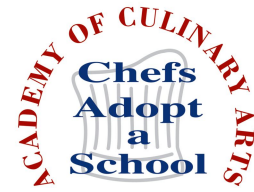


CHEFS ADOPT A SCHOOL TRUST

Delivering Food Education to Children hungry to learn



CHEFS ADOPT A SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SIR DON CURRY HOSTS ADOPTED SCHOOL FARM VISIT

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For a school keen to get involved in Think Food and Farming, there can be few better ways than visiting a working farm deep in the Northumberland countryside. The fact that Belsay School visited Middle Farm, which is owned and run by the founder of the Year of Food and Farming himself, and that they were also joined by Terry Laybourne MBE - Newcastle's most successful chef - made this farm visit extremely special. Belsay School has taken part in CAAS for some time, adopted by Terry Laybourne. The visit took place on a cold but clear day and the children explored the surrounding vegetation, met the resident donkeys and learnt all about sheep farming. This type of experience is hugely valuable, so a big thank you to Sir Don and Terry.



Sheep farmer John explaining sheep vaccinations to the children from Belsay School

SPOTLIGHT

This issue, we turn to the CAAS Committee chairman, Michael Coaker. Michael works with 11 schools in the West London and Berkshire area, as well as being a pivotal player in the FEAST campaign. He recently attended a key meeting between Garry Hawkes CBE, Focus on Food and the ACA. This week, Michael visited and agreed to adopt Belvue School in Ealing, an SEN school for children aged 11-18. On Friday he delivered a taste session to the Grange School which went down brilliantly, both with the students and the very enthusiastic deputy head teacher!

FEAST FOOD EDUCATION AT SCHOOLS TODAY

Sir Jim Rose's interim report, from his review of the Primary Curriculum was published on Monday. The FEAST team had met with Sir Jim and he was one of our supporters, engaged with the idea of more food and practical cookery for schools. However, we were disappointed that the report didn't reflect this as much as we'd hoped. Though we must remember that it is only an interim report, so we just need to work harder before the final is published in the spring!

LONG AWAITED SPRINGBOARD AWARD FOR CHEFS ADOPT A SCHOOL



Michael Coaker, chairman of the CAAS committee collects the award

As some of you may know, we have been entering the Springboard Awards for Excellence for some time. In fact this year was our fifth attempt! Every year we have been so close - we were shortlisted and highly recommended but the award had been so far elusive. However, all good things come to those who wait and Chefs Adopt a School won the Education Award - Small Organisation, at the Awards dinner on Wednesday the 27th November. Michael Coaker (himself Educational Chef of the Year) collected the award with Alix Sinclair - CAAS Co-ordinator, from Anne Pierce MBE, Springboard CEO and Sally Messenger of City and Guilds who sponsor the award. The award recognises the importance of

developing innovative links between industry and education. CAAS won the award by highlighting our outstanding partnership with schools and other educational organisations. In particular, the judges were looking for effective on-going relationships rather than one-off initiatives. All the CAAS team are really thrilled to have been recognised in this way. Big Congratulations to all!

SAVE THE DATE!

Next year's **TAKE 3 COLLEGES PLUS 1** fundraising dinner will be held on **March 11th 2009** at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall. It already looks set to be a mouth-wateringly fabulous night, as Albert Roux OBE, Chris Galvin, Philip Corrick and Benoit Blin are lined up to prepare the evening's 5 course meal. The dinner raises much needed funds for Chefs Adopt a School. Last year's T3C raised over £20,000 - an amazing total that made a huge difference to many young people's lives. Please come and support the dinner - contact Alix Sinclair for tickets.

FEEDBACK FROM THE FRONT LINE

This week, a picture sent to Idris Caldora by Finstall School



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