



We are delighted to announce that Grey Court School has made it to the finals of The People's Millions 2010 with its project Grey Court Community Chickens!

THE PROJECT

Grey Court Community Chickens will introduce free-range chickens to the school grounds. This exciting project will give students at Grey Court and local primary schools a wonderful outdoor learning experience, from hatching and rearing chicks, to caring for the hens, and of course eating the lovely, fresh eggs. Local people will be able to buy eggs and volunteer or train to keep chickens too.

Grey Court Community Chickens follows the successful Grey Court Community Allotment and represents stage two in the plan to introduce a small working farm within the school grounds. Keeping chickens is an easy and exciting way to start, by encouraging students to learn about caring for animals and producing fresh, local food.

HOW THE PEOPLE'S MILLIONS WORKS

The People's Millions is a partnership between Big Lottery Fund and ITV where the public decides which local community projects will receive Lottery funding.

On **Tuesday 23 November at 6pm** Grey Court Community Chickens will go head to head with another London project on ITV London News. The project receiving the most public votes will receive funding.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

Please turn over for **Frequently Asked Questions** or contact Maggie Bailey at Grey Court School or Stephanie Wood at School Food Matters.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Who will run the project? Will it be managed professionally?

A: Grey Court Community Chickens will employ a project supervisor who will be on site throughout the year, including school holidays. The project supervisor will be trained by our project advisor, a poultry keeper with 50 years experience!

Q: Will the chickens be noisy?

A: At Grey Court we certainly don't want to ruffle anyone's feathers, so please be assured that cockerels will NOT be invited to join our hens!

Q: Will the site be secure? What about foxes?

A: Grey Court School already has perimeter fencing and uses CCTV. Public access will be managed by the project supervisor. Our chickens will be housed in four long legged hen houses with automatic doors and will be able to roam within fox-proof protection pens.

Q: What sort of hens will be kept?

A: The hens will be a carefully chosen hybrid breed with a friendly nature and good egg laying ability!

Q: How can I get involved?

A: Community volunteers are welcome! Grey Court will be providing training days for those wanting to learn about keeping poultry.

Q: How can I help?

A: We need your votes! On **Tuesday 23 November at 6pm** Grey Court Community Chickens will go head to head with another London project on ITV London News. The project receiving the most public votes will receive funding.

Q: What number do I call? How much will it cost?

A: Our phone number will be available in the Daily Mirror on the morning of **Tuesday 23 November** and also on our project page on the People's Millions website below. Lines will be open from 9am to midnight.

You can vote up to ten times per phone line and calls cost 10p per call from BT landlines. Calls from other networks may be higher and from mobile phones will be considerably more.

www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/2010-finalists/london/grey-court-community-chickens

