



## Flower power in Hyde Park

Next spring, thousands of yellow daffodils will burst into flower in Hyde Park – and it's all thanks to the efforts of local schoolchildren.

Students from Francis Holland and St Barnabas schools were among 600 children who braved wind and rain to plant 60,000 bulbs in the park, while their proud parents looked on.

The bulbs were paid for by Francis Holland girls' school on Bourne Street, which raised £35,000 through cake sales and sponsored walks and runs. Fittingly, the daffodil is the school's official emblem.

Headmistress Lucy Elphinstone said the experience gave children a chance to connect with nature. She added: "It will create a swathe of yellow along the banks of the Serpentine for many years to come."