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**Pupils at Lairnhillock Primary School celebrate opening of eco-garden
- School garden part of Union Square's community bursary -**

Where – Lairnhillock Primary School, Lairnhillock, Netherley, Aberdeenshire, AB39 3QS

When – Wednesday 23rd June, 13:30. *Photo opportunities from 13:30 – 14:30*

Who – Pupils from Lairnhillock, plus Marian Youngson, Head Teacher of Lairnhillock Primary School.

After three years of planning and building, Wednesday (23rd June), will see pupils from Lairnhillock Primary celebrate the grand opening of their school eco-garden.

The Netherley based primary school was one of 13 beneficiaries selected as part of Union Square's Community Bursary scheme last year and received £2,000 from a £20,000 grant.

Since the pupils submitted their dream garden designs just over three years ago, they have received help throughout the community to help make their vision a reality. The launch will see all those who have contributed attend.

Filled with healthy treats, the garden is home to a variety of vegetables which are now served up in the school's canteen, as well as fruit trees, and a green house, which was bought with the Union Square funding.

It's also animal-friendly, meaning the pupils can now share the play ground with local wildlife. There is even a wormery.

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Notes to editors:

Union Square

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Contributors to the garden include: Union Square, The Forestry Commission, Aberdeenshire City Council, Scottish Crop Research, Grampian Growers, local joiner Mr Ross, The Tree Council, the Community Council, Scottish National Heritage and James S Youngson Ltd Landscape Gardeners.