



## CASE STUDY – MICHAEL PRIMARY SCHOOL, ISLE OF MAN

### Epic fundraising drive secures first Solardome® glasshouse for Isle of Man school

Inspired by the Solardome® glasshouse on display at the 2009 Education Show in Birmingham, Tony Robinson, head of Michael Primary School, Isle of Man, decided it would be perfect for enhancing lessons through hands-on learning. With budgets tight, Mr Robinson and Friends of Michael School embarked on an epic fundraising drive and within a year they had the £30,000 needed to place an order for their 6m diameter SOLARDOME® Capella, base and accessories.



"I recognised the Solardome® glasshouse as somewhere our children could go to be inspired by the 360-degree panoramic view where they could draw, write, sing and – for some of our older pupils – even stargaze and watch the sunrise," said Mr Robinson. "When I launched the fundraising drive there was a really positive reaction from parents who came to me with lots of innovative ideas." The fundraising campaign got off to a great start with a fireworks display and Christmas fair. The school raised the rest of the money by asking local companies, groups and individuals to sponsor the triangular panels of the Solardome® glasshouse in return for having their names and logos etched on the glass.



Ross Miller, a director of Thomas Miller Risk Management (Isle of Man) Limited who donated £1,800 to the project, thought the Solardome® glasshouse was a valuable asset to the school and the community. He said: "The Solardome® glasshouse provides a unique and versatile learning environment and I'm sure that the staff and pupils at Michael Primary School will find many imaginative ways of using it. We were delighted to support such an innovative and exciting project."

Michael Primary School placed the order for their Solardome® glasshouse at the 2010 Education Show in Birmingham, complete with shade sails, artificial grass flooring and custom made seating and storage. It was delivered and built by Solardome Industries in time to show the staff, pupils and sponsors before the end of the summer term.



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