Case Study: Big Bocs Bwyd at Grangetown Nursery School

WHY?

Food poverty is still such a huge issue for so many families and this figure is overwhelmingly high! Therefore, having a BBB onsite ensures our community has somewhere to go when they need it. We also want our BBB to be fully embedded in the visions and values of our school and our curriculum. It's imperative that children are food literate and they understand farm to table and it's benefits.

HOW?

As a team, we have a strong core value of providing an integrated approach with the community and ensuring a system of support is highlighted and available. Our BBB is a fantastic addition to our ever-growing integrated approaches. Staff have worked tirelessly to create a curriculum design that is heavily influenced by our BBB and what's most important, is that we don't see the school as a separate entity, our BBB is unified with the school.

WHO?

The passion and determination of staff has meant our BBB has grown from strength to strength. We each take a shift in the BBB to make us all visible within the community and show that this is driven by the whole team. We have used social media platforms to promote our BBB. We also owe a Huge Thanks to Lauren (Community Champion) from Morrisons Cardiff Bay, who has supported us from day one and delivers to our BBB weekly!

Challenges and Barriers

- Ensuring our communication with the wider community is clear and our vision is filtered through.
 - Ensure volunteers can access what they need
- Getting the right bank accounts and finances in place
- Highlighting this fantastic facility throughout the council and beyond
- Ensuring we can secure funding so that we aren't hindered in anyway









Benefits of our BBB!

We know that the benefits will be:

- Food Literacy Ensuring our children are aware of where our food comes from and that this is source of nutrients to help us grow and stay healthy
- A space to grow A social space for our families to build friendships and upskill when volunteering
- Basic Needs Ensuring our families have all they require to care for their families
- Curiosity to explore Trying and knowing about new foods
- Autonomy The children using the shop to choose snack and ingredients to cook

BBB Top Tips!

- Its worth it!
- Knowing that you will be making a difference to your community is something to feel proud of
- Providing opportunities to unite in order to learn and grow together is priceless
- Having a food surplus has helped us a lot to ensure we can top up in between deliveries
- It's an absolute pleasure to be part of something so worthwhile #BBBFAMILY