



■ Excited pupils gather by the tyre swing, ready to release the balloons
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■ Pupils from Mylor Bridge Primary School hold their balloons up high, ready for the big release



■ Falmouth and Truro MP Sarah Newton watches as chair of the playing fields committee Michael Wilmore speaks before cutting the ribbon



■ It's all smiles on the tyre swing, following the official opening



■ The slide was popular amongst youngsters at the opening as well

Play area opened

A BRASS band and balloons were the signs of celebration at Mylor last week, when the village's new playing fields were officially opened.

The launch event, on Friday, marked the end of the first phase of an ongoing project to rejuvenate and improve the play area.

Children from Mylor Bridge primary school were the guests of honour, helping Falmouth and Truro MP Sarah Newton cut the symbolic ribbon.

Headteacher Robin Cowen called it a lovely afternoon, saying: "Naturally these children are all going to make great use of this facility in the future and we are very pleased to be involved."

The school band provided a fanfare before a celebratory balloon release, which was followed by the pupils getting a first try on the new

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equipment. Chair of the playing fields committee, Michael Wilmore, was on hand to thank everyone who had helped bring together the first phase of the development, which cost more than £70,000 to complete.

"It's a very good feeling," he said, "We are very pleased with what we have created."

"It's only phase one and we do hope to buy some more equipment as time goes on, so if anyone wants to come along and help we would only be too pleased to welcome them along."

Mrs Newton said it was fantastic to see the gathered crowds and congratulated Michael and Pat

Wilmore and all the committee on their hard work.

She said: "I love being in Mylor, we all know this is a real community, a real village with a great amount of heart."

"I remember bringing my children here when they were little and the swings and equipment were looking a bit sad, but I would certainly be proud to bring any child to Mylor now."

Chris Plant from mid-Cornwall Landscaping, who installed the new play equipment, said the enthusiasm for the park was fantastic, with some children already using the equipment before the finishing touches were completed.

"It's absolutely packed when you drive past," he said. "It's a really nice project, especially being able to see it being used."