

Welcome to our Autumn Update 2008

AWARD-WINNERS

School Food Matters is now an award-winning campaign! At last night's Green Guardian Awards, SFM won Kingston's Green Project or Group Award. The timing is perfect as the award will give SFM the recognition it needs to drive the campaign forward.

COMPETITION LAUNCHED

Our competition for schools in Richmond and Kingston is now officially open. SFM has joined forces with **Richmond Environment Network** and **Rushall Farm** to bring you a competition for KS2 and KS3 children. If shortlisted, your school will receive a fun workshop and will be asked to produce a short film on the life of a food staple, from farm gate to school plate. Winning schools will receive an allotment space, built within the school grounds, and the services of Blue Peter Gardener, Chris Collins, to get you growing! You can register by going to our website www.schoolfoodmatters.com.

FOOD FOR LIFE PARTNERSHIP - TWILIGHT SESSIONS

For those schools yet to enrol in the Food for Life Partnership, SFM is hosting a twilight session at Grey Court School. Fiona White, FFLP London Manager, will be there to tell you everything you need to know about enrolling your school into this excellent programme and about applying for Flagship status. The session is open to heads, teachers and governors, and enthusiastic parents ready to commit their school to the ethos of good food culture. To book your place, email Fiona fwhite@soilassociation.org.

FUNDING FOR SCHOOL KITCHENS AND DINING AREAS

Last week the DCSF announced £100m of funding would be made available to local authorities specifically for school kitchens and dining areas. This is good news for Richmond and Kingston as we look ahead to the new borough contract to start September 2011. Ask your Local Authority how this could benefit your school.

MOVING FORWARD

On that note, this week I will be writing to all schools in the borough contracts to ask you to endorse a letter to Council which outlines our goals for the next school food contract. With your support, and the lead-time required, we can move towards fresh, healthy and sustainable food for children at school in Richmond and Kingston.