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Kids dig in for Gardens in Schools project

There was a Harvest Festival atmosphere in and around Birkenhead Park's new pavilion on 3rd July, and the sun shone as eleven Wirral schools celebrated completing the first year of Wirral LA21 Network's 'Gardens in Schools' project. Running until summer 2008, the project involves designing and creating school garden areas, and growing a variety of produce. Young people of all ages have been helping to plant and grow fruit, vegetables, flowers and herbs, and are learning a great deal from the experience - as well as being able to sell some produce within their schools, raising funds to buy seeds and plants for next year.



Each school was presented with a certificate, and had material on display; a fascinating selection of photos, fresh produce, artwork and associated school work was on view. FairTrade refreshments and locally grown salads were enjoyed by all. Participating schools were: Cole Street Primary School, Hayfield School, Egremont Primary School, Kilgarth School, Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School, Park High School, Prenton High School, Portland Primary School, St. Joseph's Primary School, Woodchurch C of E Primary School and Woodchurch High School.

The Mayor opened the celebration, and enjoyed speaking to the children, young people and staff and admiring the displays. An observation bee hive was on display, and set the children buzzing with interest. Carol Seery, Wirral LA21 Network's horticulturalist, said, 'There was a great deal of interest in this project, and we did not have enough funding to accommodate all the schools who wished to take part. Getting children involved in gardening at this age will hopefully plant the seeds of a lifelong interest. Gardening is a great way to keep fit, with the advantage that you can eat and enjoy the fruits of your labours - so you save money as well as having a good hobby.'

Wirral LA21 Network worked with Acacia Horticultural Services to deliver this project, which is funded by Local Strategic Partnership using the Neighbourhood Renewal Grant.

Well done to Mayor Gilchrist and Wirral Council on their campaign to turn Wirral council buildings Energy Efficient. Pictured is Mayor, Phil Gilchrist, changing one of the many light bulbs in the Mayors Parlour for energy saving bulbs. These bulbs use on average one fifth of the energy of normal light bulbs. As there are over 80 bulbs just in the mayors parlour alone, this amounts to a big saving for those that pay the bills - the Tax Payers. And for those of you who are questioning the cost, the replaced bulbs have been used elsewhere until they blow, then they will be replaced with CFL's more commonly known as energy saving light bulbs. Local retailers with the cheapest offers of energy saving light bulbs are Morrison's and Wilkinson's. Further information is available from Merseyside Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on 0800 512 012



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