

## News from Burford School

### ‘Geography Enrichment Day’

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Mrs Steward and Mrs Bayliss took fourteen Year 9 students, who had shown a positive commitment towards Geography throughout the year, to spend a very rewarding day at Wychwood Primary School, helping Year 6 students collect fieldwork data in the village to test a selection of hypotheses. Each group then had the task of presenting their findings back to the rest of the year. A very successful day was had by all. The Year 6 students then carried the investigation further by working with their own teachers to produce some excellent work on ideas for improving the environment and new facilities for Milton-under-Wychwood. Mrs Steward was so impressed with the superb standard produced that a display of their work can be seen in the school’s entrance.

### Allotment News

The allotments are now up and running and there are many opportunities for pupils to enjoy finding out about how food grows and developing their own vegetable patch.

So far, many pupils have worked with Mrs Adams, planting potatoes and other vegetables; Mr Bassett and pupils in Year 7 have developed a Year 7 patch. The STEM club, working with Mrs. C. Brown, have sown a patch with green manure (clover) to understand the nitrogen cycle and leguminous plants.

Many, many thanks go to **Cotswold Seeds, Moreton-in-Marsh**, for kindly donating the clover seed. We would also



like to extend our thanks to the **Burford Garden Company** who kindly donated £50 worth of vouchers for the pupils to spend on plants of their choice. This is a tremendous donation and we are extremely grateful.

And many thanks again must be given to **Stow Agricultural Services** for providing us with such a generous discount for the rabbit fencing, hopefully it will only be humans who consume the produce from now on!

### Poly-Tunnel Teaching

Finally, we would like to thank the team of volunteers who gave up their time (and energy!) to erect a poly tunnel, we truly have an outdoor classroom now, come rain or shine. The allotments provide us with teaching outside a schoolroom and allow pupils not only to enjoy and learn new skills, but to keep active.

If any parent/ guardian believe they may be able to help in any way then please contact Mrs. C. Brown.

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