

Epina y Business and Enterprise School 2014-2015



FEELGOOD FACTOR ... Epina y Business and Enterprise School's development manager Diane Mountain is given £2,500 by the St James's Place Foundation's Michael Dickinson as pupils look on.

CASH BOOST FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL

£2,500 grant will pay for sensory room

EASY does it is the lesson for pupils after a South Tyneside school secured a £2,500 grant. The money will be spent on creating a new sensory room at Epina y Business and Enterprise School in Jarrow.

The cash for the new sensory facility was provided by the St James's Place Foundation.

Diane Mountain, business development manager at the Clervaux Terrace school, said: "We are very pleased to have been given a grant of £2,500 to help create a sensory room within the school. The rubber timber room will provide a safe and specially designed playing space that supports the reduction of stress with sensory-stimulating decorations, surfaces and facilities that are calm and comforting."

"The area will also provide much-needed dedicated space for safe inclusion and one-to-one working."

Michael Dickinson, associate partner at St James's Place Wealth Management's Newcastle office, said: "The St James's Place Foundation

has been donating grants to various worthy causes all over the country for many years now, so it's great that on this occasion they have been able to help out a local school like Epina y."

Pupils at the Jarrow school have also been busy raising their own cash to boost the annual Macmillan Cancer Support Week's Biggest Cella s fundraising event by donating items for sale.

The fundraising effort was led by the Key Stage 4 enterprise group, the school and supported by proud parents and staff.

The Mayor of South Tyneside, Councillor Fay Cunningham, also lauded the support the charity fundraiser



COFFEE TIME ... Epina y Business and Enterprise School pupils hosting a Macmillan Cancer Support Week's Biggest Cella s Morning event with South Tyneside Mayor, Councillor Fay Cunningham.

KIDS IN SPACE RACE



STARS IN THEIR EYES ... youngsters from Epina y during their space event.

Children become rocket stars for science project

PUPILS at a South Tyneside school were given an out-of-this-world experience to help boost their science skills.

Youngsters at Epina y Business and Enterprise School in Jarrow were invited to show their creative side to make their own rockets to take part in a space race event.

The competition was part of National Science and Engineering week which also saw pupils design and create their own robots that could perform tasks on the surface of an alien planet.

The projects were designed to give youngsters a better understanding of engineering and the role of the principles involved.

In the past three years the school, in Clervaux Terrace, Jarrow, has received support from the British Science Association - a registered charity. This has enabled the school to undertake projects including video making and online science investigations.

Trishia Martin, head of science, said: "We always look forward to National Science and Engineering week as it is a chance to widen the curriculum and link to national science themes."

"The funding also helps as it improves access to equipment and resources that benefit the whole school."

This year, the school is to receive support from the Institute of Physics which will enable them to access additional resources.

The school is making a final closing ceremony in March and will extend the existing school education centre for children with special educational needs.

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TOP CLASS SCHOOL

Recognition for school as staff are chosen to help 'teach the teachers'

AN outstanding Jarrow school has been chosen to help train the UK's next generation of teachers.

Epina y Business and Enterprise School, in Clervaux Terrace, has been selected by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) as a national teaching school in raising educational standards.

Teaching schools take a leading role in recruiting and training new entrants to the profession, identifying leadership potential and providing support for other schools.

And Epina y was one of only 200 schools in England to be granted teaching school status in the latest designation round. Introduced in 2011, teaching schools are all rated as "outstanding" and mark a shift towards school-centred training.

They work with partner schools in an alliance, including at least one university, to ensure high quality school-led initial teacher training and professional development opportunities for teachers at all stages of their career.

Staff from Epina y will now attend a formal induction led by the Teaching Schools Council later this month.

Charlie Taylor, the chief executive of NCTL, said: "Epina y School should be very proud of their teaching school status."

"It recognises the school's outstanding performance and its track record of raising standards through supporting other schools."



WELL DONE ... Headteacher Hilary Harrison celebrates with pupils the Teaching School status



BORDERLINE BRILLIANT

Green-fingered kids and volunteers dig in to spruce up school gardens

GREEN-FINGERED volunteers dug deep in Jarrow

gardening project at the school, said: "We were looking for ways in which we could improve the school gardens and build in lasting facilities that could be kept neat and tidy by our school's gardening group."

"Then we realised that we needed a little bit of help, so through the RHS, we decided to hold a volunteering gardening event."

Apart from family volunteers, the school also received help and support from Groundwork, Dobbles Garden Centre, Wilkinsons, Mitie Facilities Management and MH Southern.

"The school would like to thank all those people who have helped to make this happen. Free seed packets were also donated by Kings Seeds,

via the RHS. By the end of the day, the volunteers had made significant improvements to the borders around the entrance of the school.

"The school will also be entering the RHS Grown Up Gardening Competition, with a chance to win a fantastic greenhouse."

Andy Fletcher, dad of twins at Epina School, who helped out on the day, said: "I had the day off work and decided to give up a few hours for the project. It seemed a good way of giving something back to the school, which has done such a lot for my twin boys, Charlie and George."

"I thoroughly enjoyed my morning helping out, and some beautiful autumn weather made it even better."



GREAT DAY... Epina School gardening club members and volunteers.



THEMED EVENT ... Epina School students.

Pupils go native with teepee task

TRAINING: In teepees was simply top of the class at a South Shields school. The school-based training was part of a longer programme that captures young people's skills, which cannot be assessed through traditional academic qualifications.

A group of 18-year-olds took part in the event.

New supermarket creates 23 jobs

MORE than 20 jobs were created when a new supermarket opened its doors.

Sainsbury's Local in South Shields was opened by students of Epina Business and Enterprise School who were joined by Coun Joyce Welsh in officially launching the store.

The shop has created 23 jobs and replaced the



GREEN CELEBRATIONS

School delighted to scoop national award for its environmental work

PUPILS and staff at a Jarrow school are celebrating after clinching a top green award. Epina Business and Enterprise School, in Clervaux Terrace, Jarrow, scooped the prize in a national competition run by The Co-operative to recognise work to bring issues of sustainability and healthy living to life among pupils and the community.

A commemorative plaque and £1,000 was presented to the school by Emma Wilson, manager of the Co-op's food store, in Meldon Terrace, Jarrow, after judges were impressed with the school's work with recycling, energy awareness, Fairtrade, plus its community and wildlife garden.

Emma Wilson said: "As a community-based retailer, it is important to us to improve local life. I am delighted to have presented the award to the school, and to hear how the prize will support the school as it continues to engage students on areas, including

healthy living, community, the environment and co-operation."

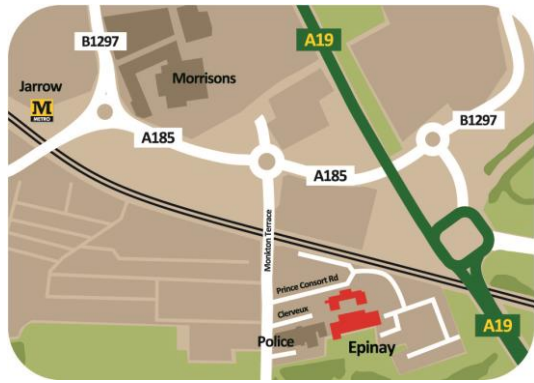
Epina School has also been working with Simon Allen, managing director of We Buy DVDs, on a disc recycling scheme, which further boosts its green activities.

Dianne Mountain, business development manager at the Jarrow Co-operative, said: "We are thrilled to have won this competition. It gave us the opportunity to highlight the range of interactive programmes that we use to bring environmental, sustainability and healthy living programmes



AWARD-WINNERS ... Epina School pupils receive their Co-operative Green Schools Revolution award from South Shields store manager Emma Wilson, right, and We Buy DVD's founder Simon Allen.

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