourish. These are far more than empty words, but an ongoing celebration of life and potential.

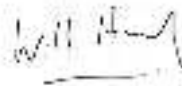


*Valid until September 2024

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Will Hussey
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