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## Holiday makeover: BritNed volunteers exceed SOS call for help with a Grand Design

Volunteers give school summer holiday makeover including new mud kitchen

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- BritNed team donate time, skills and materials to make big improvements at Horsted school, Chatham
- Volunteers put DIY skills to the test to build a new digging pit, bigger sand pit and new mud kitchen
- Teachers delighted with new mud kitchen

BritNed staff, along with some family members, put their skills to the test by volunteering for a couple of days to help a local school to revamp the reception year's play area.

Mr Geary, Headmaster of Horsted School, Chatham put out an SOS for any parents or volunteers that could help with some general DIY tasks around the school.

Staff from the BritNed Interconnector (a joint venture between National Grid and European energy company TenneT) jumped at the chance to help to overhaul the play area used by the reception year pupils.

With the use of equipment and materials from BritNed, the team used railway sleepers to build a new digging pit and larger sand pit for the children, along with re-felting and painting the outdoor playhouse.

Event organiser Robert Warburton, who works as an operator at BritNed Grain, said: "Most of all the reception teachers at the school wanted a mud kitchen built for the children.

"So we put our heads together and in true Blue Peter/Scrapheap Challenge style we managed to create a kitchen fit for Grand Designs, which both teachers and children were over the moon with.

"BritNed would like to thank the school for the opportunity to help out and we hope the children have lots of fun with the things we have done."

As a way of helping its neighbours, National Grid regularly organises Community Action Days, where teams of employees volunteer to do work for local groups and organisations.

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