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### **Melin Homes help local school extend literacy project**

A project aimed at improving the reading skills of pupils at New Inn Primary school had a welcome boost recently thanks to the support of local housing association, Melin Homes.

Aimed at 7 – 11 years olds, the 'Curiosity Kits' project has been developed to encourage pupils to read more at home and have fun while learning.

The kits consist of a sports bag containing a fiction book, complete with audio CD and personal CD player, a non-fiction book, a literacy-based board game such as scrabble or boggle and puzzles including word searches and crosswords.

They will be given out on a weekly basis so that all pupils have an opportunity to take one home and the school are confident that they will last for many years and be an excellent resource.

Melin Homes has helped by donating brightly coloured sports bags for use with the project. Strategic Director, Peter Crockett explained their involvement. "The kits are great fun and we are really pleased to be able to help local pupils develop their literacy skills both now and in future. We are committed to developing partnerships in the communities where we have homes and look forward to working further with the pupils and staff at New Inn."

Claire Line, English Co-ordinator at New Inn Primary School who developed the project said: "The kits provide an excellent opportunity for reluctant readers to access both fiction and non-fiction books. We are extremely fortunate to have

had support from Melin Homes that has enabled us to develop this project further!”

A pupil from New Inn Primary School who has used the kits commented: “I think that the tapes are a really good idea, because you don’t have to be able to read all of the book on your own – also it helps you to learn how to read!”

The school would like to increase the number of kits available even further so if any local companies can offer support please contact them on 01495 757649 or email [head.newinnprimary@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:head.newinnprimary@torfaen.gov.uk).

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### **Notes to editors**

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Caption: Pupils from New Inn Primary with the curiosity kits that have been sponsored by Melin Homes.