



Blairhall Bakes Rationale

Background

At Blairhall, the key drivers which shape our curriculum are raising attainment, building aspirations, and addressing inequity.

In December 2016, we established a social enterprise business, Blairhall Bakes. This has been driven and shaped by the pupils and has helped us to increase pupil engagement in their learning, develop social skills across the whole school and build a stronger sense of school community, whilst promoting the continued development of respectful behaviour.

Since establishing Blairhall Bakes we have won several Social Enterprise in Education awards, including ones for outstanding partnership work and for continuing to develop a sustainable enterprise.

Aims

- Enhancing our curriculum by providing a meaningful Inter-Disciplinary Learning context where pupils can apply a range of skills learned in various curricular areas
- Providing engaging opportunities for personal achievement and participation as effective contributors to the life of the school and local community
- Raising aspirations and providing experiences of career options
- Helping pupils to make links in their learning and showing the relevance of learning in school to life outside of school
- Developing partnership working and the involvement of parents, community groups and business partners
- Strengthening community links and developing the role of the school as an important place in the community
- Supporting the development of pupils to employ self-efficacy skills, make informed choices, be creative thinkers and adapt well to a range of situations

Context for Learning

Blairhall Bakes is a business run by the pupils for the local community. It is a community café that has a social aim to develop the central role of the school as a place where people can come to meet others from the community and to develop friendships.

Our café runs approximately every 4 weeks (2-4 times a term). Every class takes turns at running the café, with younger classes being supported by older buddy classes to learn the skills required.

A Blairhall Bakes Management Committee has been established consisting of pupils from P5/6. Their role is to:

- ensure that hygiene standards are maintained through weekly checks of the food preparation area
- make decisions regarding the purchase of new equipment
- provide guidance and support to other classes on running Blairhall Bakes
- ensure that all pupils understand the social purpose of Blairhall Bakes
- lead on improvement planning to ensure that Blairhall Bakes continues to evolve and be successful