



Back of the net for Jordan as he meets his Chelsea FC heroes!

Thirteen-year-old Jordan Campbell from the Rhondda recently had his dearest wish to meet his Chelsea FC heroes granted by Starlight Children's Foundation, the UK's leading wish granting charity for children and young people with serious and terminal illnesses.

In September 2010, Jordan was diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome, which is a condition that severely affects the kidneys. To battle the disease, Jordan is required to take a cocktail of medication and, because he suffers frequent relapses, he is often in hospital and has to miss out on school.

Jordan's greatest passion is football. He would love to play football at school but is sadly unable to as a result of his condition. His mum Barbara told Starlight, *"Jordan used to be very outgoing and happy but since becoming ill he has been very quiet. The only time he seems happy is when he is watching football or playing with his brothers and sisters."*

When Barbara heard about Starlight's wish granting programme, she decided to refer Jordan for a wish. She thought a wish would be a great boost for Jordan's confidence and a lovely treat after everything he has been through.

It wasn't hard for football-mad Jordan to decide what his wish would be: to meet his favourite team, Chelsea FC, and watch them play! He wrote to Starlight and said, *"I would like to say thank you for allowing me the chance to have a wish. I would like if possible to see my favourite football team Chelsea, the best team in the world, and meet the players."*

Keen to make Jordan's dream come true as soon as possible, Starlight contacted the Chelsea Foundation to ask for their help. Chelsea said they would be delighted to help grant Jordan's wish and Starlight set about organising a wonderful trip for the brave teenager and his family.

The Chelsea Foundation had invited Jordan to Chelsea's home game against Stoke City on Sunday 26 January and Starlight arranged for Jordan, his brother Liam, his mum Barbara and step-dad Aaron to travel down to London on the Saturday before the game.

When he grows up, Jordan would like to be a history teacher because he loves learning about the past. He was really excited to have the chance to visit London, as he is fascinated by the city's great history. Therefore, as a little extra treat, Starlight had organised tickets for the family to The London Dungeon and The London Eye, so the Saturday before the game was spent enjoying some of London's greatest sights and learning about their history!

To make the trip extra special, Starlight had booked a suite for Jordan and his family at luxury London hotel The Park Plaza County Hall. They were to spend two nights in London, which would give them plenty of time to enjoy some time together as a family, while making the most of some of London's most famous attractions.

On Sunday 26 January, the family awoke bright and early, with lots of excitement about the day ahead! Starlight had arranged for a car to collect them from the hotel and take them to Stamford Bridge, the home of Chelsea FC, and it wasn't long before they arrived at the great stadium, which is situated in the heart of London.

On arrival they were greeted by a member of the Chelsea Foundation, who took them upstairs to a lovely lounge, where they were able to enjoy a delicious lunch before the match. They had excellent seats for the game, which meant that they could enjoy Chelsea's 1-0 victory over Stoke City to the full!

After the match, Jordan and his brother Liam were taken down to the tunnel, where they got to meet some of their favourite football heroes including Eden Hazard, Frank Lampard, Petr Cech and David Luiz! Chelsea's captain John Terry is Jordan's absolute favourite player and getting to meet him and have a photograph taken with him really was a dream come true!

After the wish, Jordan's mum Barbara said, *"Jordan's Starlight wish was absolutely fantastic – we really can't thank Starlight and the Chelsea Foundation and Chelsea's players enough for making it such a brilliant weekend for Jordan."*

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, 92p goes towards helping Starlight's very ill children.

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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.