

# SPRING HILL UPDATE

## DOUBLE CELEBRATION FOR SPRING HILL YOUNGSTERS



### Royal Horticultural Society Level 2 Achievement

A group of Spring Hill youngsters doubled up the Coronation celebrations with their own 'Royal' achievements on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May! As part of their programme of horticulture, Jordan, Oliver, Kian and Isaac have been working with their tutors, Gary Powls and Lindsey Lidster to attain the RHS School Gardening Award. In order to attain the Level 2 Certification, the students had to provide a range of evidence as follows:

- Who was involved?
- What basic skills they had learned
- What early achievements were they particularly proud of?



Students Kian and Isaac with their certificates and Jordan holding the RHS Gardening Book which was awarded to the school

They students had to submit photographic and written evidence to demonstrate the skills that they had learned and refined along the way. Amongst the skills, they learnt how to use secateurs, spades, trowels and forks correctly and safely. Here's what they wrote:

*"We are making use of the space around our campus. We have been out identifying areas that we could grow things such as herbs, carrots, potatoes and other veg. We would also like to have bees, so have looked at where we could plant a wildlife meadow. Through this we have had discussion about what we want to grow and if sun, shade or both are needed. What types of drainage and where we will get water from? Our group found great sites and took photos so we can chart our progress from start to finish."*



Left to right: Jordan, Oli, Kian and Isaac share their award certificates with proud tutor, Gary Powls who has supported them through the process



Before and after: Isaac helping to develop a border space outside Acorns Cottage

### Coronation Celebration

To celebrate their achievement, the students enjoyed a celebratory Coronation tea to mark the historic crowning of His Majesty King Charles III. They were treated to a range of culinary goodies to mark the momentous occasion and enjoyed eating 'al fresco' surrounded by the wonderful environment they have worked together to landscape.

Below: Oli tucks in to one of the delicious sausage rolls!



