

BORO ACE LEADS FROM FRONT ON HEALTHY LIVING



Super-fit Boro star David Wheater praised artistic youngsters whose work will promote a healthier lifestyle in the year ahead.

David was guest of honour at the launch of the 2009 Community Calendar, sponsored by process industry companies in the Tees Valley area.

Children from around 20 primary, secondary and special schools in the areas closest to the Wilton, Billingham and North Tees manufacturing sites were encouraged to devise artwork to adorn the calendar based on a theme of 'Healthy Living and Eating.'

The colourful calendar, now in its 20th year, is distributed free to around 21,000 households in the areas closest to the sites and includes alarm test times and other useful safety information.

David presented prizes to around 40 children whose artwork will be included, including the 12 whose work will illustrate the individual months.

The overall winner was 12-year-old Eve Baker, of St Michael's RC School in Billingham. Her work – showing a heart made out of fruit and vegetables – was chosen to feature on the front page of the calendar as well as to illustrate July.

David said: "The children had put a lot of effort and imagination into their work and it was clear that they'd thought about the theme very carefully."

Phil Bailey, Site Director of Lucite International, who hosted the launch event on behalf of the 13 companies, said: “Eve’s work stood out, but all the artwork was superb. It showed that the children had really taken on board the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle whatever the line of work.”

Notes to Editors – the picture shows Eve and her drawing with David Wheater at the 2009 Community Calendar launch event.

The calendar’s industrial sponsors are Artenius UK, BOC, Corus, Croda, Dow, Ensus, GrowHow, Huntsman, INVISTA, Lucite International, SABIC, Sembcorp and Teesside Power Limited.