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Taya flies high to take prize

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SIX-year-old Taya Tredwell from Grays is a real high flier - or at least her balloon was.

Taya is the winner of this year's annual Coalhouse Fort balloon race.

She released her balloon from the roof of the fort on a snowy cold Easter Sunday and it ended up 350 miles away in Burgundy.

The surprised fort staff received an Email confirming its incredible journey. As well as getting some balloons to take home Taya also received a certificate and £50 worth of toy vouchers.

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HIGH FLYER: Lucky Taya with her mother Leah (far left), race organiser Melanie Davis (centre) and fort vice chairman Ken Levy.

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