West Neighbourhood host environmental fair today

From face painting to free bike repairs — young people are being invited to a special environmental fair to be held in the West neighbourhood today.

Friends of Gyle Park and Corstorphine Hilll will also be on hand to tell primary school pupils about the many species of flowers and wildlife in the locality.

There will also be a CCTV van which you can have a look at, along with free bike repairs from Dr Bike.

Lothian and Borders Police will also be offering free identity markings for bikes.

During the fun-packed day, environmental wardens, biodiversity officers and recycling advisors will be on hand to explain more about community safety and the things everyone can do to protect the environment.

More information will be available on <u>Safer Routes to Schools</u> and how Edinburgh is helping with the <u>Fairtrade City</u> initiative.

The event is being run by Eco-Schools, an international programme which encourages pupils and teachers to develop projects that improve their awareness of wider green issues.

Councillor Marilyne MacLaren, Education Leader, said: "More pupils' and teachers than ever are joining the eco-schools movement and schools are definitely leading the way in highlighting environmental concerns. The fair is an ideal place for young people to learn what more they can do to preserve our precious environment and I want to encourage young people to come along and take a full part in this fun

and interesting experience."

The event takes place today between 1.30pm and 3.00pm at Gylemuir Primary School, Wester Broom Place.