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PRESS RELEASE

Young People Award presented

Town Mayor Councillor Mrs Farzana Kharawala was delighted to present the 2021 Young People award to Kiera Hill on Saturday, 12 February 2022, after a delay due to the recent high numbers of Covid cases as well as the Christmas holidays.

Nominations were invited during the autumn for young people who had overcome barriers or made personal achievements. Nominations were assessed by a panel and it was unanimously agreed that Kiera should receive the 2021 award, having shown determination and perseverance to overcome significant challenges. Kiera is now flourishing at Oak Bank School and attends hockey, tennis and football sessions as part of the Yes We Can sports programme, which she very much enjoys and which has helped build up her confidence and self-esteem.

Town Mayor Councillor Kharawala presented the award to Kiera at Saturday's Yes We Can tennis session at Linslade Tennis Club. She said "It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be involved in the Young People awards and to be able to present this award to Kiera, who is an inspiration for the strength and courage she has shown in overcoming challenges".

The Yes We Can inclusive sports programme was launched by the Rotary Club of Leighton-Linslade, who have worked tirelessly to engage with partners to provide a range of inclusive sports sessions for young people.

Nominations for the 2022 Young People awards will be invited later this year – please keep an eye on the Town Council website and social media for further details.

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