

## Locally Grown Fruit

In July some of the fruit produce was ready to be picked by the children on the allotment site by seeking permission from parents and carers the children were invited to taste test home made strawberry and raspberry smoothies, as well as rhubarb crumble. The Chestnut team along with the children harvested the fruit produce from the allotment and took it to the school to be washed and prepared. Adult volunteers made the smoothies which with a little crushed ice the children called them fruit slushes! They also had rhubarb crumble made for them and they taste tested it in class.



The children kept an allotment book and made notes about what they were learning, as well as drawing cartoon characters of fruit and vegetables. They scored their opinions of the taste, smell, texture and colour of the smoothies and crumble. Parents and children were also asked to feedback any comments about the experience here are some of their comments were:

"What an opportunity I have never picked raspberries" Aged 8

"Delicious better than the shops!" Aged 7

"I loved the crumble! I am going to ask my mum to make it" Aged 8

"What a fantastic idea my child can't wait for her turn to visit the allotment each week" Parent

"My child has talked a lot about enjoying being outside on the school garden especially picking the strawberries" Parent



I have enjoyed being a volunteer helping the children to learn it has inspired me to start growing my own at home" Volunteer

"Many other subjects in the curriculum such as literacy, numeracy, art and ICT can be used to support practical experiences from the allotment visit."

*Head teacher*