

## Bulletin 2 – Academic Year 2018 – 2019

The second bulletin of the school year has all the classroom teachers added to the group list of the Edible Garden (EG) Bulletin. We welcome sharing the work that the EG team does all the year round. Also included in this bulletin list are people within the school and the community, as well as supporters from Home in Bridport and Transition Town Bridport – both charities.



### The Allotment topic of Year 5

During the last academic year Claire Legg and the EG team developed projects linking directly to the school's National Curriculum Cornerstone projects.

So, in September, year 5 all came to sessions about different kinds of reproduction in plants, led by Tia and Mitch. At that time the pupils each planted a broad bean and the photo shows their individual seeds germinated and growing yesterday (7/11) in the polytunnel.

Come late spring Mandy and Mel will be delivered broad beans for serving at school meals. This is a favourite veg; they are delicious and sweet. Not only are they ready to eat several weeks earlier than plants grown outside but taste much nicer than shop brought ones.

Just before half term the class returned to the garden to give a presentation of their findings.

There are plans for further involvement in curriculum projects this term. Year 3 will be spending an afternoon on 12<sup>th</sup> December, in the EG, as part of their Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age topic. They will be making flat breads using the cobb oven and cooking a broth using wild ingredients. Furthermore Year 1 will be celebrating Yule Tide – the end of the growing year - on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Any requests for a special event, where we light the cobb oven, are welcome but it does take nearly three hours to get the oven ready for use.

### Meeting with Kate Batorska

Robert Golden (Home in Bridport/Robert Golden Pictures Ltd.,) and Tina Ellen Lee (Home in Bridport and Opera Circus) both resident in Dottery near Bridport, met with Kate the Head Teacher last week.

The meeting was to look at the achievements we have had together with the school, the garden and the school meals. Home in Bridport began the work with St Mary's and is now a charity with a Board of Trustees that includes Amanda Downes, Head Cook at the School, Sarah Wilberforce, the Garden Project and Rebecca Garner, who has developed the work on the Home Skilling Allotment along with Tina and Robert.

Together with the school, we are looking at ideas for the next 5 years with Sarah, Robert and Tina looking at the fund raising for a variety of projects and together with Tia, Mitch and Mary developing ideas to work more closely with the school and its curriculum. We all agreed that the role of the garden is now more of an educational resource through the growing, cooking and eating of good local food.

Home in Bridport works in partnership with Transition Town Bridport and Opera Circus.

Robert followed up this meeting on Monday 5th and spent 2 hours at the school on Monday taking photographs with the children for the school's new brochure. Thank you, Robert, for giving your professional services for free – the school is very lucky to have this resource.

### **Harvest Festival**

The EG team took part in the Harvest festival for the first time, where all the children attend a church service of celebration. This year, on return, the children and their families came to view the Autumn Show and cake competition run by the PTA outdoors. We presented warming pumpkin soup and oven baked bread. It was a Thursday, so Mitch and Tia managed to get time off work to be there. Tia spent a lot of time making soup from all the veg in the garden as well as lighting oven, raising dough and baking bread. Amanda also made the same recipe so that there was enough for everyone. Mary came in to do a special smelling food game. We were also able to display the drying beans from last summer's Peas Please project. Thank you team, especially Tia - who put in many hours of preparation. The proceeds from the soup were given to the PTA.

### **The woodland Peace garden**

Daryl Chambers, Borough Surveyor, and his team from Bridport Town Council have offered work, in kind, towards the woodland area development. We have also received money from the Town Council towards this too. Daryl came in to talk to Year 5 about this project in October; the class had started to research and design for this in year 4. We are now awaiting his plan on what is feasible in terms of costs and time. Tia and Mitch can get involved in this more, if we are successful with a pending fund application.

Please feel free to email me about any queries or errors I have made in this bulletin.

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