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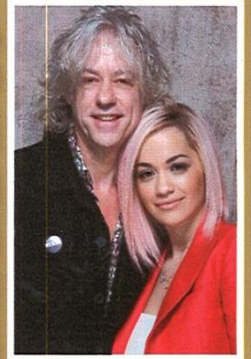
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KATE
EXPECTATIONS
A SWELL TIME
WITH HER LITTLE
HEROES



KENSINGTON PALACE IS THE 'PLACE2BE' AS A BLOOMING DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE CELEBRATES THE EFFORTS OF SOME VERY SPECIAL CHILDREN

The Duchess of Cambridge showed why she's credited with making high-street fashion as hot as haute couture last week at a special event to celebrate one of the many causes about which she is passionate.

She combined a black, £89 Invitation Emilia Top (now sold out) from chain store Hobbs with a midnight-blue silk skirt from Jenny Packham's autumn/winter 2013 collection to present the first ever Wellbeing in Schools Awards for mental health charity Place2Be, of which she is royal patron.

Kate, who's about 17 weeks pregnant with her second child, drew attention to her growing baby bump by accessorising her outfit with a slim black belt.

In recent weeks she has favoured outfits from designers including Alexander McQueen, Temperley London and Diane von Furstenberg, but has happily returned to the high street.

PRIDE AND JOY

The Duchess hosted the awards ceremony in the State Apartments at Kensington Palace, where she and her family have a home.

She spent 40 minutes mingling with parents, children, teachers and counsellors. Among those she chatted to was Venice-based Murano glass-maker Gianni Seguso, who supplied the stunning trophies, featuring a small glass egg leaning against a larger egg. She told him that she would love to visit Venice one day.

A lucky recipient was 11-year-old Bailey Dunne from Highfield Community Primary School in Sunderland, who picked up the Child/Young Person Champion Award in recognition of the exceptional contribution he has made to the mental health and emotional wellbeing of his peers at school through his relationship with Place2Be.

After receiving his award Bailey said: "It is unexplainable. It is just fantastic – the best opportunity I have had."

While Kate didn't make a speech, she did contribute the foreword to the awards programme, writing: "The commitment, dedication and hard work that is going on across the schools involved with Place2Be is truly humbling, and to recognise this feels incredibly important."

Her husband the Duke has also been busy in recent days, teaming up with Rovio, the company behind the popular mobile game Angry Birds, and United for Wildlife to raise awareness of crimes against wildlife.

The Finnish company has launched a new tournament called Roll with the Pangolins, in which players get to save the rare creatures – the only scaly mammals in the world, whose

Looking swell: the Duchess of Cambridge reveals her growing baby bump at an awards ceremony at Kensington Palace, teaming a top by high-street favourites Hobbs with a Jenny Packham skirt



Kate presents Place2Be's Child/Young Person Champion Award to 11-year-old Bailey Dunne (above), who said later: "It is just fantastic – the best opportunity I have had"

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only defence is to curl up in a ball – from poachers.

Nature-loving Prince William threw his weight behind the initiative. In a video message he said: "By spreading the message about poaching, I hope you can be part of a movement that says no to poached ivory and rhino horn and many other animal parts."

It was not his only broadcast effort last week – the Duke also posted a heartfelt video on YouTube offering support and comfort to those fighting ebola in West Africa.

Publicising such initiatives will be

part of the task of the Duke and Duchess and Prince Harry's new press secretary, 30-year-old American Jason Knauf, 30, who will join the royal household in the New Year.

Meanwhile, it also emerged that the Prince is something of a romantic, when London florist Paula Pryke met him as she picked up her OBE at Buckingham Palace.

"William told me that he likes surprising Kate by buying her flowers," she said. "I thought that was very sweet." **H**

REPORT: JUDY WADE

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Kate chats with Place2Be finalist Georgia Alvey (left) from Cotsford Junior School, Co. Durham. The Duchess became patron of the 71 children's mental health charity in April 2013