

Housebuilders help 11-year-old show off art skills!

An artistic primary school pupil has transformed a playground storage unit, which was recently donated by her school's newest neighbours, into a work of art.

Lawley Primary School, in Arleston Lane, Lawley, near Telford, is opposite the new Ironstone housing development and workmen from the site visited the school earlier this term to see if they could contribute to the local community.

Headteacher Lee Ferriday surprised the housebuilders by requesting one of Ironstone's industrial storage units, and 11-year-old pupil Rebekah Lees won a school art competition to have her colourful design printed on its exterior.

The unusual gift has now been delivered and takes pride of place in the playground. It is used by the school to store outdoor sports equipment and games, and also by pupils as a football goal.

Mr Ferriday said: "We were tight for space and the guys from Ironstone came over and asked if we needed anything from them. I thought one of the units would work quite nicely and it has been ideal.

"We asked the children what should be on the front and Rebekah's image was one of many very good designs. The storage unit now looks great and it has helped us out no end."

Ironstone is being developed by the Ironstone Developer Group (IDG) - a consortium comprising Barratt Homes, George Wimpey and Persimmon Homes – and will include 3,300 homes, a school, parks, shops, offices, restaurants and bars when complete.

Adrian France, site manager for Persimmon Homes, who helped arrange delivery of the storage unit, said: “We always aim to be good neighbours and wanted to help the surrounding community as much as possible.

“In this case it was an unusual gift but it was great to contribute towards Lawley Primary School and also to see what Rebekah has turned the unit into.”