



**GREAT CHANGE:** Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, is pictured above and left with pupils and Head of Prep Mike Abraham

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# Boost for school



PRIMARY pupils joined in celebrations as a new £1m phase of their school was officially opened.

Parents, staff and governors gathered in the sunshine at Teesside High School's prep school to see Redcar Paralympian, Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, cut the ribbon to open the new foyer.

The glass-fronted, open plan atrium will provide a new creative space for youngsters at the Eaglescliffe school.

Along with two new classrooms, the school has completed a year-long £1million development project.

Michael Abraham, head of the prep school for three to 11-year-olds,

told the Evening Gazette about the campus facelift.

He said: "The prep school has undergone an amazing transformation. We did have Portacabins on the playground for a while, but they've gone.

"And the children are really pleased, because they've got their playground back."

Dame Tanni, whose daughter Carys is in Y3 at the school, told the crowd how proud she was to cut the ribbon.

Speaking after Saturday's ceremony, she said: "From a personal point of view, this is a great development, because it means I can get into the school a lot easier to pick my daughter up.

"It's going to be a great part of the school life, from the children being able to use it to somewhere for the parents when it's raining!"