

The Moon Trophy 2018

The Moon Trophy is presented to the pupil who has shown excellence in sport.

This year's recipient has shown that they have excellent all round ability. They have a passion for one sport in particular but have also represented our school in 10 different sports this year.

An early memory of this pupil was at the school gate. The children were leaving at the end of the day, when a mum of a reception child stopped to ask me if I could give any advice on how her little boy could do some 'keepy uppies' as he was desperate to learn how to do them. How uncanny then that, just last week, that very same boy at the end of his year 6 came running over to tell me that he had just beaten his record for 'keepy uppies' - he could now do 100!

He certainly can push the boundaries, and any of us who have taught him will vouch for that! But this can be a positive in sport, getting the balance between striving to improve and berating yourself for anything less than perfection is a difficult one. All elite performers experience this and I believe that our winner today is maturing and can go on to take his skills to the next level.

Trying things out of one's comfort zone takes nerve and lining up at a county cross country final when it is not your favoured sport is a real challenge. Our winner did this, had an excellent run and should be proud of testing himself in an unknown situation.

In a more familiar situation, on the football field in the County Final, he gave a real captain's performance, leading by example and taking the game by the scruff of the neck. He dominated play and gave a performance I will remember for a long time.

For excellence in sport, the winner of the 2018 Moon Trophy is:

Harry Hanson