



November Newsletter

Top 10 Nominee for BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year 2017

I'm so excited!



Firstly I am so delighted to announce that I have been shortlisted for BBC
Young Sports Personality of the Year!

To be recognised by the BBC as a nominee for this award is a true honour and feels really special. I'm excited and delighted just to have been considered, and this nomination is an acknowledgement of all the hard work that goes in off the slopes by my whole support team - especially my fantastic guide Brett Wild .

Just as exciting, my nomination also meant filming with Blue Peter! I even got a Blue Peter badge! Life goal ticked! I'll be on BBC One at 5:30pm on Thursday 7th December. That's also the day the top ten nominations get whittled down to the top three. If I make it that far, I won't be able to attend the awards as I'll be skiing! I'd like to wish good luck to all the nominees for this award, I'm proud to be nominated alongside them! You can see the [full list here](#).

I was also interviewed by some of my local media in Kent about the nomination, where you can check out my Skype interview with [KMTV here](#).

Outside of the awards excitement, Brett and I started and end November with training camps in Austria, where I enjoyed some time at home before back to back training camps and a busy World Cup Racing Schedule - hopefully we'll now be competing all the way through until the end of March.

Whilst I was at home, I had the chance to visit Weald Community Primary School in Kent to talk about [Get Kids Going](#), a charity that has supported me from the very beginning. I also talked about my journey as a Paralympic skier and my hopes for 2018, where the pupils asked me some amazingly intelligent questions. It was such a fun day and I think there might be a few budding journalists among them!

Brett, mum and I also attended the brilliant "Gold Run to the Games" Ball, helping to raise money for British Parasnobsport. I would like to thank Anita Brack; Kim Lewenden; Jackie Paton; Jo Ellington and Jo Paish for all their hard work and for such a great night out. It was a fun event, despite Brett's dodgy skills on the dance floor!

We also had lots of fun speaking at the Sport Aid Ball, where I got to meet Winter Olympic legends Torvill and Dean!

I couldn't be there, but I made a little film for Disability Snowsport UK, to help them launch their #Ski2Paralympics initiative. My mum attended in my place and got to meet the lovely Pippa Middleton, Patron for DSUK.

The idea is to raise funds for DSUK by clocking-up enough miles on the slopes to cover the 5,560 miles from London to PyeongChang. To participate in the challenge, simply donate £5 to DSUK on their #Ski2Paralympics [JustGiving page](#) and then share your mileage on the DSUK [Facebook event page](#) by taking a screenshot of the distance travelled using tracking device. DSUK will be recording the distance travelled and keep everyone updated on their progress. Miles can be skied, snow-shoed or snowboarded in the UK or abroad. I'll be doing my bit and hope you can help support this great cause.

Without DSUK I wouldn't be where I am today.

Finally, you can check me out in the [latest issue of Morzine Source Magazine](#), where I'm excited to feature as part of a Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games special. I'm on page 58! And don't forget to tune in to Ski Sunday on December 17th to see how Graham Bell got on wearing my goggles, with Brett guiding him!

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