

Alverton Primary School bags £1000 from Tesco's community grant scheme

Alverton Primary School is delighted to announce it has bagged £1000 from Tesco's Bags of Help community grant scheme.

Bags of Help is run in partnership with environmental charity Groundwork, and sees grants awarded to thousands of local community projects every year.

Since launching in 2015, Bags of Help has provided more than £70 million to almost 30,000 local community projects across England.

Tesco colleagues have come together virtually up and down the country to vote and it can now be revealed Alverton Primary School has been awarded £1000.

Work will now begin on bringing the project to life.

Alverton School's application was for funding to increase the opportunities for their pupils to have fun learning to cook healthy foods. Cooking is an important life skill and they try to incorporate it into the curriculum but a lack of equipment means that they are not able to do this as much as they would like. The children frequently and enthusiastically ask to cook so now they will be much better equipped to enable them to do so!

Some of the cooking opportunities that happen across the school include Health and Wellbeing days, where the children make their own lunch, Baking Club, cooking from other cultures in RE lessons, running cafés as part of exhibitions and learning to make healthy snacks.

Martin Higgs, Headteacher, said: "Receiving this award came as a lovely and very welcome surprise. We have identified that now, perhaps more than ever, children will benefit from an education which includes a focus on healthy food and the wellbeing and financial benefits associated with being able to cook".

With voting not currently running in stores, Tesco colleagues have worked together to decide which three local projects supporting children and young people in their region should be awarded a grant of £1,000.

Claire de Silva, Tesco's Head of Community, said: "Bags of Help contributes funds to community projects up and down the country and whilst our customers have not been able to vote in this round, we've been delighted by the number of colleagues who have come together to choose projects in their local areas. In what has been an extremely tough year, we're looking forward to seeing these projects providing support for children and young people brought to life."

Groundwork's National Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said: "Bags of Help continues to enable local communities across England to improve the local spaces and places that matter to them. The diversity of projects that are being funded shows that local communities have a passion to create something great in their area. We are pleased to be able to be a part of the journey and provide support and encouragement to help local communities thrive."

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. To find out more visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.

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- So far Bags of Help has awarded over £90 million to more than 38,000 local community projects in the UK.
- For more information please visit: www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.
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