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Summer fun to be had at Lairnhillock School Eco garden begins to take shape after Union Square grant

A variety of summer fun is to be had at Lairnhillock Primary School in Netherley as the school calls on volunteers to help with planting, pebble painting and bug hunting, for their newly created eco garden.

The garden has been made possible after a donation from Hammerson. The school was one of 13 beneficiaries to receive part of the £20,000 Union Square community bursary earlier this year. The School has also received money from Scottish Natural Heritage.

Those interested in attending are being asked to go along to the school garden between 9:30am and 11:30am each Monday, where a range of exciting activities have been planned, from planting vegetables and flowers, to creating garden decorations and building habitats to attract wildlife.

Nicole Oakley, one of the garden co-indicators at Lairnhillock School said: "We were delighted to receive part of the community bursary. It has allowed us to introduce the children to a whole range of gardening skills and nature themes. It has also been a fun way for us to engage the wider community, meaning everyone can be involved.

"So, if you would like to do something different this summer holiday, please come along and help out. You don't need gardening experience to help out, just enthusiasm!"

Penny Godfrey, marketing manager, Union Square added: "It is so rewarding for us to see the community bursary fund come to life with the thirteen very different projects. Lairnhillock Primary School has certainly been busy. Since they started developing the garden, they have constructed a greenhouse, built vegetable beds and all of the school children have sown a sunflower seed!

We are delighted to hear that the children have become more interested in gardening and we understand that this has included everything from growing vegetables and eating them!"

Anyone interested in helping the school develop the garden should contact Nicola Oakey on 01224 735 385 for more information.

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Notes to Editors:

More about the school garden

The School has also received support from:

- James S Youngson Ltd, with drainage in the garden

- The local forestry commission who have donated wood and built the raised beds and logs (to build bug habitats)
- Lembas Organic Farm at Bridge of Mucalls who have donated vegetable plug plants
- CSV Action Earth & Morrisons who have donated refreshments
- John Ross Joiner has helped build the bird house and donated time to build the greenhouse.
- The local council have helped build the base for the greenhouse and are going to put in the hard landscaping (some paths and a circle).

Union Square

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