



BIO-HEALTH HELPS LOCAL SCHOOLS TO ‘THINK GREEN’



Bio-Health Ltd, the Rochester-based herbal medicine manufacturer that has won awards in recognition of its green business ethics, has embarked on projects with two local schools in Kent that will help to teach children about the importance of caring for the environment.

(Photo: Emma Lowrie (left) from Brompton Westbook Primary School with June Crisp of Bio-Health Ltd.)

The Rainham Mark Grammar School in Rainham and the Brompton-Westbrook Primary School in Gillingham have both been working with Bio-Health Sales & Marketing Director, June Crisp, to develop separate projects that will benefit children at the schools.

Students at the Rainham Mark Grammar School can now study the naturally occurring elements of the periodic table* in detail, thanks to an impressive, 200cm x 100cm Periodic Table display that has been installed in the school's main entrance hall. Bio-Health has donated £1000 towards the cost of the Periodic Table following savings that the company has made as a consequence of its 'green' programme. The new periodic table allows children to see actual examples of the 92 elements cast in 100mm transparent resin cubes.

A sixth form science student at Rainham Mark will also be taking up a work placement at Bio-Health's headquarters on the Medway City Estate in Rochester, where he will be able to study the science of herbal medicine in detail and find out more about the sustainability of plant life.

Matt Worrell, Science Master at Rainham Mark Grammar School, said:

“As part of our endeavours to raise the profile of Science at Rainham Mark Grammar School, and also in Rainham, Medway, Kent and the South East, we have purchased an acrylic display of the periodic table. It is framed in oak with built-in illumination hung on a wall in reception. This is not only very eye catching artistically for a school with Science College Status, but also educational. The aim also is to catch the attention of visitors, prospective students and their parents (leading to applications) to attract Primary School visits as well as being a tool in Science lessons. The company tells me that we are the first school in the UK to have a large acrylic display.”

In Gillingham, Bio-Health is providing Emma Lowrie, a teacher at the Brompton-Westbrook Primary School, with recycled materials for Reception and Foundation department art classes.

Bio-Health has a comprehensive recycling programme and is able to regularly supply the school with clean, waste packaging material, etc, that the children will use for art projects. The children have recently been using the materials to produce bird feeders and wind chimes, to mark the Autumn season and are planning to complete a collage based on the environment during the Autumn term.

Emma Lowrie, Reception Year teacher at the Brompton-Westbrook Primary School said:

“These resources have been extremely valuable for the children. They have been used for a variety of stimulating art projects and have helped us to highlight to children the importance of recycling to improve the environment. We are very grateful to Bio-Health for donating these materials.”

All of Bio-Health’s herbal ingredients come from sustained sources and taking care of the environment and protecting plant life are very important issues for the company. Bio-Health has developed an ongoing ‘green’ business programme to cut down on waste and make optimum use of materials and facilities.

Commenting on these projects with the local schools, June Crisp said:

“Over the last few years, Bio-Health has made enormous improvements to our operations which have helped us to cut down on waste, fuel, electricity and water and make better use of the facilities we have. This has helped the company to save money and benefit from a happier workforce. We now want to take the project one step further and help other areas of the community to become more environmentally aware.

“Working with these local schools has given us a chance to pass on some of the things we have learnt to children and we hope that it will encourage them to take more care of the environment as they grow than previous generations have done.”

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* the periodic table of elements was devised by the Russian scientist Dimitri Ivanovich Mendeleev in 1869. It is a system for arranging the chemical elements, from which everything in the Universe is ultimately composed.