

Young Beechwood knitters keep a tree cosy

WOOL has brightened a tree at Beechwood school.

The knitting club has given the festive wrap to one tree and according to former teacher and knitting club helper Marge Kinder, it has been a labour of love.

'We started this back in October. Last year we did the Remembrance Day poppies and they got such an amazing response, we have been thinking about what to do since.'

'We hoped to inject some fun and humour into this time of year, into life and into school. We have been knitting squares and measuring around the tree, then putting all the squares together.'

'People seemed to have really enjoyed seeing it, we even had a bus driver stop and say how great it looks. I have already planned for what we are going to have next year,

so watch this space.'

Several of the children in the club had put knitting sets at the top of their Christmas lists, she added.

Among them were nine-year-old Charlotte Griggs, who said that if she could hone her skills between now and 25 December, she might even be giving some knitting-related gifts.

'I might make Christmas presents for people. I would really like to be able to make a blanket, but I am not good enough yet - I am trying, though.'

Christina Kennedy, 8, said there was a good social side to the club as well.

'We talk about a lot when we are knitting, it is like an old wives' club.'

Milo Walton, 7, said there was a good sense of satisfaction.

'I like how it all comes together.'



Beechwood's knitting club has given a festive wrap to one of the trees outside the school. Left to right are Christina Kennedy, Abigail Boyle, Charlotte Griggs, Isabella Shand, Milo Walton and Chloe Elliot. (Picture by Adrian Miller, 12497518)