



Wall of pride. The youngsters at St Thomas Primary School are delighted with the new backdrop to their playground

Wall of pride at primary school

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THEY'RE going to pieces at a North Kensington school – and winning awards for it.

One of the capital's biggest mosaics has scooped a top prize for the creative talent at St Thomas Primary School in Appleford Road.

Designed by the

children and executed by artist Lizzie De'Ath, the mosaic was described as "an enchanting feature" by the judges of the town hall's environment awards scheme.

And if their reaction is anything to go by, the mosaic could even end up on the London tourist trail.

Turning the vision into reality was an assignment supported by the Westway

Project – a charity which has transformed some of the bleak space beneath the A40 flyover.

The Westway Project also bagged a commendation in the environment awards for its imaginative lighting scheme in Acklam Road.

Dez O'Neill of the project said: "The idea of the mosaics was to come up with plans to address anti-social behaviour and graffiti by giving young people ownership and influence on their neighbourhood."

On the judging panel were representatives from amenity groups, residents and an architect.

The judges' chairman was cabinet member for planning and conservation Cllr Barry Phelps.

He said: "Our mission is to improve the built environment. Putting up new buildings and demolishing bad ones is only part of the battle, art, trees and open spaces all play their part in making a beautiful city."

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