

EnQuest supports 'golden' golf day for Aberdeen pupils

Primary school pupils in Aberdeen were given a 'golden' opportunity to try their hand at golf after North Sea oil producer EnQuest supported a visit to the Paul Lawrie Golf Centre.

Eight youngsters from Tullos Primary School visited the Paul Lawrie golf centre in Deeside as part of the school's Golden Time initiative for promoting the importance of positive behaviour.

The pupils from across primary five, six and seven were given a tour of the facility before teeing up on the driving range to check out their swing as part of the Paul Lawrie Foundation (PLF) initiative which aims to help give youngsters from all backgrounds in Aberdeen City and Shire the opportunity to play and compete in a number of sports.

Aileen McGowan, head teacher at Tullos Primary School, said: "This visit was a reward for those children who have consistently managed to gain their Golden Time. Pupils are rewarded for their good behaviour during the week and are allowed to choose a recreational activity to undertake on a Friday afternoon instead of the normal curriculum.

"Not only have the pupils been able to try a new sport, but they have received support and guidance from experts. More importantly, the charity has enabled the children to experience something they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to get involved in."

Initially set up by former Open champion Paul Lawrie to help introduce youngsters to golf, the PLF has since grown to support a number of other sports such as football, tennis and swimming.

Paul Lawrie said: "Thanks to the support of companies like EnQuest, we are able to get children involved in a range of sports that are otherwise out of their reach.

"This was the second of group of Tullos Primary pupils that visited the golf centre last month (June) and we look forward to welcoming more from the school as well as other youngsters from across the region over the coming months."

The PLF is one of Aberdeen-headquartered EnQuest's nominated charities.

Neil McCulloch, president, North Sea, at EnQuest, said: "It is always very rewarding to see the tangible results of our fundraising efforts across the company and how they are helping to make a real difference throughout the community."