

The panel were impressed with Aleksandar's initiative, skill, perseverance and charm. His videos on YouTube are really helpful and not just for his school friends. Everyone will enjoy brushing up their French during lockdown for that long-awaited trip to France or Belgium, a French film on Netflix or an online magazine. Well done Aleksandar!

From the nomination:

Aleksandar is a nine-year old boy from a multilingual family. He is fluent in French thanks to his Belgian relatives, and he has been attending *La petite école française Farandole* on Saturday mornings since he was five.

When lockdown started, his school - St Mary's Church of England Selly Oak - lost its French language provider, so Aleksandar asks his mum (who is conveniently a language teacher) if he could launch a YouTube channel to help his school friends with their French.

Since Easter, he has faithfully shot videos, done PowerPoint voice over every single week, which meant starting over and over until the language was accurate.

He has been exceptionally perseverant. His videos on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwySblarKsO0gNoFn1vTNuA>) have become the French provision at his school! : <http://www.stmarys-sellyoak.co.uk/home-learning-french/>, and have been used by a number of schools around the country.

It would be lovely if Aleksandar's sterling efforts could be recognised and being a Bournville Star would give him a wonderful confidence boost.

