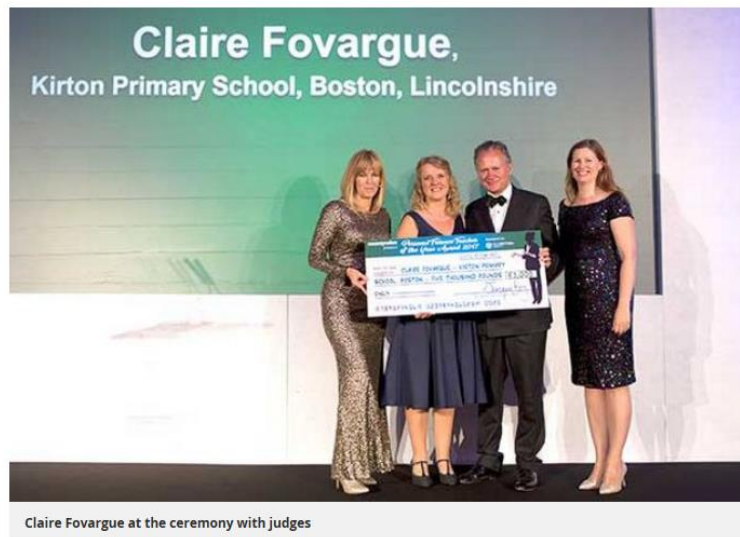


Lincolnshire teacher awarded for creating school 'high street'

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Claire Fovargue at the ceremony with judges

A Lincolnshire teacher has been given a top award for creating a high street complete with a shop and bank at her school.

Claire Fovargue was crowned the winner of the Moneywise Personal Finance Teacher of the Year 2017 competition, sponsored by Old Mutual Wealth.

The Kirton Primary School teacher won the top prize for giving up her own time to create a school bank and shop for the children at her school.

The children have designed their own currency, and each child in the school has opened a bank account and spent their hard-earned money in the shop.

Speaking on behalf of the school, Nicky Donley, executive headteacher, said: "Kirton Primary School is also proud to announce that Mrs Fovargue has been recognised as Finance Teacher of the Year 2017 in recognition of her work to make the school's unique Shop and Bank system such a success. As well as attending a dazzling award ceremony hosted in London by Kate Garraway, Mrs Fovargue has brought a cheque back to school for £5000.

"Last year, our venture won a Pearson's Teaching Award and a Community Education Award. This year, we were short-listed for a TES Award, and achieved Finance Teacher of the Year for the teacher who manages our High Street."

Claire was crowned overall winner of the competition as judges felt she really showed her enthusiasm and passion for her project.

A spokesman said: "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.

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 added: "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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