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# Blooming business inspired by Chronicle flower pictures

>> 10-year-old entrepreneur decides she can do just as well – or even better

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THE Chronicle's spring photographs last week inspired a 10-year-old photographer to start her own greetings card business.

Young entrepreneur Mia Lapwood, of Parsons Green Lane, and who goes to Fulham Prep School, made a set of floral-themed cards which she is now selling on her website.

Chronicle photographer Matt Grayson took some pictures of spring blooms last week which made Mia think such beautiful shots were good enough to sell. And that she needed a new zoom lens.

Mia said: "In 2011 my mum took me to see the Wildlife Photography



Exhibition at the Natural History Museum.

"After I saw all the amazing photographs I realised that one day I

could be as good as that.

"When I was six I won a school photography competition with a picture

of a squirrel chewing on a crust of bread in Bishops Park. The same picture was chosen and published

by the Chronicle after being selected as one of the best photographs of the borough marking the 50th anniversary of the Hammersmith Society.

"After my photo was chosen and shown in the Fulham and Hammersmith Chronicle newspaper I knew that my photos were good so I started to take more photos and develop my skill. But cameras are expensive and I need a new zoom lens, so after realising how beautiful pictures of flowers are, like the Chronicle's pictures, I decided to see if I could raise the money for a new zoom lens by selling some of my images as greetings cards."

Mia's cards are available to buy from her website [mialapwoodphotography.co.uk](http://mialapwoodphotography.co.uk) and in the Artbeat store in Fulham Road.



■ **INSPIRED:** (Above) Mia Lapwood and (left) one of her pictures