

The Great Northern Picnic

From brilliant idea to rainy reality at All Souls'
C E Primary and Nursery School, Heywood, Lancs

Aim

To celebrate our environmental work over the year, working with “A Few Small Steps” and achieving our second Green Flag

Action

The Eco Team decided to organise a whole school picnic, using our own crops or local produce and “green” activities.

Outcome

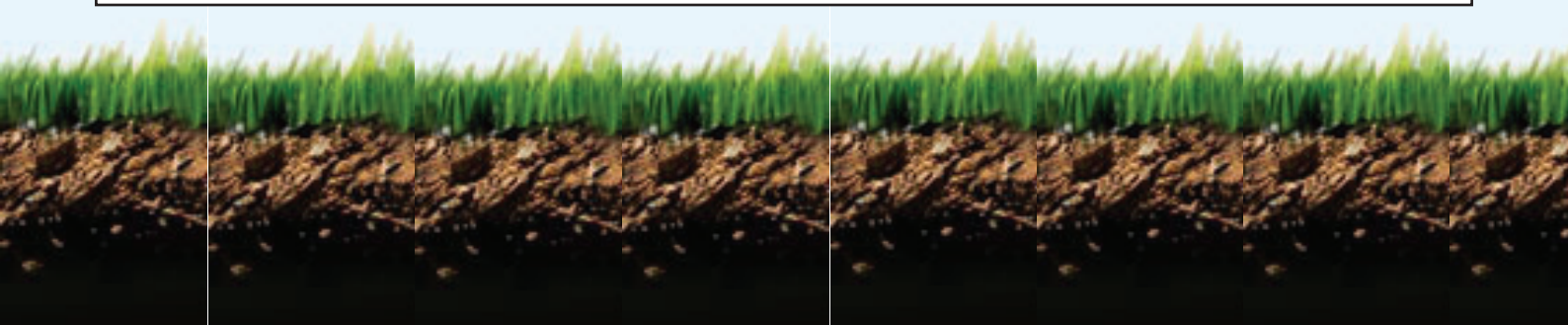
Children planned the menu, activities and organisation of the picnic while applying skills and learning about food production and other environmental issues. It poured down but we had a great time!



From planter...



...to plate



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Details

The Eco Team, Gardening Club and staff all worked very hard to prepare for this big event. For the picnic all of our food had to come from within 50 miles of Heywood, trying to buy local to help the environment. The main aim was to celebrate our second Green Flag and A Few Small Steps.

Some of our food came from closer than you might think as we grew it ourselves!

Here is a list of the food we grew :

- Strawberries (to make strawberry jam)
- Eggs (pupils brought in eggs layed by their own chickens)
- Peppers (for pizza)
- Onions (for pizza)
- Potatoes (for wedges)
- Carrots (sticks)
- Blackcurrants (juice) and redcurrants (top of ice cream)
- Cress (which reception grew)

Here is all the food we sourced from within 50 miles of Heywood:

- Butter (from Settle and Todmorden)
- Cheese (Inglewhite, near Preston)
- Oats (Northwich, Cheshire)
- Mushrooms (Southport, Lancashire)
- Tomatoes (Blackpool area/staff allotment)
- More onions (staff allotment)
- Ice cream (Bradford, with milk from W Yorks)
- Celery (Flyde coast)
- Extra soft fruit (Yorkshire/Lancashire)

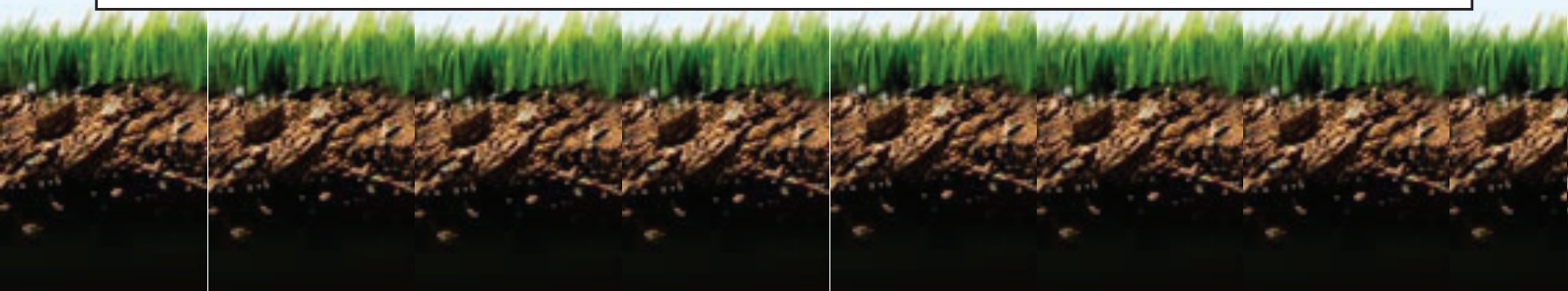
These are the things we didn't find within the limit:

- Flour (Peterborough)
- Bread made with British wheat (Peterborough)
- Ice cream cones (Peterborough – again!)
- Sugar (within 28 miles of Bury St. Edmunds)

Unfortunately on the day of the picnic it rained very heavily! So everybody rushed inside, we were all soaking wet by the time we got into school. We did all our fun activities inside. All the food went down great, especially the pizza. Next year we would like to do the same again.

We would like to give a massive thank you to Miss MacKay, Kate (AFSL), Sharon (the cook) and 1st Heywood Scouts for their help.

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Linked Resources

Resources available on request via e-mail to office@allsoulsce.rochdale.sch.uk

1. Planning sheet based on four groups moving in rotation
2. Food game (a variation on corners)
3. Good and bad points about our pizza
4. Instructions for a green pizza
5. Parachute game based on energy use
6. Other things to make your picnic more sustainable
7. A shades of green scavenger hunt (biodiversity)

