

LOCAL HERO AWARD 2020 - Jack Beardmore

On Friday, 13th November 2020, Signal 1 and Greatest Hits Radio (Staffordshire and Cheshire) announced the winner of the **Tom Jackson Bravery Award**, one of their Local Hero Awards. We were delighted that it was presented to Jack Beardmore, a 6-year-old student in Yr 2 at Black Firs Primary, Congleton.



Jack is a delightful little boy with a great sense of humour. He was born with Apert Syndrome, and has shown a great deal of resilience in all aspects of life. He has already undergone many long and difficult operations on many parts of his body, from head to toe. He never complains, despite long periods of painful rehabilitation. He truly deserved this special award.

Jack has been well supported by health and education since birth. He was referred to the Sensory Inclusion Service following the diagnosis of a persistent conductive hearing loss. Despite difficulties in aiding him in the early days, Jack and his family persisted, with support resulting in him having confident communication skills.

Jack's delighted, and very proud, mum, Sam, let her Teacher of the deaf, Fran Sheratte, know of the Hero Award and added these comments:

"We first met Fran from the Sensory Inclusion Service when Jack was 18 months old. I have to say it's the most valuable and proactive service we have received by far. Jack thinks the world of Fran and she has helped to develop his speech and sounds. Jack loves his interactive sessions. He's doing fantastic in school and is exceeding all expectations. Jack is so fun loving and has an amazing cheeky personality. He struggles physically but doesn't let it show. We are very lucky because Jack's fellow Apert friends don't have this amazing service. We will be forever grateful."