



Growing And Cooking Project update, Broughton Primary School, **18 June 2020**

Plant at home - Encouraging those families, who can plant at home and wish to do so, to plant in May, June and July 2020

This started as a replacement for the whole School planting day, which would have been on Friday 15 May 2020, but which was cancelled. We have been encouraging families to plant at home for several reasons:

- a) It's a fun activity in itself. We can talk about it and celebrate it with photos via the School website and Parent Council Facebook site
- b) It would be great if any amount of the plants grown at home in May, June and July could end up in the playground in August / September 2020 to make a small harvest or demonstration growing area.
- c) Documenting what we grow and learning about how to grow

So far 3 documents have been circulated via the School website and Parent Council Facebook site:

‘Making flower and seed pots from recycled materials’

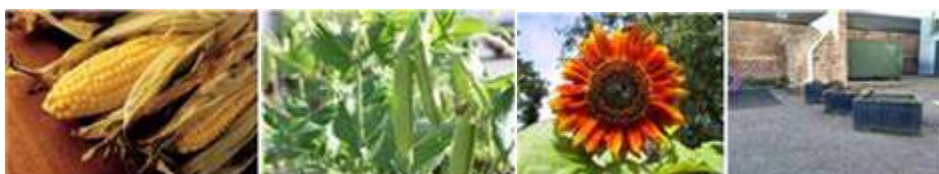
‘Sunflower Growing’

‘Growing some potatoes’

A number of families have responded via the School website or the Parent Council Facebook site, with news of things they have planted, re-potted or harvested. We love to hear of some more of this!

I am planning at least one more document on planting at home, for the School website and the Parent Council Facebook site, before Friday 26 June 2020 and a few more for the Parent Council Facebook site over July 2020.





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The School playground

During next week end and over the summer, the school playground's growing activities (apple trees, berry bushes and mint) will need watering and weeding. If you are up for some plant watering or some socially distanced weeding, then please make contact via broughtonparents@gmail.com

Thanks very much to those who were watering the plants and highlighting the need for this in the dry period in April and May 2020.



Topics to resume as soon as possible:

More contact with our 3 partners in the growing and cooking project –Saheliya, Leith Walk Primary Parent Council, and Drummond Community High School Parent Council.

Topics to resume for August 2020 and onwards:

1. **Botanic Gardens** – I would love to find out whether the sessions, with the Botanic Gardens, which those children currently leaving Primary 5a/5b and going into p6a/6b have missed out on, during March to June 2020 are recoverable in any small way. Perhaps something online or in person, but fitting into appropriate guidelines could be organised for August/September 2020. I am planning to contact the Botanic Gardens contacts by email before Friday 26 June 2020 and ask if anything can be done, in this regard.
2. **An Autumn harvest or demonstration growing area in the playground** – see the section on “planting at home” above.
3. **Drawing up a plan for the playground of what is planted where**
4. **Creating a Recipe and “How to Plant” Book**



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5. **Offer of planting pumpkins in allotment space from Tommy George**
This is now only likely to happen in Spring 2021. However it is currently a good time to plant pumpkins, if any one wants to try at home!
6. **Better siting of 3 apple trees**
7. **When the time is suitable, resuming in school activities such as cooking with the p6s or planting with the Nursery**
8. **Living fence**
9. **Sign making with Edinburgh Tool Library for p7s**
10. **Project report / project sustainability / project budget**
11. **Compost / Gardening waste materials**
12. **Investigating proper arrangements to pass on surplus grown food (and surplus food from Parent Council/Friends @ Broughton events) for charitable uses**
13. **School partnership with Mboreni Primary School in Tanzania – investigating their possible interest in growing and cooking**
14. **Looking for other contacts with an interest in Growing and Cooking**
Keen to see if Abbeyhill Primary School has an interest in Growing and Cooking, as the third feeder primary school for Drummond Community High School. We would be interested in suggestions for other links (not only Primary Schools).