



Kieran meets a real WWE superstar!

Six year old Kieran O'Brien from Erith recently had his dearest wish to watch WWE live and meet a WWE superstar granted by Starlight Children's Foundation, the UK's leading wish granting charity for children with serious and terminal illnesses.

Kieran suffers from a serious condition called neurofibromatosis, which causes tumours to grow on the nerve tissue. Kieran's condition is further complicated by a congenital pseudarthrosis, which means that he has to have a special leg brace on his leg during the day for protection against his tibia bone breaking. The brace can be removed at bedtime.

Despite all the challenges that he faces, Kieran is endlessly brave about his illness. He has already had to undergo four operations as a result of his condition but he still always manages to find a smile for the medical staff that help to care for him at Great Ormond Street Hospital, where he is treated.

Kieran has lots of interests, including playing computer games, swimming, and watching WWE and his favourite football team, Manchester United, play. He loves to mess about in the garden with his brother William, who is eleven. Kieran absolutely idolises his older brother, who has always been very caring and considerate when Kieran is recovering from his operations.

Kieran's mum Wendy heard about Starlight's wish granting programme and she decided to put Kieran forward. Starlight was delighted to be able to offer Kieran a wish and the brave youngster thought long and hard about what his dearest wish would be.

Ever since he has enjoyed watching WWE, Kieran has dreamt of watching it live and getting to meet a WWE superstar. Kieran therefore decided that this would be his wish and the charity immediately set about making his dream come true!

On Sunday 4th November, a stretched limo arrived at Kieran's house to collect him and his family. Kieran himself felt like a superstar as the luxury car took him to the world famous Wembley Arena where the WWE Smackdown World Tour was being held.

Before the show, Starlight had arranged for Kieran to have a special meeting with a real WWE superstar! 'Big Show' has won lots of championships and is one of the most popular WWE superstars so it really was a dream for Kieran to meet him. Although Big Show is huge and towered over Kieran, he was very friendly and Kieran loved being able to ask him some questions and have his photo taken with the star!

After the meeting, Kieran and his family were able to enjoy the show and it was an unforgettable experience to watch Big Show star in front of thousands of people, just moments after he had been chatting to Kieran!

After the wish, Kieran's mum Wendy said, "We all had an absolute fantastic time and I am certain it is something that Kieran will not forget for a while. We all cannot thank Starlight enough for a wonderful day – Kieran's face was just sheer delight the whole time!"

Information

To refer a child for a wish or to make a donation, please go online at www.starlight.org.uk. For every £1 you donate, 93p goes towards helping Starlight's very ill children.

For more information, please contact Henny Vere Nicoll at henny@starlight.org.uk / 020 7262 2881 # 231.

Starlight grants once-in-a-lifetime wishes for seriously and terminally ill children, restoring the magic and fun of childhood and giving the whole family happy memories to share, whatever the future holds.

Starlight also creates entertainment in every hospital and hospice throughout the UK. Sick children go to Starlight parties, laugh their way through pantomimes, go out on Starlight Escapes, play games and watch films on the Starlight Fun Centre, and enjoy the toys and puzzles of the Starlight Distraction Box. Happy children respond better to treatment and Starlight helps children to forget about their illness and simply have a bit of fun.