

# Kinnesswood in Bloom News



The Kinnesswood in Bloom group eagerly await their new hanging baskets which have been planted up at Lady Helen Nursery. They will be in place by the Portmoak Festival so we hope everyone in the village and those who pass through will enjoy the summer display.

Despite the inclement weather during June or possibly due to the rain, the weeds have continued to flourish and work parties have been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday for the next few weeks. In addition some members have been working during the week to collect bedding plants, prepare and plant different areas and generally keep on top of maintenance. This is also the time of year when the portfolio has to be prepared which involves a lot of hard work collecting suitable photographs and making sure that all gardening efforts over the year are highlighted.

Our annual appeal will go through the doors of Kinnesswood residents soon and we hope you will support our efforts. Although we still receive some financial help we do rely on our fundraising efforts and support of local residents to keep up the good work.

Portmoak Primary School were preparing for their first eco flag. At the beginning of June they were visited by three members of Kinnesswood in Bloom to take part in a morning of creativity using recycled materials. Primary 1 and 2 were doing a topic about castles and were able to make shields out of cereal packets and packaging. Primary 2 and 3 filled old wellies with compost and planted marigolds. They then made plant labels out of margarine tubs and decorated them.

Primary 4 and Primary 5 and 6 both made bags out of old newspapers and learned to make twisted cord out of wool to make the handles. Primary 7 made very attractive small boxes out of old cards. These required some careful measurement but produced very attractive and useful gift boxes.

There have been regular work parties at the school all year, particularly with the Primary Four class, weeding areas, creating a new wildlife hedge and planting out areas to enhance the school environment.

The school was visited recently by the eco assessors and received their first eco flag. This was a great achievement by pupils, staff and the new head teacher, so well done Portmoak Primary School.

Under the able leadership of Shelagh the trenches were prepared for the tattie planting. Potatoes were planted and earthed up and several rows are now growing below the wildlife area. We hope to have a good crop later in the year. Talking about vegetables, we will be offering a seasonable recipe every month in the Kinross Newsletter, tried and tested by our members. Look out for it.



Wellie display at Portmoak Primary