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## Pregnant Duchess of Cambridge hosts charity awards party at her home in Kensington Palace

Kate, now four months pregnant along with her second child, hosted the initial ever Wellbeing in Schools Awards for her children's psychological good health charity Place2Be in the Kensington Palace State Apartments.

She looked the epitome of sophistication in a black Hobbs leading and Jenny Packham skirt as soon as she arrived for a reception at the Queen's Gallery.

After the reception, the ceremony began at 7pm in the King's Gallery where Kate was as a result of present the youngster Champ Award to a young individual that has actually defeat their own struggles and gone on to insight others.

She and William moved in to the palace a year ago, spending £4.5 million of taxpayers' cash on renovating Princess Margaret's 21-space former home, Apartment 1A.

But guests tonight did not get hold of to notice their private home, remaining in the neighbouring State Apartments, which are used for public events and entertaining.

Kate, that has actually been Patron of Place2Be because 2013, was scheduled to fulfill the twenty awards finalists.

Place2Be Chief Executive Benita Refson said: "This is a wonderful, exciting opportunity to honour our young individuals and schools in such a remarkable setting.

"The Duchess' total and utter belief in exactly what we do and her commitment to children's psychological good health is incredible."

Finalists for the awards contain 11-year-old Bailey Dunne from Highfield Community Primary School in Sunderland.

Thanks to Place2Be Bailey has actually gone from being a quiet boy to one that shows self-confidence and determination to do well.

He has actually been invited to speak in assemblies regarding the importance of young individuals looking after themselves and now mentors others youngsters in the school. He was awarded Pupil of the Year for total progress.

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Kate was additionally scheduled to chat to Bailey's headteacher Simon Marshall, that has actually been functioning to include Place2Be in to schools over 14 years.

His inspirational leadership has actually enthused others Sunderland schools to invest in psychological health.

The charity runs classes in 230 schools across the UK and has actually supported about 90,000 children.

Kate did not make a speech Yet wrote a foreword for the awards programme.

She wrote: "As Patron of Place2Be, I have actually been thrilled to hear regarding the launch of The Place2Be Wellbeing in Schools Awards.

"It is pleasant that this vital location of children's emotional good health is being recognised along with these inaugural awards.

"The commitment, dedication and challenging job that is going on across the schools involved along with Place2Be is actually humbling, and to recognise this feels incredibly important."

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She continued that the charity assists youngsters cope along with “a range of complex complications including bullying, bereavement, domestic violence, family breakdown, parental substance misuse, disregard and trauma”.

Kate concluded: “I chance that you all of have actually a remarkable evening below at Kensington Palace and the most effective of luck to all of the finalists!”

The 32-year-old Duchess presented the last award of the night to 11-year-old Bailey Dunne from Highfield Community Primary School in Sunderland.

He had met Kate earlier at a reception prior to the awards.

He said: “I said congratulations on your pregnancy.

“She said thank you rather much.

“As a result of Place2Be I’ve discovered A lot more friends and I’ve discovered it a lot much easier in life.”

The Duchess additionally presented a surprise award to Place2Be founder Benita Refson that started the charity in 1984.

The audience was revealed moving films which showed why youngsters may necessity Place2Be and exactly how it has actually helped them.

The awards themselves, created by Italian Venice-based Murano glass maker Seguso, featured a small glass egg leaning versus a bigger egg to represent assist parents and teachers can easily provide children.

Kate said she hoped to visit Venice one day.