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**MSP CONGRATULATES LOCAL NURSERY ON GREEN FLAG AWARD
DAISYCHAIN NURSERY IN KIRKCALDY AWARDED ECO-FRIENDLY STATUS**



Local MSP David Torrance enjoyed a visit to Daisychain Nursery in Kirkcaldy on Tuesday morning, to congratulate the team on being recently awarded the prestigious Green Flag award for being eco-friendly.

The MSP for Kirkcaldy Constituency was shown around the facilities and had the chance to see the school's environmentally-aware activities first-hand.

Commenting, Deputy Manager Jill Paterson said; "As a nursery we have worked hard over the past year to gain our Green Flag status. We have tried to make our nursery as Eco friendly as possible by implementing new strategies and learning opportunities.

"One of the main goals we focused on was taking learning outdoors. Over the year we have managed to develop our nursery garden to include our mud kitchen, bug hotel, mini beast area, planting patch and water butt. These areas allow the children to learn about how to look after the environment, re-use and recycle their waste and how to become self-sustainable."

David Torrance MSP said; "It has been fantastic to visit Daisychain Nursery and to see how they have adopted the ethos of eco-schools. This invaluable combination of sustainable outdoors learning and environmental awareness is a great example for other nurseries and schools in the area to follow. The children are clearly having a great time."

David added; “I fully congratulate the staff and students on their Green Flag award, and would actively encourage all parents and children to get outdoors and learn how they can have a positive impact on the environment while having fun.”

Daisychain Nursery engaged with the local community to create a number of projects using recycled materials, including a greenhouse made out of plastic bottles. With help from parents, the nursery was also able to acquire a local community allotment. Children from the nursery visit the allotment every week to learn how to care for plants and vegetables.

Jill Paterson said; “The children take great pride in seeing their crops grow and enjoy picking and tasting the finished products.”

David Torrance MSP submitted a motion to the Scottish Parliament in July, congratulating the school on being awarded their Green Flag status.

The motion reads; “That the Parliament congratulates the Daisychain Nursery in Commercial Street in Kirkcaldy on receiving its first Eco School Green Flag; commends the efforts of all of those involved for this great achievement; recognises that the involvement of parents in local allotments has created strong community links; considers that this will encourage children to learn outdoors and engage with their surrounding environments, and encourages all staff, parents and children to continue with any future projects.”

Jill added; “I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff, parents and the local community for the help provided to allow us to gain our Green Flag Status as this is a huge achievement for myself and the nursery as a whole.”



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NOTES TO EDITORS

Green Flag status is awarded to schools in Scotland by the Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign, who manage the Eco-Schools project in Scotland.

Eco-Schools is a worldwide sustainable school programme operated internationally by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE).

Information on the Green Flag scheme and Eco-Schools in Scotland can be found here;
<http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainable-development-education/eco-schools>

David Torrance MSP submitted motion S5M-00701 congratulating Daisychain Nursery to the Scottish Parliament on Tuesday 5th July 2016.

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