

Princess Christian Care Home creates winning Showstopper Cake fit for a Queen



Well done to our residents and staff who created a fantastic Wedgwood Queen's Cake for The Great Nellsar Cake Off competition. Our Chef Cosmin held a bake off masterclass with some of our residents and they created a stunning sponge cake covered in buttercream.

We are delighted to have **won second prize** in the competition and we'll receive a **£100 prize for our Residents' Fund**, which is fantastic news! **Well done everyone!**

Cosmin commented;

"Welcome to 'baking off' at Princess Christian with Chef Cosmin! For the competition we prepared a homemade Wedgwood Queen's Cake. We made a chocolate and vanilla sponge, filled with mascarpone cream and fresh strawberries and oranges. This was covered in butter cream and we manually piped the cake's design.

Our residents were so happy to get involved in the preparations, including cutting the fruits and beating the eggs. As we worked they told me stories about when they used to bake; we worked, laughed and ate cake!

Our Activities Team helped make sure all the safety rules were followed when we prepared our training room specially for the bake off. Our residents enjoyed becoming Trainee Chefs! I gave them advice and kept an eye on them, to ensure they followed the recipe steps. We started at 11am and finished and enjoyed the amazing six layered cake at 3pm with a cup of tea.

I saw so much happiness on our residents' faces that it's made me want to do this more often. So I've come up with the idea of having one bake off session per month with our residents and Activities Team, to do more recipes and let them experience and enjoy baking."

