Local teacher in the running to be named one of ‘Britain’s Classroom Heroes 2017’

- Ms Ceri Hamer of Trumacar Nursery and Community Primary School in Lancaster is to attend the prestigious UK grand finale of the Pearson Teaching Awards
- Nomination follows the acceptance of a Silver Teaching Award earlier this year for her exceptional contribution to the teaching profession

On Sunday 22nd October, Ceri will attend a glittering awards ceremony at The East Wintergarden, London, where she will find out if she has won a prestigious Gold Plato Award. Ceri was nominated for the accolade by pupils, parents and colleagues in the Trumacar Nursery and Community Primary School community.

The ceremony, hosted by BBC Breakfast presenter Naga Munchetty with Countryfile’s Sean Fletcher, will be broadcast on BBC TWO at 6pm on 29th October, as “Britain’s Classroom Heroes”, and is an annual event that celebrates the very best of the UK’s teaching profession. Eleven Gold Plato awards will be presented across categories such as Headteacher of the Year in a Secondary School, Excellence in Special Needs Education and Lifetime Achievement.

In June this year, Ceri was recognised for her exceptional contribution to the teaching profession as one of just 56 Silver Teaching Award winners in the UK, winning her award in the category The Award for Teacher of the Year in a Primary School.

Ceri has been instrumental in the resurgence of Trumacar Nursery and Community Primary School as the school of choice for the local area. Her steadfastness and dedication to the school and to the local community have ensured that the school has grown in numbers and provides the best education for life within the locality – focussing not only on the children but on the entire family, ensuring that everyone feels a part of the school and knows that they are there to help them achieve higher and higher. Ceri takes the school’s mission statement of ‘Inspiring Education, Achieving Our Dreams’ to heart and believes in proactively encouraging children to grow in
confidence in a plethora of subjects and skills. Ceri is simply an amazing Deputy Head and everyone but herself knows it.

The Pearson Teaching Awards is an annual celebration of exceptional teachers and teaching. Founded in 1998 by Lord Puttnam, they recognise the life-changing impact of an inspirational teacher on the lives of the young people they teach.

Michael Morpurgo, Children’s Author and President of the Pearson’s Teaching Awards said: “Teachers are the quiet heroes. By telling their stories, by highlighting their skill and dedication, we can do some justice to them and to the whole profession. Through the Teaching Awards, we hope to enhance the reputation and value of the teachers in our lives, their importance in our society, and thus help to encourage the most talented and committed young people to become teachers.”

Rod Bristow, President of Pearson UK, said: "Great teaching improves the life chances of our children. It's an incredibly tough, pressured and wearing job. Teachers deserve all the support we can give them, now more than ever. That's why these Pearson teaching awards are important, and that's why I'm delighted once again to lend our support to giving teaching the recognition it deserves."

Parents and students alike can recognise and thank the teachers who are making a difference by visiting http://teachingawards.com/thank-a-teacher/ to thank a teacher. Doing so means they will be in with a chance of winning at next year’s ceremony.

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Summary

The Pearson Teaching Awards are open to every school in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The awards were established by Lord Puttnam CBE in 1998 and are managed by the Teaching Awards
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