

Enrichment at The Acorns

The Duke of Edinburgh Award

Students at The Acorns School will have the opportunity to achieve The Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Bronze Award. The DofE is accessible to all young people from the ages of 14 to 25. Pupils' will learn all about going the extra mile, gaining new skills, pushing themselves physically, helping others and exploring new territories. At the same time, they gather friendships, experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. To achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, learners will complete 3 months of each activity from 4 sections; Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition.

Land-Based Studies

Acorn students have access to enrichment activities based around the garden. We are developing an allotment where each student will be involved in planting, growing and harvesting fruits and vegetables for use in the school kitchen and food technology classes. Each year group will have their own area to grow and maintain their crops. We are hoping to introduce bees, later this Spring and some of our students will be trained as bee keeper. Before the end of the academic year we should have our own honey production. To encourage honey production, we will use part of the lower garden as a wildflower meadow. Alongside these activities we also want to increase the visitors to our garden by building bird feeders and bird boxes. Over the summer term we will be building flower planters and seating, repairing and maintaining the school benches and picnic tables. Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural curriculum remains at the forefront of our school and is an integrated part of everyday lessons and the curriculum.

Charities & Events

We have raised awareness and money for various charities; including a recent Macmillan fundraiser which was held in Summer Term. The School Council led the efforts to fund raise. We contacted local businesses for contributions explaining our aim, and what the event entailed. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of businesses, pupils and parents, and staff and governors, who attended the event. The event achieved a fantastic total of £200. This has been done through activities such as, a raffle, guess the weight of the cake, biscuit and cake sales, tombola's, other events and nonuniform days. One member of staff even arranged a personal sponsorship at the local swimming pool. Various events take place over the school year which have fund raised for various charities including local food banks, Save the Children and Crisis at Christmas.