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Pupils' Eco Week visit to new neighbour

– the new eco-friendly surgery at Carden Hill, Brighton



YOUNGSTERS at Carden Primary School, Brighton, didn't have to go far to visit a 'green' building during their school's Eco Week.

Several groups of pupils, including 16 on the School Council representing all school years 1-6, have been invited on guided tours of the new eco-friendly surgery in the school grounds on Wednesday 25 June.

The site was originally put forward by the school when the then head teacher heard a suitable location was proving difficult to find. Pupils and staff have continued to take a close interest as the development progressed.

The new two-storey surgery for 15,000 patients of two local practices - currently at Carden Avenue and Warmdene Road - has been designed and built to be energy efficient and meet targets for carbon footprints of new buildings.

Eco-friendly features include solar panels to help provide heating and hot water, lights which automatically switch on and off, and light tubes to bring natural daylight and ventilation into the centre of the building.

"We are really pleased that Hollingbury has this great facility. As a community primary school we look forward to working closely with the health centre to further support our pupils. Eco-week is an important event at our school; we have already gained our Bronze Eco status and are working towards our silver award. Visiting the new surgery to look at the eco features is a great opportunity for our children," says head teacher Catherine Scott.