



## **\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

### **EYR facilitates links between local schools and businesses**

EYR supports and encourages the establishment of working links between schools and local businesses and this year, Stone Cross School have written their own article after a visit to their sponsor, Stone Cross Nurseries. The article has been written by Year 6 pupils, Alice Winton, Dakota Holland, Daisy Strath, and Isla Thomas, with photos being taken by pupil Max Reed.

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On the 19th of October five Year 6 children from Stone Cross School were lucky enough to go to Stone Cross Nurseries where they met and interviewed, Manager Garry Winwood. He showed them around the wonderful gardening centre, talked about his career and business and kindly took the children on a tour of the site found on Dittons Road, Stone Cross.

Garry has managed the nursery since 2007, after purchasing it from his father. The business has grown immensely since its humble beginnings and next year they look forward to celebrating the Garden Centre's 60th anniversary. Garry explained that he has always had a passion for plants and the outdoors and his obsession with horticulture started when he was a young boy and collected cacti. His cacti collection grew to some 2000 species, which he later sold to buy his first car, enabling him to further pursue his dreams as he attended agricultural college.

He is a keen gardener and conservationist and told the students of his plans to extend the Garden Centre at the back with an even better woodland walk. He is hoping to create an underground observing area to see the roots of trees and hopes to develop further natural habitats for bees, butterflies, plants, pond life and other woodland inhabitants. He also plans on extending the café and adding a new adventure playground, making this an exciting, relaxing and educational place for people to visit. The walk is open to the public on a daily basis and houses some unique features for all to enjoy.

Garry has won several awards for his business and conservation work. He is also keen to support local community events and is part of the Eastbourne Education Business Partnership, amongst other initiatives. This year he has been involved with

designing a new Christmas event which will be held at Eastbourne Bandstand in December, where Eastbourne seafront will be transformed into a winter wonderland. Stone Cross nurseries will be attending this event and will be selling real Christmas trees and taking orders for Christmas wreaths.

Alice Winton said; "Garry is a lovely man and we would like to thank him for showing us around the nursery and surrounding site and sponsoring Stone Cross School to take part in Eastbourne Youth Radio."

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Once again, EYR is raising awareness of the youth of Eastbourne to the role local businesses play in their communities and also to what happens behind the scenes to make the businesses as successful as possible. Thank you to the students from Stone Cross School on sending in a beautifully written article, we look forward to your EYR radio hour on 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10am on 87.7Fm and [www.eyr.org.uk](http://www.eyr.org.uk)

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**About Eastbourne EBP:**

Eastbourne Education Business Partnership (EEBP), deliver work-related learning activities that enhance teaching and student learning outcomes and contribute to economic growth and prosperity. EEBP celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015 and works closely with Eastbourne Borough Council and the Chamber of Commerce to help broker partnership support and contribute to workforce planning.

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