

Is your child the cutest in town?

NOW is your chance to find out by entering them in the Maidstone Cute Kids 2011 competition being held in conjunction with The Mall Chequers shopping centre.

We are now beginning our hunt for this year's sweetest smile, cheekiest grin or most captivating gaze. There is £1,375 worth of gift cards up for grabs, thanks to The Mall Chequers.

These gift cards can be redeemed at any of the retail outlets in the centre and we will be awarding £1,000 worth of gift cards to the overall winner with £250 and £125 worth of gift cards being awarded to the second and third placed children respectively in the competition.

It's easy to get involved. Simply fill in the entry form on this page, have a photograph taken and when it's time to vote, send in lots.

You will be able to vote via text – details will be published when voting begins. The more votes that you cast for your favourite, the more it is that your child will make an appearance in the top ten. Once the total of text votes have been collated and counted the top ten will be compiled. The judging panel will then have the very difficult task of selecting the top three. The photography sessions will be held at The Mall Chequers shopping centre Monday 24 – Saturday 29 October, 2011 inclusive from 9.30am – 4.30 pm every day. To make an appointment for your child's photograph to be taken please call The Mall Chequers Cute Kids hotline on



01622 691130. An original entry form (no photocopies) must be handed to the photographer at the pre-booked photo session at the Cute Kids Maidstone 2011 stand on the bridge on level 2 of the centre. The competition is open to any child from 0 – 5 years. Entrants must be under 5 years of age on the day of their appointment with the photographer. A picture of every child will appear in the Kent Messenger West Kent series and readers will be invited to vote for their favourites. We will be publishing pictures in a supplement before Christmas so watch this space to see your child's smile.

£1,375 WORTH OF PRIZES TO BE WON

CUTE KIDS ENTRY FORM



Child's name (PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel no _____ Date of birth _____

Email address _____

To book your appointment, call
The Mall Chequers Cute Kids hotline
01622 691130

Appointment details

Date _____

Time _____

Bring this entry form with you to your appointment at The Mall Chequers.

I agree to my child entering the competition and abide by the rules.

Signature (parent or guardian) _____

Print name in BLOCK CAPITALS: _____

Please tick if you do not wish to receive information about The Mall Chequers.

Please tick if you do not wish to receive information about the KM Group.

For office use only:

RULES: This competition is not open to employees (and their immediate families) of the KM Group or any other company associated with it. Entries which are altered, illegible or not in accordance with the rules, will be disqualified. Responsibility cannot be accepted for entries lost or damaged. A completed entry form must be taken to the photographic session. No photocopies. The decision of the judges, as appointed by the KM Group, is final and no correspondence can be entered into. The KM Group reserves the right to vary the closing date according to demand. The names and photographs of the winners will be published in this newspaper. It is a condition of entry that parents or guardians of children entered into the competition must agree to publicity.




Annual Children's Award 2011

There are SIX award categories open for nomination

AWARD CATEGORIES (Tick box to enter category)

Brave and Inspiring
for children with severe disabilities and illnesses who are working to overcome them.
Age groups: 0-5 6-11 12-16

Exceptional Carer
for young carers who care for other family members

Going for Gold
for achievement in sports, music, visual and performing arts despite disability

Courageous Family
for families who have coped with severe illness or disability

Young Fundraiser
for the child or group of children who has raised funds for charity

Outstanding Charity
rewarding charitable and voluntary groups who support children who face challenges in life.

Closing Date: October 7, 2011

You can make your nominations online at www.kentonline.co.uk or by filling out and returning the form below

Nominated Child	Your Details
Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
Postcode _____	Postcode _____
Tel No _____	Tel No _____
Category _____	Email _____
Age _____	Relationship to Child _____

Simply write and attach the story behind your nomination

Please send completed forms to: Ward & Partners Children's Awards, c/o Kent Community Foundation, Evegate Park Barn, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SX www.kentonline.co.uk

NB: Nominees must not have received an award since 2008

The Annual Children's Awards recognise the efforts and achievements of courageous children, their families and the charities that support them



Abbie Hunnisett



Jarrad Purvis

Last chance to enter for a children's award

Do you know a child in your town or village who has shown tremendous courage, has overcome adversity or has proven to be an inspiration? Or do you know of a charity that helps children or a fundraiser who deserves recognition? The closing date for entries is October 7 so do not delay!

THE KM Group has teamed up with county-wide estate agents Ward & Partners and the Kent Community Foundation for the Ward and Partners Children's Awards 2011.

You can nominate a deserving child in one of six categories and they could win a fantastic prize for their courage and determination.

Please fill out the coupon, left, or log on to www.kentonline.co.uk and click on the Ward & Partners Children's Awards button on the home page.

KENT Community Foundation is a registered charity committed to connecting people who want to give something back to their community.

KCF focuses on local projects which improve the lives of people, particularly the most vulnerable, isolated and disadvantaged, within Kent and Medway.

Chief executive Carol Lynch explained: "The Ward & Partners Annual Children's Awards is a wonderful way to celebrate some of the many achievements of the courageous children in our county. So often their stories go untold. We urge deserving children to step

forward." "Kent Community Foundation works with local philanthropists such as The Rooney Fund and businesses, such as Ward & Partners. These wonderful donors have set up their own named charitable funds with Kent Community Foundation.

"They then decide where, when and how their donation is spent, without the administrative burden. We do that – researching local projects to fit each donor's particular interests. "Our grant-making team carries out the necessary checks before a grant is made and monitors the project to ensure the grant is spent effectively.

"The Ward & Partners Fund is presented with deserving

projects from groups, identified by us, which, in line with Ward & Partners' fund guidelines, support children with physical and mental disabilities.

"Recent awards have been made to The Parents Consortium, a Dartford-based charity for children and young people with physical, learning or sensory impairment, and to Holding on Letting Go, a Rochester-based bereavement support group for children aged five to 16.

"KCF often identifies smaller groups, such as these, for whom a small amount of funding can make a big difference."

More details at www.kentcf.org.uk



CELEBRATING CHILDREN: Kent Community Foundation chief executive Carol Lynch