



Ogier digs deep to support the next generation of foodies

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Hundreds more primary schoolchildren in Jersey are being given the opportunity to grow food from seed, to nurture plants and harvest them, and to cook up nutritious and tasty dishes for themselves thanks to support from local law firm Ogier.

New gardens at Janvrin, Grand Vaux and La Moye schools have been sponsored by Ogier, doubling the number of primary schools now signed up to the Caring Cooks Kitchen Garden Project.

A team of volunteers from Ogier joined the children of Janvrin School on Friday 31st March to help them plant beans, carrots, beetroot and other vegetables in their new garden, under the expert eye of Graeme Le Marquand, Chairman of the National Vegetable Society.

Caring Cooks Founder Melissa Nobrega said: "We're thrilled to have Ogier's support with what we truly believe is a fantastic project. Their generous sponsorship is giving the children at these schools a great opportunity to learn life skills and grow up with a knowledge of exactly where food comes from."

"The Kitchen Garden Project works seamlessly alongside our Let's Get Cooking programme, which our new Food and Nutrition Coordinator, Rachel Higo has already started delivering. She has been working alongside class teachers in Samarès, Mont Nicolle and St Luke's, the three schools first involved in the programme and is looking forward to giving even more children some really practical skills, helping them to prepare and cook what they have grown."

Kate Kirk, Head of Marketing at Ogier said, "We have watched Caring Cooks develop its vital support for the Jersey community, and are impressed by the way the team and volunteers are so dedicated to making a difference.

"Education is essential to equip the next generation with so many skills, including growing food from seed, preparing nutritious meals from scratch, and understanding the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

"The food children eat is vital not just for their physical development, but to support their learning ability too.

"We are extremely proud to be sponsoring this element of the Caring Cooks campaign."

Caring Cooks aims to introduce the Kitchen Garden Project and Let's Get Cooking programme to all States Primary Schools by 2025.

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