**WIGAN NUT’S
“OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL EDUCATION”
(OCLE) AWARD 2015 - PRESS RELEASE**

Recently retired primary school teacher Janet Derbyshire was announced as the winner of the Wigan National Union of Teachers’ 2015 OCLE (Outstanding Contribution to Local Education) Award.

The honour - which isn’t restricted to members of the union - was made at the branch annual meeting.

Divisional Secretary for Wigan NUT Max Atkins said that the Committee wanted to give formal recognition to someone from Wigan - whether a teacher, support assistant or volunteer and from any union - who had made an outstanding contribution to local education.

Staff in all Wigan schools were given the opportunity to nominate someone who showed “outstanding dedication, commitment and enthusiasm” resulting in great achievements. Colleague Karen Parkin, who nominated her, said that Mrs Derbyshire deserved the title because of her “outstanding” contribution to primary education locally, which spanned 37 years of devoted and exemplary service:

"Mrs Derbyshire has been a much loved classroom teacher of hundreds of pupils and her calm, kind and friendly manner has enabled her to maintain excellent working relationships with children, parents and colleagues alike. She has been an inspiring role model and mentor to many and is highly respected as an outstanding practitioner in the local community.

“Lately, Janet successfully combined full-time teaching in Early Years with a position on the senior leadership team; both roles requiring a level of dedication and commitment that only the very best members of the profession are able to sustain. She did this with the integrity and expertise that mark her out as an excellent ambassador for the profession and a very worthy recipient of this award."

Nominations for next year's OCLE award will open in March 2016.

***Janet Derbyshire, winner of Wigan NUT's OCLE 2015 pictured below after receiving the award, with her teaching assistant Claire Williams, both of Parklee Community School, Atherton.***