

Alexandra Park News

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Dear parents and carers,

After reading through the comments on Facebook, having conversations with colleagues and Ben's family there can be no doubt to anyone what a delightful boy Ben was. In every conversation I've had, someone always brings up his delightful smile and his warm and caring personality. From a personal point of view, I genuinely loved seeing Ben - every time I saw him - for every day he was at Alexandra Park. His smile made me smile and his warmth made me feel better about my day. I will always be very grateful and feel privileged knowing such a wonderful person. My thoughts are with Ben's family and friends and I hope there is some small comfort in knowing how loved Ben was by so many people

Mr Brooke

I remember Ben from when I taught him in Year 2. His infectious smile brightened any day. Seeing him and his dad attend "Stay and Read" every single week was a joy. Then in later years, his pride at becoming a big brother to Cole and Olly was heartwarming. Such a lovely lad who will be truly missed.

Mrs Curtis (Miss Garratt when I taught Ben)

Ben, I will always remember that smile and the way you would brighten up any room. You always had impeccable manners and you will be truly missed.

Miss Oakley



Ben was an absolute pleasure to teach. Each day, his smile lit up the room and I looked forward to supporting him with his work. He had a wonderful imagination and the kindest heart you could wish for. I enjoyed listening to Ben talk to me about his love of Monster Trucks and playing football with him outside. It was always nice to see how well he was doing at high school when he came back to see me after leaving Alex Park. Ben will be truly missed and someone we all feel extremely lucky to have met. **Mr Read**

Although I didn't have the pleasure of teaching Ben, he was impossible to miss around school because of his friendly nature and beautiful manners. I know how much Ben will be missed by everyone that knew him.

Mr Jowett

When you work in a school, you meet hundreds of children. It can be hard sometimes to remember every single one of them, but Ben was one of those children that I knew I would never forget. His smile, his infectious, positive outlook for life. I remember how much he loved telling us what he had done over the weekend or if he was going somewhere special - he just loved to share all of that and when he did, you could not help but smile and feel excited along with him. Sweet, funny, happy, caring - all of the special traits that you want a child to have, he had them all and more. Thank you Ben for making my days in school a pleasure. Thank you for making me smile. Thank you for the memories that I will never forget.

Miss Mitchell

It was an absolute pleasure to teach you Science in Year 5 and 6, Ben. I loved how much enthusiasm you had in every lesson. Thank you for always putting a smile on my face with your lovely smile.

Mrs McCumesky

I will always remember Ben's lovely smile. It lit up the room. He always said hello and enjoyed a quick chat whenever I saw him around school. He will be truly missed. **Mrs Millward**



Ben was such a kind, polite, caring and well-mannered boy with such a lovely smile, which always made me smile. It was such a pleasure getting to know him during our lunchtime chats and he was always offering to help with jobs around school. We are all thinking of his family at such a difficult time. You will be sadly missed Ben

Mrs Lockett



Ben,

I will always remember your big infectious smile that always made me smile, too. You were so polite and caring to everyone.

You will be truly missed.

Mrs P. Kirby

I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Ben. Teaching him in my very first class as a teacher was not just a privilege but a gift that left a lasting impact on me. Ben was such a happy, caring, and enthusiastic young boy who had an extraordinary ability to light up the classroom with his positivity and smile. His boundless energy and love for learning made my first year of teaching not only special but truly unforgettable. It was a joy to witness how he embraced school life with so much enthusiasm and kindness, inspiring not just his peers but also me as his teacher. Without fail, seeing Ben each day brought a smile to my face and reminded me of why I chose this path in life. I feel incredibly fortunate to have known and taught such a wonderful boy. His memory will always hold a special place in my heart, and my thoughts are with his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Miss Zaccaria

I was lucky enough to teach Ben in Year 4. Even though I have taught hundreds of children over the years, I have always remembered Ben. His kind, happy nature really shone through. Even at a young age, he inspired others by always being so positive and looking for the best in every situation.

Mr Seneviratne

