

Nurturing the best of Bolney

Our school vision is at the heart of all that we do here at Bolney CEP and we truly aim for children to ***'leave us as fearless lifelong learners, ready to meet the world with self-confidence, curiosity and resilience.'*** Staff plan an engaging curriculum through projects which encompass both the National Curriculum objectives along with a wide range of enrichment experiences which help to prepare our children for life.

Gardening Club has been one way for our children to flourish. Ably led by local green-fingered village volunteers, the club meets throughout the year to tend to the impressive vegetable patches on the back playground and culminates in a harvesting of the crops which are then turned into soup to share with the whole school. This year, families were invited to join us after our Harvest festival to sample not only home-made minestrone soup and spicy squash soup but also home-made bread and home churned butter.



Parents responses were very positive:

"Amazing, tasty soup. The butter and bread were scrummy!"

"Absolutely gorgeous soup. Wonderful flavours, perfectly cooked."

"The very best soup! Delicious bread and super butter. You are very talented chefs!"

Linking to the theme of food, Silver Birch Class (Year5/6) is lucky enough to be taking part in the 'Adopt a School' programme run by the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts this year. These sessions are aimed at giving children the

opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills to cook, choose and eat healthy, tasty, sustainable food. The programme starts with a set of in-school sessions led by renowned chef, John McManus. The children will be tasting food, learning knife skills, making bread and learning how to be 'front of house'. In the Spring Term, the class will then have the opportunity to go to Plumpton College to experience first hand the 'field to fork' journey when they meet with a local farmer there. The first session was a huge success with the children!



Forest School continues to be a very popular extra-curricular activity both during the school day and as an after-school club. Each class spends a term of Friday afternoons learning with leaders from Two Muddy Boots. Their explorations take them beyond the school grounds and they learn how to make shelters, how to cook and survive in the wild and the children thoroughly enjoy these sessions.



As a school, we are so lucky to be situated in such a beautiful location in Sussex, to have the opportunities to learn about, understand and cook the produce that grows locally and hopefully these experiences will help to develop the self-confidence, curiosity and resilience of our children so that they can become fearless lifelong learners.