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Glasgow's Garnetbank Primary School wins £1,500 for their Appetite for Action

Garnetbank Primary School in Glasgow has won a £1,500 award for their green fingers as part of UK charity Global Action Plan's { [HYPERLINK "http://schools.appetiteforaction.org.uk/index.php"](http://schools.appetiteforaction.org.uk/index.php) } The school, based in Central Glasgow, went above and beyond in their Get Growing challenge, which encourages pupils to grow their own food and helps them understand where their food comes from.

As part of their Get Growing challenge, Garnetbank Primary School

- Held a sunflower growing competition to see who could grow the tallest flowers in upper and lower schools – the teachers even held their own competition.
- Grew plants from seeds beginning with each letter and arranged them in an alphabet arc to help dyslexic pupils practice the alphabet.
- Hosted a garden club open afternoon with a representative from RHS Scotland to show off their garden to the local community. They held a plant sale, a cake sale, a raffle and a seed planting demonstration.
- Pupils from Primary 2 planted enough wheat to make a loaf of bread.
- Gave away garden equipment that they won in a competition to the local community.

The school has also reached level 5 of the RHS Gardening for Schools campaign, won the Appetite for Action school of the week competition back in April, and also won the Blue Peter sensory garden competition in 2010.

Garnetbank Pupil Support Assistant Heather Little said of the school's achievement:

“From Primary 2 to Primary 7, all of our students work hard at making our garden look attractive, and they are keen to grow food and encourage wildlife in the garden. They have worked very hard chitting and planting potatoes to take part in Appetite for Action’s Get Growing challenge. “

Global Action Plan CEO Trewin Restorick commented:

“Garnetbank Primary School are showing us all how we can use all the available space we have to grow our own fruit and vegetables and how a garden can become a food hub for the local community. With rising food and fuel prices it’s great that these pupils are learning where their food comes from.”

Notes to Editors

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About Global Action Plan

Global Action Plan is the UK’s leading environmental behaviour change organisation and, since 1993, has helped schools, communities and businesses reduce their carbon footprint to positively impact on the environment and climate change. Global Action Plan consistently achieves significant environmental and financial savings in the UK by empowering people to take action on energy, waste, water and transport. Global Action Plan is the only charity in the UK to be supported by the United Nations Environment Programme.

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About Appetite for Action

Appetite for Action is an online teaching resource for primary schools in the UK and Ireland that helps schools tackle food waste, sustainability and climate change. Developed with teachers, the website offers schools access to free resources, from lesson plans and fact sheets to activity ideas and films. The programme helps pupils reduce the amount of food they throw away, grow their own fruit and vegetables, and understand where their food comes from.

Photos: The Garnetbank Primary gardening club

