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Penryn College Students produce mosaic for Jubilee Wharf Community Project

Mosaic at Jubilee Wharf, Penryn

Over the summer term this year, Penryn College Year 7 students worked on tiles to create a mosaic at Jubilee Wharf, Penryn, and there is little doubt that the end result has brought fantastic colour and character to the Commercial Road frontage of Jubilee Wharf.

Working with RobotMother Ltd, who owns and runs Jubilee Wharf, the school has ensured that their usual Yr 7 topic really came alive this year. The students studied Islamic art and produced beautiful tiles, receiving extra support from Jane Smith of the Glass & Jewellery Workshop at Jubilee Wharf (www.jubileewharf.co.uk/workshops/number-two-glass-jewellery). Jane, who used to teach at Cornwall College, was able to guide staff and students through the process.



“This has been a really pleasing and successful community project” says **Andrew Marston** of RobotMother. “We have a stunning wall and the students have a long-lasting impact on the look of Jubilee Wharf and Penryn.”

‘There have been hundreds of students in the school involved in the creation of the tiles. They are really excited by the idea of the mosaic decorating the town for years to come’ **Debbie Orford**, Head of Art at Penryn College.

University College Falmouth also helped - they firing the glazed tiles using their amazing equipment up at Tremough.

“This project provided a wonderful opportunity for University College Falmouth to work with Penryn College and Jubilee Wharf, and to demonstrate the wealth of creativity and talent that Falmouth and Penryn has to offer,” said UCF’s Design Centre Technical Instructor, **Liz Mehen**, who fired the hundreds of tiles that make up the mosaic. “I was very impressed with the standard of the work and the professionalism of everyone involved, and it was a pleasure to work on an initiative that the whole community can enjoy.”

RobotMother now has plans to work on another mosaic project with more groups in the town.

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Note to editors

Jubilee Wharf is an award winning development owned and managed by RobotMother Ltd, with a mixture of housing, workshops, offices and a children's nursery. Community creation and revitalisation - Jubilee Wharf is a hub for craft makers, with quality childcare onsite from Jumblies Nursery, classes in health & fitness, singing, dancing and much more in the ZedShed, and Miss Peapod's café for socialising. Keeping it local - with good public transport links, Jubilee Wharf is nestled in the heart of Penryn making pedestrian access easy.

Built using pioneering techniques of eco-development, and designed by Bill Dunster of ZED Factory, Jubilee Wharf tries to foster community through the range of activities that take place here, within a building that aims to reduce its resource consumption without compromise to the quality of living environment. We think we have succeeded, but here are what others have been saying:

"In fact the brand new Jubilee Wharf might well be the greenest British building to date." **Jonathan Glancey, The Guardian**

"A model for other developments." **English Nature**

"Innovative...resulting from a contemporary approach clearly derived from the historical character of the area!" **English Heritage**

We have:

- **Super insulation** - 300mm insulation reduces energy consumption to less than half a conventional building. The starting point for eco-construction.
- **Onsite micro generation** - 4 x 6kW Proven wind turbines - energy generation is about doing what you can, where you happen to be.
- **Solar panels** - evacuated tubes for water heating, with provision for photovoltaic cells to be fitted later,
- **Bio-mass heating** – underfloor heating and hot water from a 75KW wood chip boiler
- **Natural ventilation** – wind cowls ventilate without the need for electric fans - heat exchangers recover up to 70% heat loss. A healthy building without draughts.
- **Reduced water consumption** - low flush toilets, aerated taps, grade A consumption appliances
- **Low VCO paints**, low formaldehyde floor coverings, natural fibres and surfaces, PVC only where unavoidable – a healthy environment
- Using **local & reclaimed materials** - old floorboards, granite, Cornish cedar cladding and larch soffits, even some unused windows from BedZed
- The **photovoltaic panels** put up in 2010 will produce a maximum of 500kw hours/year for each flat. That's a total of 3,400kw hours/year. This will make a total annual carbon saving of just under 2 tons.

RobotMother, the company which owns and runs Jubilee Wharf, has recently acquired the blue storage building next door. We are currently running storage unit from the warehouse, but have plans to create more workspaces here, to build on the success of Jubilee Wharf.

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