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## A unified way to get healthy

**By Rezwana Begum, reporting from the Unity Centre**

SOME of Year 5 went to the Unity. When we got to the Unity there was a man called Ricky. He was the Unity manager.

He showed us a wall with a lovely picture of what the Unity people did over the years.

Ricky showed us the computer room. Then he said: "The computer room was wet because the roof had holes and it was leaking. So we put bin bags on the computer."

"It was really scary because water was in the socket!"

Ricky started at the Unity in 2001. He became a manager in 2006.

He took us to the girl's room and we all took pictures and we discussed the Unity. He said: "The centre needs £500,000 to be new." He also said: "The Unity was built in 1963."

Then I said to Ricky, "How old are you?" Then he said: "I am 43 years old." Then we all wrote it down in our books.

Ricky showed us the pool tables; one for olders and one for the juniors to play pool.

Ricky showed us the hall. In the hall you can do any sports or hard circuit fitness.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday there is always fitness.

Then we went back to school.



**TIME OUT:** Ann Mukbil, Jean Grant of Growing Granby, Sameh Salim, Mariam Abdullah, Vojtech Voros, Daniel Creighton, Ali Moslemzadeh and Petra Benekova relax on the recycled brick bench

## When Granby was all fields

**By Vojtech Voros, reporting from Growing Granby**

On Thursday 19 April 2012, some year 5 pupils went to Growing Granby. There they met a 72 year old lady called Jean Grant. Jean took us into the garden and gave us some thing called chicory, a plant like lettuce to taste.

Two boys called Ali and Vojtech nearly vomited, because it tasted horrible. After that another lady came called Anna.

Anna took us to a place where they plant potatoes and showed us strawberries growing.

Later we went back to school with Jean and looked at two types of map. She had one small one and one big one.

The small one was made in 1850 but the big one was a lot older. It was made in 1678. The map showed different places. Did you know that Growing Granby use to be farm land?

## A gift for the community

**By Mariam Abdullah, reporting from Growing Granby**

Jean Grant told us about Growing Granby. The flower beds were concrete that used to be in the back gardens of demolished houses. It was fashionable.

There was a mountain flower and chicory flower. There were 10 people that helped Jean. She would eat apple and cheese for lunch.

In the Growing Granby area there were peach trees and

a blackberry plant and there were all types of potatoes and drills of potatoes.

Anna, a volunteer, said: "I will put some manure on it." She had a flower called an artichoke flower.

And they even had a root stock of apple trees and strawberry plant and blueberry flowers. There were 11 to 12 drills of potatoes. There were northern apples.

There used to be a field from Smithdown Road to Upper Parliament Street.

## Fruits of labour

**By Ann Mukbil, reporting from Growing Granby**

ON the 19th of April, 2012 some year 5 pupils visited Jean Grant from the Growing Granby Project.

The Growing Granby Project site was built on the former back gardens of old, terraced houses that were demolished.

On the site Anna, a lady from Ireland, showed the pupils apple trees, fruit plants like strawberries and blackberries. Also growing were vegetables, like potatoes, cab-

bages, garlic and carrot.

After the tour Jean showed the pupils a map dated from 1850, which showed what Toxteth looked like a long time ago.



**LOCAL HISTORY:** Two maps of Toxteth from 1850 and 1678

**By Daniel Creighton, reporting from Growing Granby**

SOME of Year 5 went to Growing Granby, a place where houses had been demol-

ished. There is now a patch of land. What happened there? Let's find out. We went to interview Jean. On the site now are lots of plants growing, for example chicory and garlic. We met a 72-year-old woman called Jean growing plants, transforming the land into a garden. She recycled everything there and made a bench out of bricks! WOW! Jean was 68 years old when she started this fantastic project.

She said: "We took a patch of demolished houses and made plants, vegetables and fruit."

## Recycle, renew