

Sunday 17th January 2010

Cows, Kids and Kindness

Counting cows, chatting with chickens and cuddling cute critters was the order of the day on Sunday in Willowmavin as the barn doors of Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary opened for their annual Kids' Day Out event. As children from near and far looked, listened and laughed, lessons of kindness abounded.

"These days are so much fun and not only for the children" said sanctuary founder Pam Ahern. "We too delight in watching the wide eyed innocence of children as they display their natural empathy with animals. Gently patting the lambs, feeling the feathers of the chickens and rubbing the tummy of pigs"

"We have worked really hard in recent months to have the farm looking special for this important day, and it is so good when everything comes together as it has today. I really do have a great team behind me who too, believe in the power of kindness. I think it is so important to get the young to start thinking and realising that everything they do affects others. And animals, like many in our society, are unable to defend themselves so how we treat them tells the world so much about the sort of people we are"

While colorful flags flew, stories of how the different animals made their way to the farm told tales of inspiration and hope. The children's activities certainly got them off the couch and racing about, all huffing and puffing and having a wonderful time and not a computer in sight! Face painting by Gemma once again proved enormously popular while the delicious vegan fare proved that one can indeed have a happy and healthy life without harming others.

Photos attached for media use: large file photos available upon request

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*Edgar's Mission is a not for profit sanctuary for rescued farm animals, our outreach centre aims to expand the public's circle of compassion to encompass all animals.

*"If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others
why wouldn't we?"*