

Title: REDWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Client: CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL
Location: ALLOA



Project team: Robertson Capital Projects/hub East Central Scotland, Robertson Central (contractor), Keppie (architect), Blyth & Blyth (civil and structural), Wallace & Whittle (mechanical and electrical), Kirk & Marsh (CDM co-ordinator), Ramboll (BREEAM)

Project information

A new primary school was created by the merger of the existing St John's Primary School and Claremont Primary School and included the integration of an 80-place nursery. The classrooms and general-purpose teaching rooms are arranged in three identical wings in a cluster around a single shared internal teaching space. The school creates clearly distinct zones for sports, learning and play, whilst maximum use has been made of the orientation to provide a stimulating bright and airy building that contains flexible accommodation whilst retaining a child-friendly scale.

Key statistics

- **VALUE:** £8.35m
- **COMPLETION DATE:** August 2014
- **CONTRACT DATES:** 13 months
- **CARBON FOOTPRINT:** EPC rating B
- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Exceeding community benefits KPIs. Introduced school and nursery children to construction processes, materials, careers, landscaping and renewable energy. This process has also succeeded in giving the children a sense of ownership and familiarity with the school they are now occupying. Four new and 14 existing apprentices were employed on the project. Eight work placements were provided in partnership with the Action for Children charity, the local authority work experience programme and Forth Valley College. One-week work placements were also provided for a group of 14 to 16-year-old pupils.
- **TOTAL USERS/RESIDENTS:** 444 pupils and 80 nursery children
- **REPLACEMENT DETAILS:** To combine St John's and Claremont primary schools.
- **LOCAL EMPLOYEES:** 441 of 984 were locally employed



"The children have spoken very positively about their experience from day one. They felt that they had a say in what their school looked like. It was fantastic that they could come and look at the site at every opportunity and see the building grow. One of our big curricular aims is to deliver an opportunity for the children to consider future career choices. Through this project with Robertson and the education plan, we had so many opportunities to think about the skills in the construction industry, the equipment, and the places where you could work. We learnt how a team can come together, encompassing lots of different roles, to create a brand new building. I think we'll have some budding builders at the end of this project!"

Gillian Ward, Deputy Head Teacher, Redwell Primary School

"I think this is one of the most positive contracts I have worked on. We had a fantastic array of engagement, from nursery right through Primary 7. Every pupil was involved, and we had superb ideas from the project manager, Craig Smith - like building the Anderson shelters for the WWII project, and showing the little

ones how insulation works, or how a bricklayer operates - it was a really rewarding experience. The whole process has been fantastic. Everything came together, and it became a real team effort. We knew what we wanted for Clackmannanshire: we wanted to deliver a really high-class primary school, and we've got it!"

Eileen Turnbull, Asset Manager, Clackmannanshire Council

"The Council has worked with our partners to deliver an environment fit for 21st century learning at Redwell, and it is great to see how settled and happy the children are and how much they are enjoying their new school. I congratulate the Council officers, Head Teacher and her staff and the contractors for the way that they have worked together to ensure that the children have been able to benefit from wonderful learning opportunities as the schools have united together."

Education Convener, Ellen Forson.