

Second prize entry – Primary Schools
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I'm writing this letter to you to tell you how, because of your brave spirit and courageous heart, me and the rest of year 6 have been inspired and I will always remember your amazing stories. I heard about how, at the concentration camp, kind people gave you the dried milk from the bottom of the churn and scraps of food, you survived 18 months there and about how you had to share a bed with many other people; it made me realize how very lucky I am and how what a difference KINDNESS can make to lives. Another thing we get told is how everything changed for you when you got to Calgarth in Windermere. Where you got sent to is now a school about 20mins away from where I LIVE.

After hearing your STORY I've been thinking about how I could make a difference – nothing huge just little things here and there – by being kind. Sometimes I get sad and lonely but, by my friends and family CARING for me, I get through it and I just wonder what would happen without them and the kindness they show. Do you? I sympathise for you about how, at the camp, you were separated from your family so you didn't have their love. Although this must of been hard, I feel happy for you, about how you're life changed forever by moving to the Lake District.

Despite the war ruining your ever precious childhood; I am very glad that you found love and the love you missed from your childhood was (hopefully) replaced by your children and your wife.

I know it must have been hard for you at them DREADFUL camps and I am very sorry if this letter upsets you or makes you remember bad times. Hope you have a good day.

Yours sincerely.