



Dorset Gardens Trust Schools



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Many congratulations to Damers First School

Garden Grenades at Damers First School win a national prize



Children in the Eco Club and Entrepreneur Club at Damers First School have worked together to make a product for the National Virgin Fiver Competition. They came up with the idea of using the school's recycled paper and wildflower seeds to make and sell Garden Grenades a completely eco-friendly product. Not only did they make the Garden Grenades but they also researched and put together a questionnaire to find out what kind of seeds people would like. The children designed their own packaging and came up with their own slogan "Just plant and watch them bloom."

Representatives from local businesses including: Poundbury Garden Centre, The Poundbury Florist, Meyers Estate Agent, Munchkins and Alison Jay, Eco Officer at County Hall kindly agreed to take part in a pitch the children gave similar to the popular BBC programme Dragon's Den. It is fair to say that they were very impressed with the children's work and enthusiasm and all of them agreed to sell the product in their businesses. The children have also run a stall at the Poundbury Farmers' Market which was so successful that they were invited to take part in the Dorset Food and Arts Festival.

Just before the end of term it was announced that the children had won the 5-8 year old category of best group in the National Virgin Fiver Competition beating 750 other primary schools across the country. In September the group will be off to a day out in London to collect their reward at a ceremony at a 5 hotel in Piccadilly.*

Many thanks and congratulations to Edd Moore for this article and all the work he does at Damers First School with the children there.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR YOUNGER GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS MAKING FAIRY HOUSES?



Just use logs and bits of bark for the houses and add lollipop sticks to make fencing.

ANOTHER EXCELLENT SITE FOR IDEAS IS

lovethegarden.com

In this month's newsletter there are ideas for making outdoor seats, including fallen trunks and cable drums. Plus how to care for wildlife in your garden such as bird feeders and hedgehog hotels.



2 tips from Piddle Valley First School who use a cone to stop anyone walking on the newly planted beds and a FIND LIST helps the children learn about wildlife.



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