

MORAY AND BANFFSHIRE HEROES SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Keith Primary celebrated the sweet taste of success this year
after being awarded a top accolade.



KPS was named School of the Year at the prestigious Moray and Banffshire Heroes awards in Banff.

The judges recognising our school's nurturing environment and strong sense of community. We were also praised for creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere where every child is encouraged to achieve their best.

To celebrate the award our pupils and staff were given a sweet treat from Reece's Ices. Reece parked his van in our top playground and everyone was given a delicious tub of ice cream and a chance to play on our new playground equipment. It was a fantastic way to celebrate everything our school has achieved this year.

Voted for by the public, the Moray and Banffshire Heroes awards celebrate people and organisations who dedicate themselves to helping others and knit communities together.

Nominations highlighted the dedication of our staff and the importance we place on pupil wellbeing. We were also recognised for our dedication to helping young people grow in confidence, develop new skills and enjoy their learning experience.

Our school community was also recognised for its astounding fundraising efforts in summer 2025, where we raised £38,000 for the MFR Cash for Kids Challenge in just over two weeks.

Ms Buchan said: "I'm just hugely, hugely proud of everybody because we've had an excellent year at Keith Primary School.

"I think the school has really improved from an educational point of view but we've just had so many things that have brought a lot of joy to the pupils, a lot of fundraising, the playground's vastly improved and I just think this is recognition of the hard work that everybody has contributed.

"The whole community's come together, businesses, parents, local organisations, the pupil group, the staff and we've achieved amazing things this year so I'm just immensely proud that that's been recognised."



Pupil Support Assistant of the Year

A valued member of our school staff was also an award winner at the Moray and Banffshire Heroes awards.

Fiona Duncan was awarded Pupil Support Assistant of the Year at the ceremony in April.

She was recognised for being an “exceptional” pupil support assistant whose caring approach has made a lasting difference to the children she supports and their families.

One nomination described Fiona as someone who helps children feel “safe, valued and more comfortable at school.”

Fiona has worked as a pupil support assistant here at Keith Primary since 2019, but her dedicated goes way back, having volunteered for 20 years as part of the Parent Teacher Association.

Fiona said: “I’m in shock but also chuffed and proud and just it’s nice to be appreciated and because it’s the first year that this award’s been done it’s great.”



Brave Child of the Year

Our school community was very proud to celebrate one of our wonderful pupils at the awards ceremony.

Charlie O’Brien was nominated for Brave Child of the Year at the Moray and Banffshire Heroes awards.

The category celebrates children who have demonstrated exceptional courage, bravery or extreme adversity, to battle against all odds to overcome challenges.

Charlie joined his family and members of KPS staff at the awards ceremony at the Banff Springs Hotel.