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Hi everyone!

I hope you are doing well and keeping safe during this time.

I just wanted to congratulate yourself and the group on successfully passing the challenges to receive the Volunteering For All Award.

It is important more so now than ever, that we understand the importance of cultural diversity, compassion, and community service.

When your school is reopened, I will make arrangements with your teacher and principal so that we can have the big award presentation that I told you about when we were doing the workshop. This is where some of you will speak in front of the entire school or selected years or classes and present the survey results and the school charter, and a maybe have a guest speaker to present the Award.

Before I came into the school to do the workshop with you, I knew that there was a lot of volunteering going on in this school, I just never knew it was going to be this much! It is truly unbelievable how many students are volunteering outside of school, how many languages are spoken, how many of you have family living in another country, and how many have a parent or guardian from another country.

More importantly, I am so happy to see that so many students in your school see volunteering as part of their future. It is this leadership that fills me with confidence for the future.

On behalf of Localise, I wish to congratulate the school - your peers, teachers, and of course yourself on this wonderful achievement!

Congratulations and we will see you soon for the big ceremony!

All the best,

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