

Claire Fovargue wins Moneywise Personal Finance Teacher of the Year Award 2017

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Moneywise has announced the winner of its Personal Finance Teacher of the Year 2017 competition, sponsored by Old Mutual Wealth.

The winner of the competition is **Claire Fovargue of Kirton Primary School, Boston, Lincolnshire**, who received £5,000 to spend on equipment at her school at a glittering ceremony in London on 22 June 2017, hosted by TV presenter Kate Garraway.

The judges thought Claire, who gives up her own time to create a school bank and shop for the children at her school, really showed her enthusiasm and passion for her project. She was viewed by the judges as doing a remarkable job, demonstrating a truly innovative approach to helping kids and getting them more confident with money. The way she could demonstrate the impact on the children was absolutely brilliant.

The judges were Kirsty Bowman-Vaughan, financial education lead for the Money Advice Service, Moira O'Neill, Moneywise editor, Jeff Prestridge, personal finance editor of the Mail on Sunday, and Jane Goodland, responsible business director for Old Mutual Wealth.

They were looking for teachers at both primary and secondary level who could make personal finance lessons fun, engaging and interactive. Teachers were asked to submit their three favourite personal finance lessons, plus a supporting statement and any other evidence.

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Moira O'Neill, editor of Moneywise said: "I thought Claire's entry stood out as being passionate and dedicated. I really loved what she got the kids to do in working in the bank and applying for jobs within the school."

Kirsty Bowman-Vaughan said: "She really showed her enthusiasm and passion for the project by getting the whole school involved."

Jane Goodland said: "This is a truly innovative approach to helping kids and getting them more confident with money. This was completely tailored to the children's circumstances and the way she could demonstrate the impact on the kids was absolutely brilliant. This is also a permanent feature of the school, rather than simply one lesson a year."

Jeff Prestridge said: "It was uplifting to see what she has done for the children and for the school. This has had a transformative effect on the kids."

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