

St Agnes School Children Show Health & Safety Can Be Fun!

Children from St Agnes Primary School are helping to get the message across that building sites can be dangerous.



Gilbert & Goode has given talks about the dangers on building sites to over 200 pupils, and 44 posters were entered into the competition. Easter eggs and book tokens were awarded as prizes at the final assembly of the term (Friday, 3 April) and some of the winning posters will be professionally printed and used as health & safety information notices on Gilbert & Goode sites.

Simon Caklais, Gilbert & Goode Managing Director, explained that this is part of the company's commitment to working with local communities: "We take our responsibility within the neighbourhoods in which we work very seriously, and we are grateful that the children of St Agnes school have so wholeheartedly embraced this project. "

St Agnes Headteacher Carol Wint added, "We have been grateful to Ocean Housing for supporting healthy lifestyles of the children at school by sponsoring free fruit this year, and have been very happy to help deliver the important safety messages relating to this local construction project in our village".

All the Gilbert & Goode sites for Ocean housing sign up to the Considerate Constructors Scheme. This assesses building sites against a Code of Practice which includes safety, cleanliness and respect for the surrounding neighbourhood. The St Agnes site was recently inspected, achieving a score that puts it in the top 3 % of construction sites operating within the Considerate Constructors Scheme.

Gilbert & Goode is building 36 homes as part of the £ 5.3 million development at St Agnes. The Homes & Communities Agency (which has replaced the Housing Corporation) is grant funding the scheme which is a mixture of homes for rent and shared ownership. All the homes will benefit from environmental and sustainable forms of heating and thermal insulation, and will be finished to a high quality with local stone. The scheme is due for completion in December of this year.