



FRAW News

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Project with Cramond Primary P7

Throughout the past year, we've reported on the project we've been working on with Cramond Primary and thought that the summer holiday period, would be a good time to provide a full update in the first of our single subject FRAW News'. We hope you enjoy it.

The project with the School has been a great opportunity for FRAW to fulfill one of its main objectives as a registered charity by working with the local community and, hopefully, encouraging learning and a better understanding of the local environment.

In Autumn 2017 FRAW embarked on a project with two P7 classes at Cramond Primary. It is part of the 'Me and My World' module of the Junior Award Scheme for Schools (JASS) and involves the children spending time 'working for the good of the community and the environment'. It was hoped that they would create an area that all can enjoy and benefit from in future and there is no doubt that they achieved this aim!

First, we prepared a plot by rotavating and fencing off an area of around 60 square metres by the River Almond and opposite the Falls Café. In November the children painted the fence with preservative, weeded and sowed a seed mixture containing 25 species that would attract pollinating insects in the summer months.



Rotavated, fenced and ready to go!



Snakes Head Fritillary

Spring flowering plants (Snakes Head Fritillary and Star of Bethlehem bulbs, Cowslips and Periwinkle) were also planted. Subsequently other plants beneficial to insects and plants including Red Campion, Bird's Foot Trefoil, Rock Rose and Teasel were introduced.



The children also designed and created 'Name Stones' showing the name and an image of many of the flowers to be found in the plot.

Their final visit of the school year was in June and they watched and counted insects busily buzzing and hovering around the flowers.



Bumblebee on cornflower



Hoverfly on Cornflower

In June and July, Cornflowers, Poppies, Mayweed and Corn Marigolds have been flowering and many people have commented on how lovely it was to see the colourful display!



The garden is a riot of colour

Drawings and information sheets made by the children about the project may also be seen on the fence.



Plot in July showing drawings prepared by the children

The project has proved educational for the children, beneficial for the environment and we think an enjoyable sight for passersby. We hope to continue this project with Cramond schoolchildren in future years.