

# STACEY'S A CHAMPION

## Schoolgirl's bravery is rewarded

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**COURAGEOUS** Stacey Tyrill keeps smiling through all adversity. Just ten-years-old, she's had to undergo 31 operations on her throat and stomach and has spent more than half her life in hospital.

But now her bravery has been officially recognised by the children's charity Barnardos.

It has made Stacey one of the champion children of the year in the category of "triumph over adversity".

### DELIGHTED

And the award has delighted teachers at the Hamilton Lodge boarding school in Walpole Road, Brighton, where Stacey — who is profoundly deaf — learns sign language during the week.

There are no schools for deaf children near her home in Morden, Surrey, so she has to travel to Brighton for expert teaching.

School principal Margaret Moore said: "She's very happy to get this recognition.

"Stacey knows she's been through a lot but she keeps smiling and is very friendly to all the other children.

"Everyone here admires her courage and wishes her well for the future."



**PROUD:** Stacey shows her Barnardos's certificate for triumph over adversity.