

Joyce celebrates her 100th birthday at Princess Christian Care Home



Our lovely resident Joyce celebrated her 100th birthday in style last week with us here at Princess Christian Care Home and we organised a day full of surprises to mark the very special occasion.

Turning 100 on Tuesday 27 October, Joyce started her day with a **head-to-toe pamper session in our salon**, where she was able to have her **hair, makeup and nails** done. After her glamorous makeover, she was escorted down a specially-laid **red carpet** to a **table of presents, cards, balloons and a bouquet of flowers** from her fellow residents and Care staff.

We were keen to make it a very memorable day for Joyce, who had extra reason to celebrate this year, having **recently beaten COVID-19**.

As part of her celebrations she received a socially-distanced visit with a difference. Having joked with us that she '*hoped to receive a pony for her birthday*', our staff went about fulfilling Joyce's birthday wish in the best way that they could! Reaching out to members of the public via social media for help, we were able to arrange a **surprise pony visit**, which saw local resident Lisa Dahar bring her pony, Honey, to wish Joyce a very happy birthday.

Joyce was absolutely delighted with the surprise and loved saying hello to Honey – and with lots of carrot treats, it's safe to say Honey enjoyed herself too!

The excitement didn't stop there! Joyce received her **telegram from the Queen** shortly after Honey's visit, and celebrated in style with a **gigantic, double-tier chocolate birthday cake** made by our Head Chef Cosmin Cristea. Joyce enjoyed sharing her stunning cake with her fellow residents and our Care staff.

Speaking about her day, Joyce said: *"I've had a wonderful day! I feel very lucky and grateful to the Carers for everything that they've*

organised for me. I wish it could be my birthday every day!"

Our Home Manager Mario was delighted to see Joyce so happy, commenting: *"Joyce had a difficult start to the year when she tested positive for COVID-19, so we wanted to make sure her birthday celebrations were extra special, especially with it being a milestone birthday as well. It was wonderful to be a part of and to see how excited and happy she was throughout the day."*

Many happy returns Joyce – we are all so delighted you enjoyed all your treats on your very special day!



