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Children from Queensferry Community Primary School swapped thinking caps for hard hats when they entered a competition to create artwork about safety on construction sites.

They celebrated their success in the Considerate Constructors Scheme's Ivor Goodsite Hoarding Competition and have seen their work displayed on a banner at the new converter station being built on Deeside Industrial Park near Connah' Quay.

The Flintshire Bridge converter station is being built by Siemens working with cable company Prysmian Group to deliver the Western Link project for National Grid and ScottishPower Transmission. The £1bn project will bring renewable energy from Scotland to homes and businesses in England and Wales.

Six children participated in an 'art day' at the school hosted by Siemens' Community Relations Manager Sarah Hepburn. The focus of the day was to encourage the children to think about what Deeside means to them and about safety on construction sites – and then to visualise their thoughts in paintings.

"The paintings were very impressive," said Siemens' Safety Advisor Vince Cashman at the prize-giving ceremony. "The children really understood our project and we had many electricity-related pictures, as well as local features such as Flintshire Bridge. We've hung the banner outside our entrance and it provokes much conversation when we have visitors to the site."

Ivor Goodsite is used by companies participating in the Considerate Constructors Scheme to educate children about construction site safety. As part of this educational scheme, a national competition is held annually – and the children’s banner was a runner-up for 2014.

On behalf of Siemens, Sarah Hepburn and Vince Cashman presented the children with a certificate from Ivor Goodsite, a medal and a high-viz jacket to help keep them safe during the darker winter days.

“Safety is very important to us in our work, and we think it’s important to get children to think about construction site safety,” added Vince. “But we hope there will be a more lasting effect from this competition, and that is to encourage the children to consider a career in the construction industry in the future.”

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