

Walker Road Pupils planting Veg Plots at Duthie Park

As part of National Gardening Week, a P5 class from Walker Road Primary School visited Duthie Park to take part in a project that hopefully would encourage them to grow and eat more vegetables. The pupils were to plant the vegetable plots on the Community Garden within Duthie Park. Before their visit to the Park, the Outreach & Training Officer from Duthie Park visited the school and discussed with the pupils their favourite vegetables that they like to eat and the benefits they bring. The class were split into pairs and each pair would have a small vegetable area that would look after, they also planned which vegetables they would plant. During the planting, a couple of volunteers from the Royal Horticulture Society of Aberdeen came along and helped the pupils and also provided some expert knowledge on planting. The pupils planted vegetables including potatoes, onions, cabbage, peas, lettuce and leeks. Over the coming weeks, the P5 class will visit their plots to check on the growth of the plants and any weeding that is required.



Pupils help with Bees Bed at Duthie Park

Pupils from Abbotswell Primary School in Aberdeen visited Duthie Park to help plant flower seeds in the Bees Bed in the David Welch Winter Gardens. Pupils were provided with a variety of bee friendly plant seeds including Cosmos, Poppies, Nigella, Phacelia and Nasturtiums, most of which were donated by the Royal Horticulture Society in Scotland. To help the pupils with the planting there were a couple of volunteers from ParkForce, the Duthie Park volunteer garden group. As part of their visit to the Park, the pupils also took part in a presentation by Olya Macaulay from the Aberdeen & District Beekeepers Association on Honey Bees. Olya had taken along some combs of honey, bees wax and an observation hive, which was a huge fascination for the pupils and teachers. It is hoped the pupils will return some time over the summer months to see the seeds they planted and watch the bees in action from hives behind the Winter Gardens

