

Exminster Community Primary School calls out for votes to bag a share of bag charge fund

Exminster Community Primary School is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 - all raised from the 5p bag levy - being awarded to local community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Exminster Community Primary School is one of the groups on the shortlist.

We aim to build a traverse climbing wall along a perimeter fence of our playground. The climbing wall will provide additional physical opportunities at break times. The total cost of the climbing wall will be £8000. This is part of our programme to improve the outdoor learning provision and is a project that the children have voted on as being their greatest priority. The aim of this is to develop children's gross motor skills, their social skills, core stability, balance and coordination.

“This is a project that the children have voted on and part of our aim to update and improve the outdoor provision. Giving children the chance to develop their core skills will support their physical well being and develop their range of play activities further,” Sarah Whalley, Headteacher.

Voting is open in stores throughout May and June. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

For more information contact the Tesco Press Office on 01707 918 701

Tesco is a team of 480,000 colleagues, in 11 markets around the world. We are dedicated to serving shoppers a little better every day.

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered over £28.5 million to more than 4,000 projects up and down the UK. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups every time they shop. Every other month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding.

Lindsey Crompton, Head of Community at Tesco, said:

“We are absolutely delighted to open the voting for May and June. There are some fantastic projects on the shortlists and we can't wait to see them come to life in hundreds of communities.”

Groundwork's National Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said:

“We've been thrilled to see the diversity of projects that have applied for funding, ranging from outdoor classrooms, sports facilities, community gardens, play areas and everything in between.

“We're looking forward to learning the results of the customer vote and then supporting each group to bring their project to life.”

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online. To find out more visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp

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