

## **The Jim Grogan Countryside and Wildlife Award 2018-2019**

### **Freddie Parr**

Every day, Freddie walks to and from school through the Woodland, with his dog Kenny. He always talks about what he can see, hear and smell, and loves the changes in the seasons. Kenny runs alongside him, adventuring into the sneaky paths, barking at Freddie when he's up a tree and enjoying the space just as much. Freddie arrives at school every morning after a lovely long walk, having had fresh air. He has a clear head and is ready for the day ahead.

Freddie decided he wanted to enter the Woodland Award by presenting 'Freddie and Kenny's Adventures Through the Seasons', where he has made notes all through the year about the changes in the woodland.

Freddie takes a keen interest in the woodland wildlife. This interest started when he spotted his first Buzzard one morning. Whilst out litter picking one Sunday, he met David and Robin carrying out their monthly bird species survey. He really wanted to get involved, and after writing to the Woodland Trust, he was invited along. Freddie has been lucky enough to join two of their surveys this year.

Following the bird surveys, Freddie was inspired to present a class assembly to educate his friends about the woodland, the challenges it faces and the beautiful birds that can be found. He took his class outside to the bird hides, where they all listened in silence to the various birds. He left his class-mates with a hand-out, encouraging them to go into the woodland, listen out for different birds and see how many they could spot.

Freddie is very lucky to have the woodland as part of his daily walk to and from school. In a time when it is so easy to stay indoors playing computer games or chat on social media, it is brilliant that he enjoys being outside, exploring and taking an interest in the environment, conservation and the challenges it faces. His interest continues to grow, as does his desire to make a difference.

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